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U.S. Sen. Carl Levin pats Jerry Towler's chest after pinning the Distinguished Flying Cross on the Canton resident's lapel Thursday. Towler's wife, Martie Towler, offers support.

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Parents miffed by Bird school boundary

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Gary and Sharon Winkler moved to Plymouth Township four years ago, they expected their (then) second-grade daughter to attend Bird Elementary.

However, because of overcrowding, boundaries were moved and the Winklers were redistricted to Farrand Elementary.

Having just enrolled in Plymouth-Canton Schools, and with no particular ties, the Winklers didn't have a problem with that decision - until the next year. School officials came back and, once again, set new boundaries. The Winklers were headed back to Bird for third grade.

"My daughter was devastated," said Sharon Winkler. "It was better for us logistically, but we already made friends at Farrand. But, I could make sense of it because it was better for the whole community."

Fast forward a few years, and it's *deja vu* all over again for the Winklers. The housing committee is one more-time recommending adjustments to Bird's boundaries because of overcrowding, meaning several dozen children - including the Winklers' kindergarten, first- and fourth-graders - will be bused to Farrand instead of Bird next year.

"We come to Bird, get all acquainted, set up our village, and then they say 'goodbye, I hope your bus ride isn't too long,'" Winkler said. "And, my daughter is being affected again, as some of her friends at West (Middle School) are being moved."

The Winklers were among 50 parents, mainly from the Heather Hills and Rolling Oaks subdivisions, who didn't like the housing committee's explanation of why 45 of their children were being uprooted from Bird to Farrand.

"There's not one great option out there," said Kevin Learned, Gallimore Elementary principal and housing committee member, to the group of parents.

PLEASE SEE BIRD, A6

Long overdue

Vietnam vet humbled to get distinguished medal

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Even though it took 40 years, Gerald Towler couldn't have been any more honored than he was when U.S. Senator Carl Levin pinned the Distinguished Flying Cross to his chest on Thursday.

The Canton resident and former U.S. Army helicopter pilot actually earned the medal for his heroic service in the Vietnam War. More specifically for his actions in November of 1965 during the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley, one of the first major battles of the war, when Towler risked his own neck to transport wounded soldiers off of the battlefield, despite heavy enemy fire.

After he received the award at the American Post 32 in Livonia, Towler said

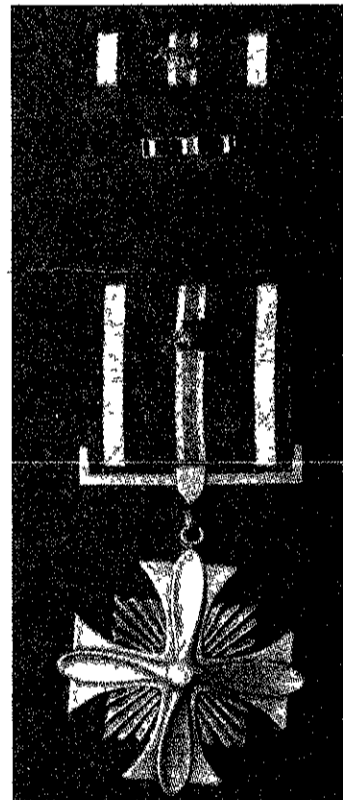
it didn't matter that it took so long for the government to recognize his valor.

"I'm humbled. I'll cherish this. Hopefully it's something my children and grandchildren will cherish as well," said Towler, who lived in Plymouth for 25 years before moving to Canton five years ago.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded for "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight."

According to the citation, "Warrant Officer Towler flew in a lead helicopter, heavily loaded with troops to lift out of deep jungle single aircraft pick up zones, and to fly them within 3 kilometers of the battlefield to form an emergency surprise

PLEASE SEE MEDAL, A4



Jerry Towler's Distinguished Flying Cross, earned in 1965 during the Vietnam War for heroic action in armed combat.

Volunteer groups prove invaluable in shaping image of community

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Although they're not on the township's payroll, volunteers contribute thousands of valuable hours and make an immeasurable impact on the community. That was the conclusion of several Canton officials, who last week met face-to-face with volunteers from committees and commissions to get updates on their progress.

"We would be lost without our volunteers," said Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin. "We use them, especially the seniors, thousands and thousands of hours a year."

PLEASE SEE VOLUNTEERS, A5

Pedestrian hospitalized after being hit by car

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A 63-year-old Canton man was hospitalized after being struck by a car while walking across Michigan Avenue early Thursday morning.

According to Canton Police Detective Tim Wright, the man left Club Canton at about 12:40 a.m. He lives near the bar on Michigan Avenue, and Wright said he believed the man was walking home.

He was struck by an eastbound car driven by a

28-year-old Westland man.

"It is dark and unlighted in that area and the victim was wearing dark clothing," Wright said. "The driver just didn't see him. He tried to stop, and the car went into a skid but he wasn't able to avoid him."

The pedestrian hit the car's windshield.

Witnesses from the bar called 9-1-1, and the man was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was expected to remain through the weekend. As of Friday afternoon

he was still in serious, but stable condition, Wright said.

The driver of the car was not injured.

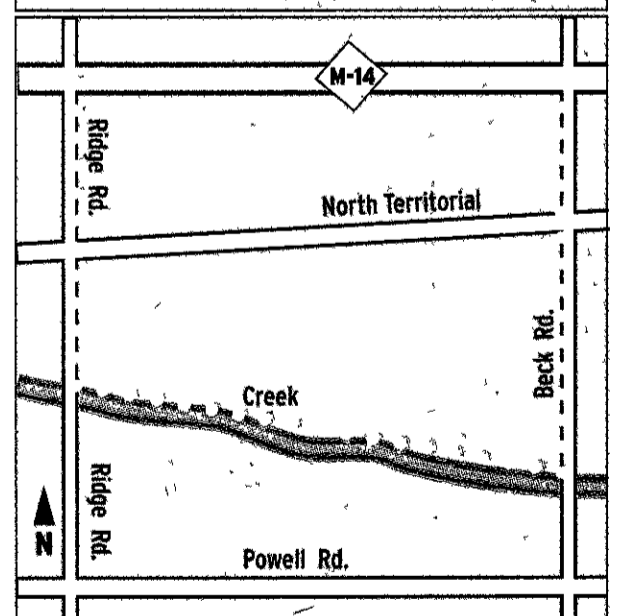
The Canton Department of Public Safety Accident investigation team was activated and is still investigating the crash. However, no charges are expected in the accident, according to Wright. The driver does not appear to have been speeding, nor was he intoxicated.

"We show no evidence of hazardous action on his part," Wright said.

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BIRD BOUNDARIES

Beginning in August 2005, students who live in the area indicated below would attend Farrand School instead of Bird School.



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Women's Expo rescheduled

The Women's Expo, which was scheduled for May 7, was canceled due to low pre-enrollment. The rescheduled date is Saturday, November 5, 2005. The rescheduled event will be held at Summit on the Park. Look for updates for this event, which will include more than 40 vendors, health screenings, refreshments, gift bags, door prizes, and entertainment.

White elephant and bake sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a white elephant and bake sale on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and refreshments are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

Ovation Productions auditions

Ovation, a community theater

company based in Canton, will produce shows at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Auditions for the first show, *Annie Get Your Gun*, are on May 18 and 19 from 7-10 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Enter through the back stage door. Audition packets are available at the Village Theater, or at Summit on the Park.

Please bring to the audition a recent headshot, and prepare about 16 bars of a Broadway song of your choice. You will be taught a short dance combination. For more information e-mail full-houseplayers@aol.com, or call Gina Meares at (734) 358-6966.

Staffeld appointed vice president

Canton resident Denise J. Staffeld was recently appointed by Franklin Bank as vice president, mortgage loan officer at the Northville Lending Center, 41740 Six Mile Road, in Northville.

Staffeld has more than 15 years of mortgage banking experience in the Western Wayne County market. She was assistant vice president/senior loan officer at

Group One Mortgage Corporation in Livonia for the past three years, and officer of the bank/senior loan officer prior to that for four years at Community Bank of Dearborn. In addition, she is currently the treasurer of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 2005 President-Elect of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 2004 Business Person of the Year award recipient of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, member of the Professional Business Women's Group, and Senior Summit Speaker at the Senior Alliance Group.

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Musician headed to Europe

Local student Christina Garmon was recently enrolled in the Blue Lake International Exchange Program. She

will be a member of the 2005 Southern Wind Ensemble, which will tour Europe this summer. Garmon will be a junior next year.

Prior to departing for Europe, Garmon will join other Blue Lake students in intensive rehearsals at Blue Lake, which is one of America's largest summer arts schools. It opened in 1966, and is located on a 1,300 acre campus 12 miles north of Muskegon in Manistee national Forest.

Mom's can golf 'fore' free

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Pheasant Run 'Demo Day'

Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Club will host Demo Day at the driving range on Friday, May 20, from 4-8 p.m. This is a chance to test "what's new in golf equipment." Titleist, Cobra, Callaway,

Nike, Taylor Made will be the companies attending. Demo Day is a free event and open to everyone.

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Don't hesitate to sign up for this great opportunity. Invitations for the event will be sent to the printer on Friday, May 13, and we'd love to include your logo. Join our other major sponsors - Blackwell Ford, Jack Demmer Ford, and Yazaki North America in sponsoring this fun

and exciting golf event. If you are interested in signing up for this sponsorship or would like more information, please reply to this e-mail or call the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Liberty Fest volunteers

Canton Township is seeking volunteers and parade participants for the annual Liberty Fest on June 18. The parade begins at 9 a.m. at Heritage Park, which is the site for Liberty Fest events. For information, call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

Childhood musical

The cast of the musical, *How To Eat Like a Child*, will focus on aspects of childhood, including how to fake an illness to stay home from school, beg for a dog, and surviving long car trips with siblings. The show is at 7 p.m. May 13 and 6 p.m. May 14 at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3 for children, and free for children 2 and younger. Tickets may be purchased at the church office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or call (734) 981-0286. Proceeds will be used to develop children's programs.

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Riding for a purpose

Teens to ride bicycles across state to honor mothers

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trevor Nill (left) and Andrew Wiersma will bike across Michigan on Memorial Day to raise funds and awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Their moms, Bekki Nill (rear left) and Eileen Wiersma, are both breast cancer survivors.

Andrew Wiersma's Mother's Day gift to his mom will last a lot longer than flowers would. He's hoping it will last a lifetime - a long, long lifetime.

Canton resident Wiersma, and his friend, Trevor Nill of Novi, will bicycle across Michigan this Memorial Day weekend to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Wiersma and Nill, both 16, will take to two wheels to honor their mothers, who are both breast cancer survivors.

"Last August we started talking about taking a crazy adventure. Then we decided that we should do it for a cause," Nill said. "You might as well do something this big with a purpose."

They came up with the 'purpose' right around last Christmas, when Wiersma's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Nill's mother has been in remission from breast cancer since 1999.

Both boys' fathers will go along for the ride, and will be in the car spotting van, following the teens from South Haven to St. Clair Shores, a 250-mile trip which they will complete in three days.

Once they decided to make the trip, things just started falling into place, Wiersma said. They began soliciting pledges from classmates at Plymouth Christian Academy, where they are both sophomores, as well as friends, family and church members. They've got nearly \$1,000 in

pledges so far, and are hoping for even more.

The pair has been training for months, biking and hitting the gym to "spin" on stationary bikes. They had hoped to keep the trip a secret, so they could surprise their mothers, but once they started soliciting pledges, they thought their mothers should be in on the plan.

Eileen Wiersma, Andrew's mother, already describes herself as a cancer survivor, though she is still undergoing treatment.

"I was so honored," she said. "This is the best Mother's Day gift ever. It's just so touching."

She said she suspected something was up when the boys took their fathers out for dinner and were evasive about the reason why.

"I thought they were just trying to plan some kind of vacation or something," she said, laughing.

Nill's mother, Bekki, said she's proud of her son for

wanting to make the trip. Since her diagnosis in 1999, she's become accustomed to seeing people at their best and most helpful, and she has done all she can to be a source of comfort for Eileen Wiersma.

"I really do believe that God chose us for this," Bekki Nill said. "I think it's to witness to others and to help others. God will get us through this, but we also help each other to get through it."

For more information on Wiersma and Nill's great adventure, or to help sponsor the trip or make a pledge, visit their Web site at www.crochunters.freeservers.com, or call Wiersma at (734) 354-1533, or Nill at (248) 374-8577. Checks made out to American Cancer Society can be mailed to Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

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Board to vote on refinancing bonds

Low interest rates could mean up to an extra \$200,000 in Canton's coffers, if the Canton Township Board of Trustees approves refunding some \$9.8 million in debt at its meeting Tuesday, which starts at 7 p.m.

According to Finance Director Tony Minghine, the township will seek bids to refinance the bonds, which were originally issued in 1999 and 2000 for a library renovation and improvements at the Summit.

"Basically it's like refinancing your house," Minghine said. "We think we can get a better rate."

He stressed that the refunding of the debt is simply about seeking a better interest rate, and it is not the creation of new debt. The bonds mature in 2020.

"While we have to seek bids and see what happens, then decide what to do

from there, we think we can save about \$200,000 over the life of the bonds. That's not a huge amount of money, but it makes it worth looking at," Minghine said. "We have a pretty good idea of where the market is right now, and where it will be in the very near future, and so this is definitely worth looking into."

By Carol Marshall

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SOCCER PLAYER HITS COACH

Two men got into a fist fight over a disagreement about a soccer game. According to police reports, a 52-year-old West Bloomfield soccer coach pulled a player out of the middle of a game on April 28 at Heritage Park. The coach replaced the 43-year-old player, also from West Bloomfield, with another player on the team. After the game, the player who was taken out of the game approached his coach and punched him in the left side of his face. Teammates pulled the player away from the coach, but the player broke free and kicked the coach on the right thigh, leaving a bruise. His teammates were able to pull him away from the coach and calm him down. According to the report the coach filed, he's had to be treated several times at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital because his face injury has become infected.

NEIGHBOR ASSAULT

A neighbor dispute over money came to blows in front of an elementary school. According to police reports, two women were in the parking lot at Walker-Winter, 39932 Michigan Avenue, just before 1 p.m. on April 29. Both women live nearby on Old Michigan Avenue. The victim, a 44-year-old woman, told police she was at the school when she saw her 27-year-old neighbor. The victim said her attacker owes her \$300 and the two had an argument over the money. She said her neighbor suddenly put her car in reverse and backed up to leave, but then turned the steering wheel to aim the car toward her. The victim said her neighbor's car, which she said was going about 10 miles per hour, struck her in the leg. She told police she believes her neighbor intended to scare her,

and struck her intentionally. Five hours later, the victim called for medical assistance, saying she had severe leg pain, though no bruises had surfaced. She was taken to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne for an x-ray. **STOLEN TIRES** A Michigan Avenue car dealer called Canton police on May 2 to report someone had stolen the tires from two new trucks. According to police reports, a manager at Dick Scott, 44237 Michigan Ave., said someone had stolen rear tires from two cars during the previous night. Both trucks - black Dodge Ram 1500s - were still jacked up when the manager arrived at work in the morning. The tires are valued at \$2,400.

HIT AND RUN Canton police are investigating a May 2 hit and run collision. According to police reports, a 44-year-old man called police to the scene of the accident at Michigan Avenue and Denton. He told officers that his car was struck by a red Chevrolet Venture which approached his car from behind at a high rate of speed. He reported \$500 worth of damage to his truck, a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe.

The victim was able to get the license plate number of the vehicle and he described the driver. Police are investigating.

MEDAL

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blocking position. This mission accomplished, Towler volunteered with his crew to lift urgently needed water and medical supplies in to the besieged troops, enshrouded by smoke and haze that had nearly obscured the battlefield, making flight at treetop level extremely hazardous. Nevertheless, he flew into the embattled area, despite aerial bombardment, mortar and artillery shells bursting near the perimeter, and evacuated the wounded even after medevac unit helicopter crews had refused to land due to battlefield violence.

Levin called the brief ceremony, which was attended by Towler's family, friends and a number of local Vietnam veterans, a "very, very special presentation." Levin said the medal ceremony was the culmination of a request made about three years ago by two of Towler's fellow soldiers, who thought he deserved some recognition for his gallantry in battle. "There is nothing that makes me prouder than presenting a long overdue medal to one of our servicemen," Levin said. And it was overdue, according to his wife, Martie

Towler. "Our Vietnam veterans have never received the credit they deserve," she said. "They didn't do anything wrong. They fought for their country just like the guys in World War I or World War II. They didn't go over there because they wanted to. They did what they were asked."

Gerald Towler, 62, who grew up in Melvindale, came home in 1968. Although it should have been a happy event, it turned out to be just the opposite. When he got off the airplane, he says he was accosted by anti-war protesters who spat at him, and screamed "baby killer" and "woman killer." It was so bad, Towler snuck into an airport bathroom so he could get out of his uniform and into civilian clothes.

Looking back, that episode is seared into his memory just as much as the events of the battles where he earned his medal. Thankfully, he says the way America treats its "warriors" has changed dramatically from the days of the divisive Vietnam War. "The Vietnam War was not lost on the battlefield. It was lost because of other reasons," Gerald Towler said. "Back then people were against the war and the warriors. Today, they may be against the war, but not the warriors. The support our guys overseas have today is

'The Vietnam War was not lost on the battlefield. It was lost because of other reasons.' Back then people were against the war and the warriors. Today, they may be against the war, but not the warriors. The support our guys overseas have today is good to see.'

Gerald Towler

good to see." Towler said he has always had difficulty talking about his wartime experiences, which made the medal ceremony all the more difficult. And while he was honored to get the medal, he said the real heroes are the soldiers who never came home. "I'm still here and have lived a nice life. But those guys made the ultimate sacrifice and died for their country. They're the ones we should be honoring," he said.

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Charter Township of Plymouth

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March of Dimes walk deemed big success

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Rolland Walt, who celebrated his 80th birthday a while back, isn't one to miss the March of Dimes WalkAmerica.

"He has walked for 32 years," event coordinator Katie Koch said of the annual event. "He walked the whole six miles."

"I was thankful to have three normal children," said Walt, a Farmington Hills resident and semi-retired business broker. He recalled the early days of stores collecting dimes for the March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes holds WalkAmerica events in the spring, with 33 in the state and four in metro Detroit last weekend. The local walk started April 30 at Nankin Mills in Westland and continued along Hines Drive through Livonia just past Newburgh Road, where walkers turned and came back.

"We didn't have any rain," said Koch, a Redford resident. "I was so happy."

About 2,500 walkers were at the Hines event, up from previous years. This is the 35th year for the event, the March of Dimes' largest yearly fund-raiser.

"We had a wonderful turnout. It was definitely a success. We were very pleased," Koch said. The fund-raising goal locally was \$270,000 and although final figures aren't in organizers



Eilisha Sambrone, 9, of Canton visits with Brian Patrick Keating of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and a friend during WalkAmerica. She attended with her mother, Anna. "We all enjoyed a wonderful 'rain passed our event by' day," Anna said. "I couldn't have asked for a better experience. It was my sister's (Frances Yousif) seventh year walk, my fourth ... and I finally did the whole six miles."

are confident they'll pass it.

The March of Dimes works to help premature babies and those with birth defects. Koch noted one in eight babies is born prematurely.

"We want people to be aware." She has a cousin, now in his early 20s and doing well, who was born at one pound and eight ounces.

Other walks were held over the weekend at Hart Plaza in Detroit, the Troy Civic Center, and Metro Beach in Macomb County. Additional information is available at

marchofdimes.com on the Web or at (248) 359-1550.

Walt recalled taking a bus into Detroit, and walking on Belle Isle, through downtown and by Tiger Stadium for the March of Dimes in earlier times. "We've helped a lot of people over the years," said Walt, who walked this year with daughter and son-in-law Benn and Judy Perry. "Beautiful. Perfect weather. It couldn't have been nicer."

He's raised \$500-\$1,000 a year for the cause. Walt walks outdoors three-four miles at least three to five times a week.

VOLUNTEERS

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They volunteer at events ranging from Liberty Fest and Special Olympics to Canton Cup soccer. Most do it for the love of it, and don't always recognize their own value. But to township officials, the volunteers contribute something more tangible than their time and sweat. It comes down to dollars and cents, too.

According to Bob Dates, recreation coordinator, every hour of volunteered work would have cost the township approximately \$17 in wages and benefits had the duties been done by a staffer.

"That adds up," he said, adding that the Youth Volunteer Corps alone contributed some \$12,000 worth of their time last summer alone, based on that figure.

Among the goals of the newly formed Canton Cultural Commission is turning Canton into one of the premier cultural centers in the southeast Michigan region.

"Today there are citizens across Michigan, and they're saying 'Canton is the place I used to go for archery tournaments or the place I am going to go to IKEA,'"

said commission secretary Ray VanHoeck. "But some are starting to say, 'Canton is the place I'm going to go for the arts.'"

Even some of the youngest volunteers give their time so they can make a contribution to the community, as well as helping to provide programs that interest them. Members of the Youth Advisory Council, which formed four years ago, have transitioned from developing programming for themselves to starting work on procuring a building, and they have recently begun fund-raising efforts that will help other groups in Canton.

This spring, the group will give \$2,000 grants to two groups that support community youth. Though they have so far raised \$4,000, they are ambitiously hoping to partner with the Canton Community Foundation and raise \$500,000 to create endowments and grants for other groups, said Katie Naszradi, YAC chairwoman.

The act of volunteering not only makes a difference in the community. It also makes a difference in the lives of the volunteers, Dates said.

"It gets them out in the community, and they not only gain

confidence and build self-esteem. They also build partnerships," he said of the Youth Volunteer Corps. "The biggest benefit of volunteering is to the volunteers themselves."

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BIRD

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Gary Winkler said he spent nearly 200 hours preparing several alternatives for the committee, which were rejected for various reasons.

"Fourteen of the 15 schools are over capacity, and Bird is the only school being redistricted," said Gary Winkler. "They can't guarantee they won't move us again. They have no long-range plan for this district."

Barbara Church, assistant superintendent of instructional services, said the housing committee took all recommendations and concerns into account before making a final recommendation to the Board of Education.

"We did listen to you carefully... we read every e-mail and letter we received... and we truly seriously explored the alternative options you presented," said Church.

The enrollment at Bird has

increased by 142 students in the last six years, and the school is bulging at the seams, like all buildings in the district. Bird already has two portable classrooms. Music is being conducted in a former production room and art travels from room to room on a cart.

Besides moving children from one school to the other, parents are concerned about longer bus trips and splitting of families. The housing committee did make two changes to accommodate parents. While any of the affected students who will be in the fifth grade next year will have the option of staying at Bird, the committee extended the choice to their siblings, who will be allowed to stay for one additional year, also. However, parents will have to provide transportation.

The housing committee is also recommending to the school board that a dedicated bus route be created for Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills students in an attempt to reduce travel time to Farrand.

"We would prefer to look at a

long-term solution, while keeping the status quo for a year," said Beth Gorman, who lives in Heather Hills, but whose fourth-grader, Madeleine, won't be affected. "Children should go to neighborhood schools and community should stay together."

"I don't think we should go all the way to the other side of town, with a 45-minute bus ride over two sets of railroad tracks," she said. "They tried it before and it didn't work. What makes them think it will work now?"

The boundary changes will also affect a number of middle school students. Church said there will be 69 students moved from West to Pioneer, with Pioneer then giving up 47 students to Discovery. A couple dozen parents reportedly expressed concerns about the middle school changes.

The Board of Education will discuss the housing committee's recommendations at its May 10 meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. at Discovery Middle School.

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An open letter to the citizens of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District:

On April 9, this collection of concerned citizens was shocked and saddened to find a letter from the Housing Committee informing us of their intent to propose to the school board the need to redistrict our elementary school children from Bird to Farrand Elementary.

Unfortunately for our young children, this would be the third move of these subdivisions in a seven-year span. Concerned and confused as to why this would again be proposed after a move from Farrand back to Bird four years ago due to extremely long bus rides, we contacted the Housing Committee to seek answers.

We were told the committee was given the task of alleviating the overcrowding at Bird in early November and had been working for five months, eventually deciding this was the best option. As a gesture of goodwill, we were given 10 days to develop alternative solutions the committee would consider at their next meeting April 17. Why 10 days when they had 5 months? Why put this burden on us?

With no other options, we

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

quickly called a meeting to get organized. Disappointed with the turnout, we went door-to-door asking for participation. To our surprise, we discovered notices were sent only to families with current Bird students. Why wouldn't notices be sent to all houses in the impacted areas?

We worked diligently pouring over enrollment forecasts, building layouts, meeting minutes, etc. We developed four viable options complete with over 10 supporting pages of spreadsheets.

The committee seemed impressed and anxious to work with us. Unfortunately, the Housing Committee chairperson informed us they would hold a closed meeting to review and discuss our options. The Director of Community Relations promised to keep us informed and indicated they would contact us for further explanation of our proposals.

They did in fact conduct the closed-door meeting; however, we later learned the principal of Bird Elementary was allowed to attend. Why her and not us? Isn't closing this meeting to the public a violation of the Open Meetings Act? After all our hard work, why not let us attend and clarify open issues?

We were informed three days

after the closed-door meeting that the committee would be presenting their original proposal. A "courtesy" meeting was held to inform us why. Originally we were told this would be an informational meeting only. When asked for supporting data the committee was unable to answer the few questions asked. We were promised a timely response; we're still waiting.

When confronted at the meeting, a member of the Housing Committee responded with "why didn't you join the committee?" Good question, how do you go about doing that? We couldn't find information on their Web site and in fact many had never even heard of the housing committee. Are there term limits? Where do we go for information? No specific answers were given.

The school board of the Plymouth Canton Community School District feels comfortable holding a 15 member volunteer committee responsible for decisions regarding the most important aspect of our children's lives - their education. Is this process outdated? One look at the patchwork quilt (the committee's words) defining current school boundaries suggests the process is broken. It's time for long range planning - not short term solutions.

Unfortunately, 14 out of 15 schools in our district are severely over-capacity. All but one choose to address it with many of the ideas we incorporated in our options. With the addition of the new Canton school in 2006, significant redistricting is in our near future. Is this the way you want it handled?

The Concerned Citizens of the Proposed Bird to Farrand Move

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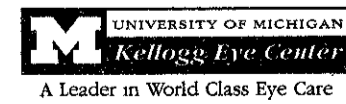
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Focus:HOPE journalism contest offers life lessons

For the past seven years, I have been one of the judges for Focus:HOPE's annual Journalism Challenge.

The program serves a couple of purposes. High school students from throughout the Detroit area visit the dynamic Focus:HOPE facilities on Oakman Boulevard in Detroit and write a story based on their experiences under the pressure of a deadline. Area journalists act as mentors to help the students fashion their stories. The stories are then judged by another group of journalists who select the best work for scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 and another 12 \$50 awards.

While the scholarships are an important benefit for the students, the real purpose is to expose the students to the realities of urban life and a program that takes seriously the old adage that it is better to give a person a fishing pole and teach him to fish than to give him a fish dinner.

The best entries always focus on a personal story. Sometimes it's a story of triumph over poverty, apathy, drugs, bad decisions. Other times it's the story of an ongoing struggle where the outcome is still very much in doubt.

Focus:HOPE was founded after the riots of 1967 by the late Rev. William Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis. While serving immediate needs with a grocery store and a day care center, Focus:HOPE also serves long-range needs with a number of job training programs, to help young people in the inner city redirect themselves toward getting well-paying technical jobs and encouraging them to pursue their education as far as they can take it.

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Your recent article on the Wayne County parks tax wasn't quite complete. Now that about \$90 million in taxes has been collected over the last eight years, Fort Wayne received just \$2 million in capital improvement money in August 2004. This is a fraction of what was promised by the county before the votes to approve, then renew the tax.

The \$2 million arrived just before the last elections.

There was a comment by Assistant Wayne

TRACK help students improve basic skills in reading, math and communication.

The journalism contest is open to city and suburban students, but the visit to the center is always an eye-opener for suburban teenagers, many of whom come overloaded with preconceptions. At Focus:HOPE, some of those preconceptions might be reinforced. They meet and write about many people who have been heavily knocked around by life in the city. They meet people who are irritable, complaining, defensive and still self-destructive.

But they also meet people who have had an epiphany and know they need to do something to turn their lives around even in a deadly atmosphere where success might seem remote. Focus:HOPE offers them that something; but success comes only with dedication and hard work.

Some students display a real empathy for the people they meet and tell their stories with a keen awareness for the very different world that inner-city Detroit and Focus:HOPE present. Of course, many suburban students also come from difficult family and economic situations and bring that understanding to what they see at the center. But others come from affluence, comfort and security that provides a sharp contrast to the lives of those they meet at the center.

The budding journalists also meet the employees and volunteers who make Focus:HOPE work and learn the story behind the special partnership between Cunningham and Josaitis, which also grew out of frustration over suburban/city relations.

Josaitis was a suburban housewife inspired by the civil rights movement and deeply disturbed by the deadly 1967 riot. Out those strong feelings and empathy for those caught by the cycle of poverty came the program to short-circuit the cycle.

If just a few of these young people can be as equally inspired to act, then the annual contest will have provided an even greater service than the scholarships awarded.

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Sometimes press releases don't tell the whole story

Items from the mailbag ...

We receive literally hundreds of pieces of correspondence in the newsroom on any given week. It is no small feat to sift through the myriad letters, press releases, faxes and e-mails. While the majority of the stuff is pretty straightforward, every so often something crosses my desk that genuinely surprises me.

This week was special, in that I discovered two such items. The first was a press release for a Livonia company, the second a press release from a politician announcing he was going to do his job.

Brian Donovan produces dog training videotapes at his Livonia-based company. About a year ago, he started work on a new concept and founded helpmefindmypet.com, a Web-based enterprise the company markets as "the national Amber Alert for pets."

In a nutshell, the program works like this: Pet owners register their pet with the service for \$16 a year. If Fluffy goes missing, an e-mail alert goes out to all other subscribers within a 50-mile radius of your home so they can be on the lookout.

Donovan said his company offers free memberships to veterinarians, groomers, pet supply companies and the like, and also partners with pet agencies by offering a free, one-year subscription to owners when they adopt a pet.

The Web site went live in October, and Donovan said he hopes to build it into a nationwide network, just like the Amber Alert system.

When I first saw the release, I was bothered with the idea of a company trying to profit from the tragic story of Amber Hagerman, the 9-year-old Texas girl whose abduction and murder in 1996 led to the nationwide alert system that law enforcement agencies use to report when a child is missing.

Comparing a missing pet to a missing child also seemed like a cheap marketing ploy that needed some explanation.

So I called Donovan and asked him about his company, and whether he had received any criticism or had any concerns about tying his company to such a tragic event.

Donovan assured me that he was sensitive

to the issue, and he in no way was trying to profit from the tragedy. In fact, he said marketing helpmefindmypet.com as "the national Amber Alert for pets" wasn't even his idea. Rather, it was a local television reporter who interviewed him about his business who first coined the phrase, and it just kind of stuck, he said, adding it was the easiest way to describe what service his company was trying to provide.

But isn't it kind of crass comparing a missing child with a missing pet, I asked? "Maybe not to you or I, but to many pet owners it is almost like the same thing," he said. "It is a very tragic occurrence."

I wonder if Amber Hagerman's family would agree with him.

The second nugget of news arrived via fax Thursday from the offices of Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca. The fax announced the prosecutor had scheduled a press conference for 4:30 p.m. that same day to announce criminal charges against the driver of the vehicle that killed three members of a Farmington Hills family.

I have no doubt that there was considerable interest in the story, as there is whenever such a tragedy occurs. And it is not unusual for Gorcyca's office to issue press releases announcing charges in high-profile cases.

But I was confused why the prosecutor felt the need to go before the television cameras to make the announcement that Thomas Willinger would be charged with second-degree murder. We all knew he was going to be charged with something, given the fact police allege Willinger had a blood-alcohol level four times the level someone is considered drunk.

I happened to catch a clip of the press conference later that night, where a clearly emotional Gorcyca was explaining how affected he was by the tragedy as a father and husband himself. I'm sure he was, as were we all, but I am not sure what that had to do with determining the specific crimes he was charging Willinger with.

Call me a cynic, but it all seemed a bit more politics than prosecutor to me. Unlike most of us, Mr. Gorcyca has to rely on getting re-elected to keep his job, and a little face time never hurts.

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Joe Bauman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

County Executive Alan Kelmkamp about the ballot language. What difference does the ballot language make if it's routinely ignored?

Before anyone should consider voting to renew the tax, they should demand an accounting for the money the county has already taken.

Tom Stenzel
Livonia



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Security forces in Iraq must be in Iraqi hands

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. needs to do more to turn security responsibilities over to the citizens of Iraq before the image of Americans as occupiers costs any more lives in that embattled country, Sen. Carl Levin told Observer & Eccentric editors Thursday.

The ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, who met with the newspaper's editorial board, said the situation in Iraq is very worrying to him. Progress on security is coming very slowly and the numbers are getting worse with every passing day.

"The number of violent incidents is not going down," Levin said. "We're losing one or two troops a day."

Reports from the administration about the number of Iraqis in security forces are overly rosy at 158,000. He said the number of security officers who are capable, organized and have good leadership are closer to 40,000. A man with a few weeks' training and a sidearm, he said, can't be counted toward the eventual goal of an autonomous Iraqi security force.

Putting an Iraqi face on security operations in the country is a serious concern, Levin said. The U.S. has put itself in the position of being perceived as foreign occupiers, a situation he said should have been avoided at all costs.

"We have given a huge club to the people who want to kill us," Levin said. "We have to change the perception of us as occupiers; it's a deadly perception."

He said bringing peacekeepers or security forces from another Muslim country, even in token numbers, would go a long way toward changing the way people in the streets view the operation there.

Just as troubling, he said, is the political landscape in the country.

Shia Muslims have a majority over Sunni Muslims in the government and they believe that democracy means majority rule. Checks and balances written into the U.S. Constitution prevent minorities from being tyrannized by the majority, but the Iraqis don't have a constitution yet.

"They have to write a constitution by August," Levin said. "I would be surprised if they have a constitutional committee by then."

The United States cannot create a nation in Iraq, he said, we can only open a door and hope they step through on their own. But the longer there is instability in Iraq, the more likely a civil war becomes.

"If the county disintegrates into a civil war the Kurds in the north and in Turkey, Iran and Syria will try to create their own state in the north," Levin said. "That will make those three countries very nervous."

If those three countries become nervous about a Kurdish state in what used to be northern Iraq, they might intervene militarily.

On other Mideast issues, he said the Israeli pullout from the Gaza Strip will help the peace process along. He said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Authority President Mahmood Abbas have put their lives, political and literal, on the line to move the peace process along.

"They've taken some huge risks," Levin said.

He said one of the most important points of the Israeli withdrawal from that area is that property, namely large greenhouses, are not vandalized by people either leaving or entering Gaza. He said the destruction of the greenhouses could be very bad for the peace process, which he said is starting to show some promise.

"There are some glimmers of hope," he said.

Senator: Rules changes in Washington would 'rip up' Senate

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

US Senator Carl Levin said the state of politics in Washington D.C. would be severely damaged if Republicans are allowed to change debate rules in the Senate, referring to the so-called "nuclear option" which would end the filibuster as a debate tool.

Levin, a five-term Democrat, met with the Observer & Eccentric's editorial board Thursday to talk about the state of politics in Washington and abroad. He said the controversy over removing the filibuster — unlimited debate in the Senate — as a legislative tactic would upset the system of give and take that Washington has run on for decades.

Levin said the filibuster is the only check and balance keeping the White House from getting whatever it wants. Sometimes one party does control the executive and legislative branches and the filibuster rule is all that keeps the majority from steamrolling the minority.

Removing that rule will spell disaster for the Senate.

"It will rip up the Senate," Levin said. "It breaks the rules in order to change them. It would be like an umpire in the middle of a baseball game changing the rules mid-game as to whether a ball was in or out. It's a power grab with negative consequences."

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Carl Levin



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United States Sen. Carl Levin said changing Senate rules to eliminate the filibuster would prove disastrous to the legislative body.

their nominees have been approved. (President) Clinton had 65 judges that never got hearings."

He also commented on President George W. Bush's push to change the nation's Social Security program. He said the president has sold the plan on the premise that there's a looming crisis. He disputes this assessment of the situation.

"It's not a crisis, it's a challenge which is 40 years off," Levin said. "If we do nothing

until the year 2040 we'll only be able to pay two-thirds of the benefits that are owed."

He said the system faced a genuine crisis in 1982 when there was no money in the trust fund. At that time, members of both parties agreed to borrow funds to cover benefits while they changed aspects of the program that kept it solvent for decades to come. The solution passed with broad bipartisan support to save a program most Americans have come to rely upon.

"Social Security has worked and worked brilliantly, to cut poverty amongst seniors," Levin said. "It's a guaranteed commitment, a floor, that government stands by law."

He called the president's plan to privatize the system "a crapshoot" and said Bush has been talking out of both sides of his mouth about the state of the system.

"He says that people who are worried about the stock market can invest in treasury bills," Levin said. "Then in answer to a question about his plan, he said the government takes payroll contributions, spends the money, and all that's left behind is a file cabinet full of IOUs."

The IOUs in question, he said, are treasury notes, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the US government. He said he would like to see the president stand in front of the treasury building and call the notes "IOUs" with investors listening.

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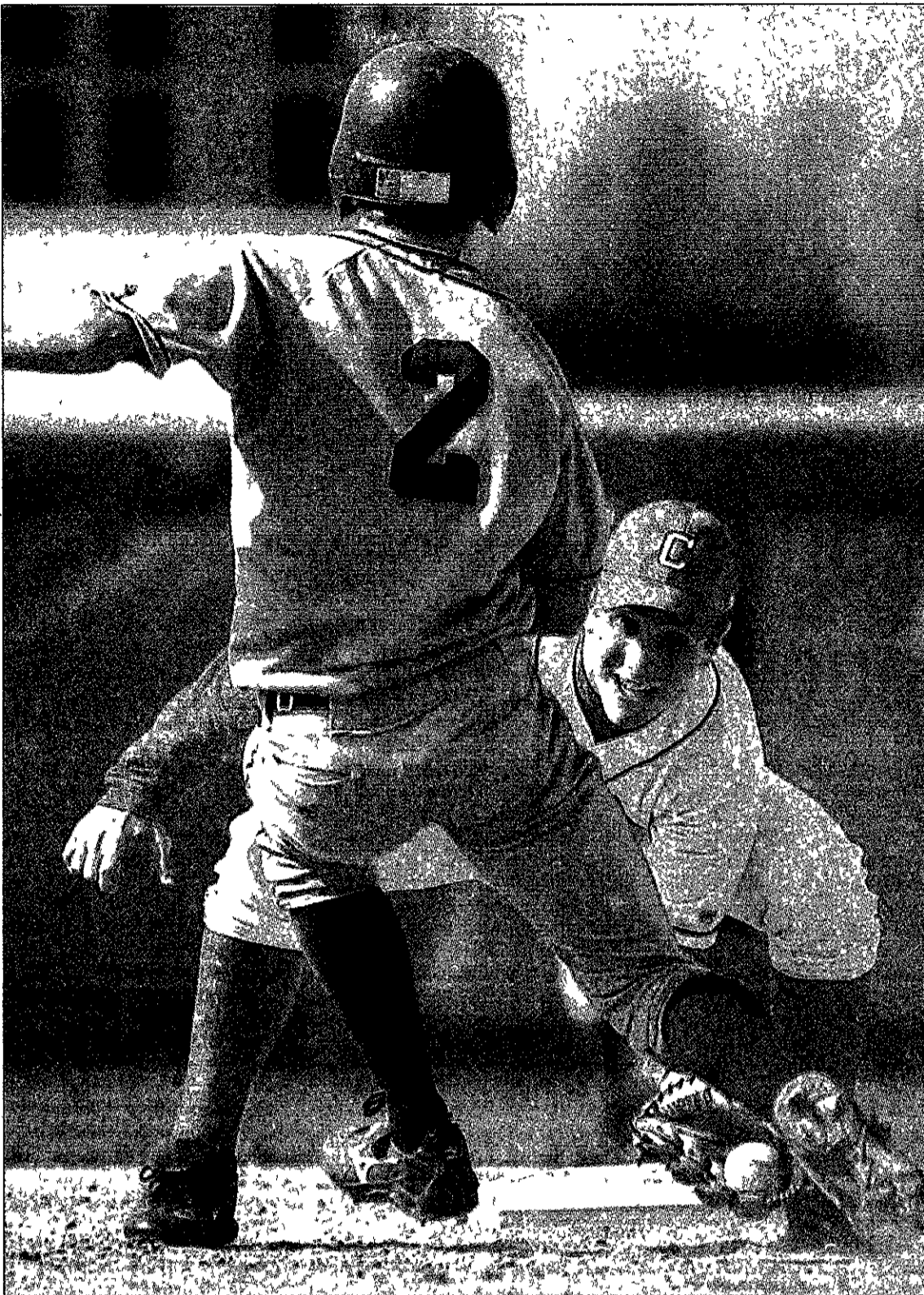
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Canton second baseman David Neu has the ball in plenty of time to tag out Walled Lake Northern's John Parvin during Wednesday afternoon's 1-0 Chief victory.

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Walled Lake Northern's Kevin Miserez looks for, but can't find, a detour on his way to home plate as Canton's Tarik Khasawneh waits to tag him out during Wednesday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game at Canton.

Sidelines

Warriors fall

The Plymouth-Canton Salem boys lacrosse team dropped an 11-4 decision to Redford Catholic Central Tuesday afternoon at the P-CEP junior-varsity football stadium.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 6-2, entered the contest as the ninth-ranked team in Division 1. PCS slipped to 4-7. CC led 3-0 after the first quarter, 7-1 at the half and 10-2 with one quarter to play.

The Shamrocks outshot the Warriors, 33-19.

Nick Cote and Brad Obuchowski scored two goals each for PCS, which will travel to Ann Arbor Huron to take on the River Rats on Tuesday.

Pride takes 2nd

The Plymouth-Canton Pride 10-and-under girls' fast-pitch softball team finished second at the Lady Spartans National Softball Association world-qualifying tournament held April 30 and May 1 in Boardman, Ohio.

The Pride finished with a 3-2 record, losing in the tournament finale to the Akron Pride.

The team is made up of Sarah Blue, Abby Brennan, Andrea Gletl, Brianna Giordano, Kelly Harris, Megan Johnson, Elliott Mitchem, Allison Raylean, Karen Reban, Kayla Reban, Carl SanMillan and Lindsey Stemberger.

Kelly excels

Salem graduate Katie Kelly concluded her collegiate softball career in fine fashion this season as she helped lead Albion to an 18-18 record.

Kelly finished the year as the Britons' top hitter, posting a .319 batting average (38-for-119).

The senior second baseman ripped six doubles and a home run, and contributed 16 RBI.

Foust earns medals

Karl Foust, a former standout swimmer at Salem High School and Hope College, recently turned in an excellent performance at the Michigan Masters Swimming State Championships, which



were held at Eastern Michigan University.

Foust won the 50-yard backstroke event and finished second in both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke competitions.

The former Rock also placed second in the 200 individual medley in the 19-to-24-year-old age group.

Foust also competed on the 200 freestyle and 200 medley relay foursomes for her team, the Dutch Masters Swim Club, which is based in Holland, Mich.

All of Foust's times qualified her for the United States Masters Swimming Championships, which are slated to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in late May.

Splitsville

Canton edges Northern, falls to Wayne Memorial

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton baseball team's offense was more efficient than proficient during a pair of Western Lakes Activities Association home games this past week.

The Chiefs scored only one run in both games combined, but came away with a split.

On Wednesday, Canton edged Walled Lake Northern, 1-0, behind the strong pitching of Brian Whiting and Kyle Multiolis, and a dramatic two-out rally in the bottom of the seventh.

Twenty-four hours later, the Chiefs suffered an 8-0 setback to defending WLAA champion Wayne Memorial, which received a stellar mound effort from senior hurler Dave Clendenning, who tossed a two-hitter.

The split left Canton at 9-9 overall and 3-2 in the WLAA's Western Division. The Zebras improved to 11-4 and 1-2, respectively.

"Even though we lost 8-0, I didn't think we played that bad against Wayne," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We had one bad inning when they put up some runs in the first, but after

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PCA strikes quickly in 2-0 victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It took the Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team only 25 seconds Thursday afternoon to prove to state-ranked Bloomfield Hills Roeper that it's for real.

The Eagles' Karen Cleary knocked in a rebound shot at the 39:35 mark of the first half to ignite PCA's 2-0 upset victory over the Roughriders. Cleary deposited the ball into the back of the net seconds after teammate Lauren Soblesky's shot caromed off the cross-bar and bounced her way. The win was huge for PCA's 5-year-old girls soccer pro-

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gram, said first-year coach Bob Lorion, whose team improved to 6-2 overall and 5-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"It was, without a doubt, our biggest win of the year so far," said Lorion. "There's no other way to look at it. Our goal going into every game is to shut out the other team and we were able to meet that goal on Thursday."

Cleary also scored the Eagles' second goal when she took a long pass from sweeper Sarah Roth and drilled the ball past the Roeper netminder. Cleary's two goals give her five on the season.

PCA goalie Sara Ross made six saves to record her third shutout of the season.

"We didn't have one shot in the second half, but we played much more defensively since we had the lead," Lorion said.

On Tuesday, the Eagles blanked Livonia Clarenceville, 5-0. Abby Lorion tallied a pair of goals and an assist, Cleary scored twice and Soblesky notched a goal and an assist.

MU team earns trip to NAIA regional

The Madonna University baseball team is headed to the NAIA Region VII tournament for the second consecutive year following its runner-up finish in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament Friday afternoon at MU's University Ballpark in Livonia.

The Crusaders (39-14) lost 7-5 to Aquinas (29-20) in the championship game. The Crusaders would have earned the right to host the Region VII tourney with a victory over the Saints.

MU trailed 5-2 in the title game before striking for three runs in the top of the seventh to knot the score at 5-5. However, the Saints responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame to secure a lead they would never relinquish.

David Ottenwess earned the victory for the Saints in relief of starter Matthew Nelson. Ottenwess worked the final 5.1 innings, yielding five hits and no earned runs.

Mike Orehek (1-3) suffered the loss for the Crusaders after yielding the Saints' go-ahead runs in the seventh. Will Kennedy started on the mound for MU. He gave up five runs in five innings.

Catcher Matt Spitzley was the hitting hero for Aquinas, going 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBI. Saint shortstop Matt Soergel also had a big afternoon, ripping two hits, including a solo round-tripper.

Kellen Fry sparked the MU offense with a two-run double. Dave Herrick, Todd Kalmbach and Kyle Fedorka also knocked in runs for the Crusaders.

MU advanced to the final game by outlasting Concordia, 5-4, in a 16-inning marathon.

Fedorka earned the win, blanking the Cardinals over the final 1.2 innings. Dave Bell took the tough-luck loss despite giving up just one run in 9.1 innings in relief of starter Heath Jezierski.

Proodian shines on ice and at 'hot corner'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

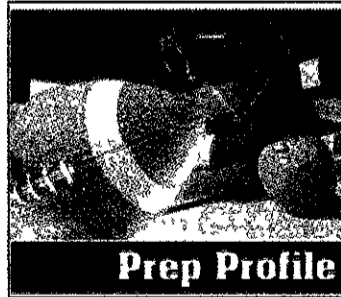
One thing is certain when Ali Proodian is swinging a softball bat or unleashing a slapshot with her hockey stick.

The velocity of whatever the Salem senior is taking aim at — whether it is a ball or a puck — increases at an alarming rate of speed at the point of contact.

"Ali has an unbelievable slapshot," said John Vivian, who coached Proodian's elite Honeybaked girls hockey team for the past two years. "When she shoots, it's like the puck is coming out of a cannon. Her potential in hockey is unlimited."

Proodian was one of Vivian's leading scorers last season, racking up 12 goals and 29 assists for a team that finished 63-14-5.

"Ali is not just an unbelievable player, but she's a great kid, too," Vivian said. "Her leadership skills are fantastic and she gets along great with



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everybody. I have a policy that only returning players can be captains, but she fit in so well her first year on the team that she easily could have been a captain or an assistant captain."

TWO-SPORT STAR

Softballs have also had a tendency to jump off of Proodian's aluminum bats since she started playing the sport in third grade. Proodian has been one of Salem's most productive hitters since making the varsity as a sophomore in the spring of 2003.

"I like both sports a lot,"



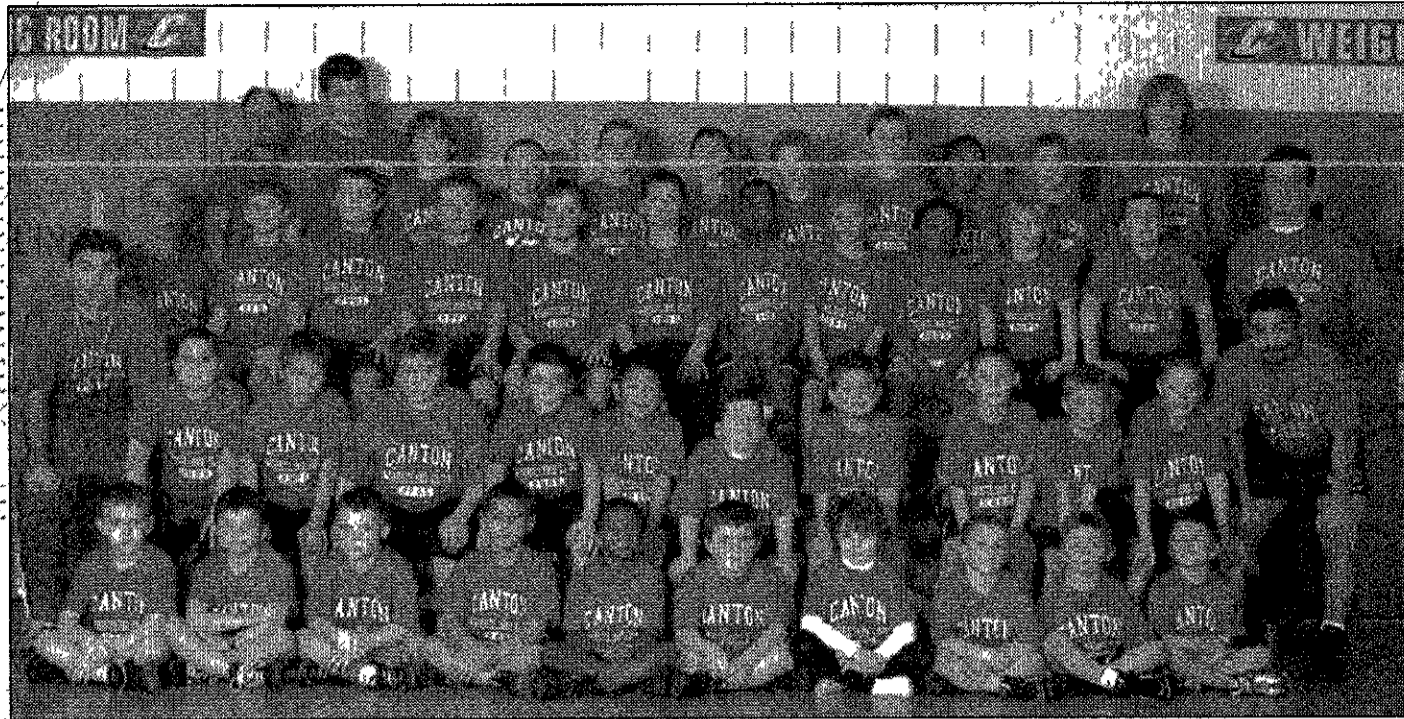
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Salem senior All Proodian has been a key member of the Rocks' successful softball program over the past three seasons, but it was her hockey talent that earned Proodian an athletic scholarship to Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Proodian said, when asked to pick a favorite between hockey and softball. "It depends on what season it is. In the winter, my heart's into hockey; in the

spring, it's into softball. If I had to choose one, I'd have to pick hockey because that is going to

PLEASE SEE PROODIAN, B3



The Canton Wrestling Club has grown tremendously over the past three years and now includes approximately 70 members.

Canton Wrestling Club builds kids' skills and confidence

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The approximately 70 members of the Canton Wrestling Club learn about pins, escapes and reversals during their twice-a-week practices in the Canton High School wrestling room.

More importantly, the boys and girls — who range in age from 6 to 13 — also attain intangible skills that can't be recorded on a scoreboard.

"My son, Ben, was a shy and unassuming kid when he first joined the club two years ago," said Ben Griffin. "The experience he has had with this club has taught him a lot about wrestling, but it has also helped his self confidence and self reliance, too. It's taught him to set goals for himself and about self-discipline. Overall, it's been a great experience for him."

The club was founded by Canton varsity wrestling coach Casey Randolph three years ago, a short time after he was handed the reins of the Chiefs' program.

"Before I started this club, there were

no youth wrestling programs in this area," Randolph said. "There's no middle-school wrestling program in the school district, so I wanted to provide something that would allow kids who may be interested in wrestling a chance to learn about the sport."

"At first, I thought I might be fighting an uphill battle, but the club has really grown over the past three years. We have so many kids signed up now that we have to split our practices into two sessions each night — one from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and the second from 7:15 to 8:30."

Randolph said the club's growth has necessitated the addition of three instructors.

"One of the biggest reasons for the club's success has been the help I've received from Mike Pantaleo, Raymond Price and Ben Griffin," Randolph said.

Boys and girls in grades first through eighth are eligible to join the club. Along with the twice-a-week practices, the members also compete in tournaments that are coordinated by the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association

(MYWA).

"I've received a lot of positive feedback from the parents of the kids in the club," Randolph said. "A lot of the parents have come up to me and said things like, 'I can't believe the difference this club has made in my son. He used to be shy and reserved, and now he's opening up.'"

"The first — and most important — thing we teach the kids is the right way to wrestle so that they don't get hurt. A large majority of the kids — I'd say 90 percent — who try it end up loving the sport."

There is a \$45 registration fee to join the club.

"The kids get a T-shirt and their league membership is paid for with the fee," Randolph said. "The club doesn't make any money."

For more information on the club, contact Randolph at (734) 697-2083 or visit www.cantonchiefswrestling.com.

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GOLF RESULTS

SALEM 193
WAYNE MEMORIAL 238
May 5 at St. John's
Salem scorers: Ashley Smith, 40 (medalist); James Siedlaczek, 44; Kate Rzetelny and Marissa Malcolm, 54 each; Anna Ross, 55; Melissa Grand, 85.
Wayne scorers: Danielle Elswick, 47; Ashley Laws, 48; Jenny Schmidt, 67; Kellee LaBean, 76.
Dual meet records: Salem, 6-1 WLAA; Wayne, 1-5 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH 215
WAYNE MEMORIAL 230
May 4 at Woodlands of Van Buren
Plymouth scores: Liz Anderson and Patricia Burns, 52 each; Katy Ingraham, 55; Elaine Lafayette, 56; Madeline Salvaggio, 60; Emily Libby, 74.
Wayne scorers: Ashley Laws, 46 (medalist); Danielle Elswick, 49; Jenny Schmidt, 65; Kellee LaBean, 70.
Wayne's dual meet record: 1-4 overall.

TENNIS RESULTS

CHURCHILL 7
CANTON 1
Thursday, May 5 at Canton
No. 1 singles: Trevor Kogut (LC) defeated Zack Hoemschemeyer, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. No. 2: Glenn Wozniak (LC) def. Mike Keeseey, 6-1, 7-5. No. 3: Eric Keeseey (PC) def. Nick Payne, 6-4, 7-5. No. 4: Michael Han (LC) def. Alex Marinica, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Mike Layne-Evan Be (LC) def. Duke Kapelanski-Greg Warnecke, 6-2, 6-2. No. 2: Casey Green-Pete Schrader (LC) def. Nimit Desai-Tom Williams, 6-2, 6-2. No. 3: Richard Simkowsky-Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Nathan Larimore-Chris Marinica, 6-0, 6-2. No. 4: Tyler Frangie-Jay Cunningham (LC) def. Chinton Pathae-Tom Chae, 6-0, 6-0.
SALEM 4
W.L. WESTERN 4
Tuesday, May 3 at W.L. Western
No. 1 singles: Jason Norville (WLW) def. Chris Treadwell, 6-1, 6-2. No. 2: Rob Wallen (S) def. Yale Miller, 6-3, 6-0. No. 3: Lawrence Washington (S) def. Ryan Jackson (WLW), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. No. 4: Michael Chan (WLW) def. Pete Bartlett, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Blake Foster-Neil Baskhi (S) def. Blake Movitz-Matt Tugender, 7-6, 7-6. No. 2: Jean Lucdety-Brian Stone (WLW) def. Alex Gui-Pawel Kargol, 6-0, 6-1. No. 3: Dave Geick-Alex Poe (S) def. Colon Sperry-Jason Yakubison, 6-0, 6-2. No. 4: Dan Cohen-Zack Goldstein (WLW) def. Cam Loftus-Ross Heidenreich, 7-5, 6-0.

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that, we settled down and played well. I give a lot of credit to Wayne and Dave Clendenning. He pitched a great game."

Clendenning struck out eight, including the side in the second inning, while walking only one batter.

Scott Steffes had both of Canton's hits.

"Dave threw well," said Zebra coach Tom Wakefield. "He was really on top and they (Canton) didn't hit the ball very hard."

Dan Walsh paced the Wayne offense by going 2-for-4, including a pair of doubles, two runs scored and an RBI.

Sixth-inning singles by Justin Collop and Earl Martin gave Wayne a 5-0 cushion.

Shawn Little worked the first 5.2 innings for the Chiefs. The hard-throwing junior yielded five runs while striking out six and walking five. Matt Hemmelgarn and Shawn Ruman finished up on the mound for the Chiefs.

Wednesday's game featured outstanding pitching by Northern's Dan Grimes and the Canton duo of Whiting and Mulioli. Whiting threw the first four innings, scattering five hits while Mulioli earned the win by limiting the Knights to one hit over the final three frames.

Canton manufactured the game's only run in the bottom of the seventh when, with one out, Scott Steffes walked. Pinch-hitter Jake Powers then hit into a fielder's choice, which erased Steffes at second. Powers stole second and scored when Craig Galarnau, who was also pinch-hitting, hit a swinging bunt down the third-base line. Grimes fielded the ball then threw wildly to first, allowing Powers to score easily from second.

The Knights dropped to 6-7 overall and 3-3 in the WLAA.

The Chiefs managed just four hits off Grimes, who struck out four. Northern third baseman Chris Skalski recorded eight assists in the first four innings.

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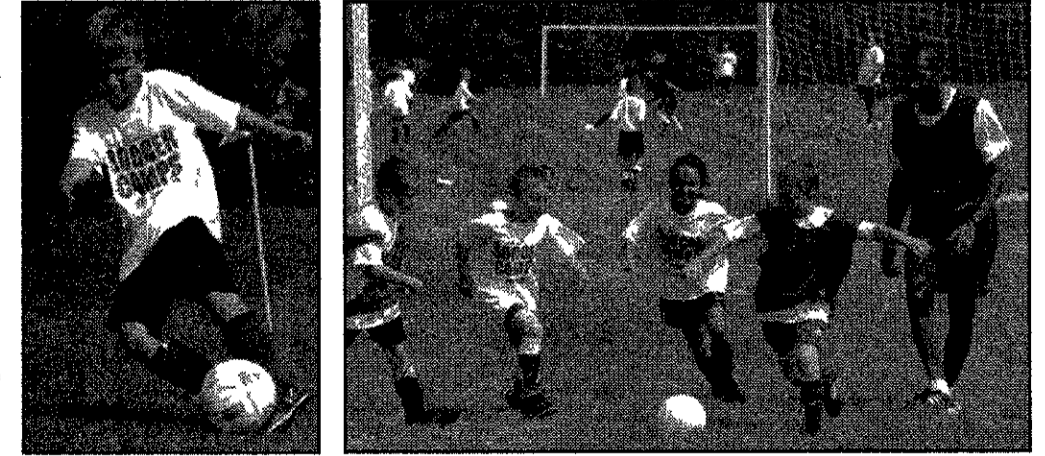
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Adsit's 3 goals lead Rocks

Salem's Kelly Adsit is only a sophomore, but she turned in a senior-like performance Wednesday in the Rocks' 9-0 thrashing of Wayne Memorial.

Adsit tallied three goals and an assist to help the Rocks improve their record to 5-5-2 overall and 5-0-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Amy Gizicki (two goals and one assist) and Megan McCarthy (two goals and two assists) also turned in strong efforts for the winners.

"We possessed the ball well and got a lot of people involved," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

PREP SOCCER

Jill Slabley and Kathryn Wheatley also scored goals for the Rocks, who received assists from Katie Welch, Erica Arndt, Christine Wheatley and Lauren Boothroyd.

Alyssa Guerin notched the shutout for Salem, stuffing three Zebra shots.

CANTON 2, W.L. NORTHERN 0: Brittany Cervi recorded six saves to lead the Chiefs to a cross-over victory over the Knights. The win improved Canton's record to 6-2-2 overall.

Andrea Johnson and Bailey Fagen tallied goals for the winners. Molly Priebe and Kelsy Zemanski recorded assists for Canton. The game was scoreless at the half.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, May 9
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
Ann Arbor Huron at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Franklin Road at Agape, 4 p.m.
Griffin Park, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Bethesda Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Plymouth at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Agape at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13
Lake Orion Baptist at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
West Bloomfield at Plymouth (DH), 11 a.m.
Inter-City Baptist at PCA (DH), 11 a.m.
Thursday, May 12
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, May 9
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10
Franklin Road at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Zoe Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Salem at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Canton, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Agape at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
Plymouth at Farmington Invite, TBD
Lake Orion Baptist at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Inter-City Baptist at PCA (DH), 11 a.m.
BOYS TRACK
Thursday, May 12
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Canton at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
Salem at Jackson NW Invite, 9 a.m.
Canton at Troy Athens Relays, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, May 12
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14

Salem at Jackson NW Invite, TBD
Canton at Troy Athens Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Plymouth at Mercy Invite, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 9
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10
PCA at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 12
Agape at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
PCA at Zoe Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13
Lake Orion Baptist at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Monday, May 9
Salem at Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
WLAA Conference meet at Livonia Stevenson, 9 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, May 9
Salem at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Plymouth at Salem at St. John's Golf Course, 3 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, May 13
W.L. Central at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Tuesday, May 10
PCS at Ann Arbor Huron, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11
Waterford Kettering at PCS, 6 p.m.

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BOYS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 117.5
WAYNE MEMORIAL 18.5
May 5 at Wayne Memorial
Shot put: 1. Ryan Bailey (P), 40-1.50; 2. Jared Panyan (P), 39-3; 3. Sabatino Ruggiero (P), 35-6.
Discus: 1. Gerald Lou (P), 121-6; 2. Ryan Bailey (P), 115-6; 3. Jared Panyan (P), 104-1.
High jump: 1. Cameron Scharchburg (P), 5-10; 2. Kyle Good (P), 4-11; 3. Austin Barnett (P), 4-11.
Long jump: 1. Nathan Gholston (P), 19-10; 2. D.J. Coleman (P), 19-5; 3. Rico Tyus (P), 16-1.
Pole vault: 1. Nate Sherwood (P), 11-0; 2. Andy Knisely (P), 11-0; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 9-0.
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Nate Kostegian, Sean Dillon, Justin Magill, Anthony Scaparo), 8:54; 2. Wayne, 9:27.
10 hurdles: 1. Cameron Scharchburg (P), 19:30; 2. Spencer Tobin (P), 19:95.
100 dash: 1. Darian Miller (WM), 11:31; 2. D.J. Coleman (P), 11:51; 3. Nate Gholston (P), 11:61.
800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 14:20; 2. Wayne (no entry).
1,600 run: 1. Sean Dillon (P), 4:46.4; 2. Anthony Scaparo (P), 4:49.6; 3. Patrick Slavens (P), 5:03.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Nate Gholston, Rico Tyus, Josh Le Duc, D.J. Coleman), 4:32; 2. Wayne (no entry).
400 dash: 1. Kevan Lewis (WM), 54.50; 2. Josh Le Duc (P), 56.70; 3. Dan Norko (P), 58.59.
300 hurdles: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 43:28; 2. Spencer Tobin (P), 47:75; 3. Cameron Scharchburg (P), 48:41.
800 run: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:18.77; 2. Goring (WM), 2:20; 3. Sean Dillon (P), 2:22.16.
200 dash: 1. Darian Miller (WM), 22.74; 2. D.J. Coleman (P), 23.34; 3. Wiley (P), 24.59.
3,200 run: 1. Patrick Slavens (P), 10:50.29; 2. Lucas Seibel (P), 11:37.10; 3. Alex Noble (P), 11:54.
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Austin Barnett, Kyle Good, Cameron Scharchburg, Spencer Tobin), 4:03.84.
Plymouth's dual-meet record: 4-0 overall, 4-0 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 88.66

SALEM 53.33
May 5 at Stevenson
Shot put: 1. Brian Nakoneczny (LS), 47 feet, 4.25 inches; 2. Jon Marsh (PS), 44-6.25; 3. Geoff Leskie (LS), 44-2.75.
Discus: 1. Marsh (PS), 148-3; 2. Leskie (LS), 132-6; 3. Steve Kaptur (PS), 122-8.
High jump: 1. Bryant Middlebrooks (PS), 5-6; 2. (tie) Brandon Middlebrooks (PS), Joe Gonzalez (LS) and Mitchell White (LS), 5-3 each.
Long jump: 1. Trevor Hearn (LS), 20-5; 2. Brian Rumao (PS), 19-10; 3. John Mitchell (LS), 19-5.
Pole vault: 1. Andrew Cutshall (LS), 11-0; 2. Dave Kotowski (LS), 10-0; 3. Hyde (PS), 9-6.
10-meter hurdles: 1. Baze Efermov (PS), 16.72; 2. Aaron Anselment (LS), 18-18; 3. Mitchell (LS), 18.4.
300 hurdles: 1. Efermov (PS), 43.84; 2. Anselment (LS), 44.6; 3. Mike Carmon (LS), 47.3.
100 dash: 1. Brian Chandler (LS), 11:25; 2. Pat Clasgens (LS), 11:77; 3. Tez Hodge (PS), 11:88.
200 dash: 1. Chandler (LS), 23:27; 2. Kevin Murawski (LS), 24:31; 3. Clasgens (LS), 24:59.
400 dash: 1. Brad Sokolowski (PS), 53:22; 2. Hearn (LS), 53.5; 3. Ryan Zuhke (LS), 54.43.
800 run: 1. Matt Rzepka (LS), 2:03.0; 2. (PS), 2:08.0; 3. Dave Maryanski (PS), 2:13.0.
1,600 run: 1. Dan Kapadia (PS), 4:47.0; 2. Dan Wilson (LS), 4:49.0; 3. Mark Piorowski (LS), 4:53.0.
3,200 run: 1. Walsh (PS), 10:31.0; 2. Dave McIntyre (LS), 10:55.0; 3. Pat York (LS), 11:03.0.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Mike Carbutt, Murawski, Clasgens, Chandler), 45:48; 2. Salem, 47.4; 3. Stevenson (Murawski, Clasgens, Hearn, Chandler), 134.2.
1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 3:42.0; 2. Stevenson, 3:45.0.
3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Justin Black, Nathan O'Hare, York, Tony Lenardon), 8:48.2;

2. Salem, 8:51.6
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-0 overall, 4-0 WLAA-Lakes Division
CANTON 108.5
NORTHVILLE 28.5
May 5 at Canton
Shot put: 1. Jason James (C), 40-8; 2. Joe Zugaj (C), 40-2.50; 3. Smith (N), 39-3.50.
Discus: 1. Joe Zugaj (C), 130-1; 2. Steve Paye (C), 122-5; 3. Smich (N), 117-7.
High jump: 1. Allen Shanowski (N), 6-4; 2. Matt McClellan (C), 5-10; 3. (tie) Andy Rossow (C) and Birdsall (N), 5-8.
Long jump: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 19-4.50; 2. Birdsall (N), 19-0.50; 3. Adam Somers (C), 18-1.
Pole vault: 1. Derek Reeves (C), 12-0; 2. Yassay (N), 11-6; 3. Ryan Langdon (C), 10-0.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Rodney Preston (C), 15.1; 2. Matt McClellan (C), 17.6; 3. Tim Belcher (C), 17.9.
300 hurdles: 1. Rodney Preston (C), 43.5; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 47.6; 3. Gerish (N), 49.0.
100 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 11.5; 2. David Cahille (C), 11.7; 3. Dalton Walsler (C), 11.8.
200 dash: 1. Cyrus Azizi (C), 23.0; 2. D'Angelo Pitts (C), 24.2; 3. Bandy (N), 24.5.
400 dash: 1. David Cahille (C), 52.1; 2. Andy Rossow (C), 53.3; 3. Engerer (N), 57.3.
800 run: 1. Phaltiel Whitlock (C), 2:09.6; 2. Eric Zech (C), Ferrell (N), 2:13.2.
1,600 run: 1. Jason Turnbull (N), 4:34.4; 2. Eric Zech (C), 4:49.0; 3. Kevin Rakovitis (C), 5:00.8.
3,200 run: 1. Jake Myers (N), 11:07; 2. Charles Wolfe (N), 11:10.5; 3. Gunn-Boyar (N), 11:25.
400 relay: 1. Canton (Kevin Burdette, Dalton Walsler, D'Angelo Pitts, Eric Piwowar), 44.8; 2. Northville, 50.4.
800 relay: 1. Canton (Kevin Burdette, Cyrus Azizi, Rodney Preston, Andy Rossow), 1:34.9; 2. Northville, 1:47.4.
1,600 relay: 1. Canton (D'Angelo Pitts, Kevin Burdette, Derek Reeves, Andy Rossow), 3:43; 2. Northville, 3:58.6.
Canton's dual-meet record: 6-0 overall, 4-0 WLAA Western Division

Salem ousted by Wayne, 8-2

On Wednesday, host Wayne Memorial (10-4) put together an 11-hit attack in an 8-2 Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory over Salem.

The victory improved the Zebras to 10-4 while the Rocks slipped to 4-7.

Catcher Clint Serna went 3-for-4 with an RBI while Justin Collop went 2-for-3 with a triple and RBI for the victorious Zebras. Lead-off man Earl Martin double twice, while Dave Clendenning went 2-for-4 with an RBI triple. Jeremy Jannick knocked in three runs.

Andy Ciantar and Mitch Hosch each collected two hits for the Rocks.

Andrew Kaleto, the winning pitcher, worked the first five innings allowing two earned runs on seven hits and two walks. He fanned two. Reliever Kevin Harrington pitched two scoreless innings, fanning one and not allowing a walk.

Salem starter Brad Way, who went four innings, took the loss.

W.L. WESTERN 16, PLYMOUTH 5: The Wildcats led 4-2 after one, but couldn't hold on against the state-ranked Warriors. Western outthrew Plymouth, 14-3. The Wildcats struggled defensively, committing five errors.

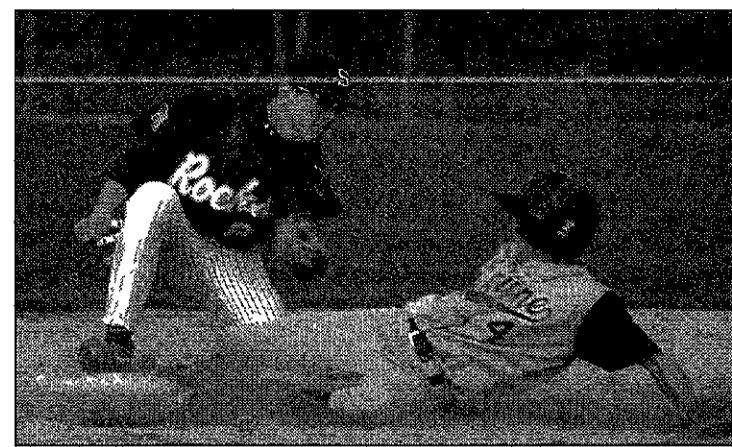
"I thought we may have turned the corner after our win on Thursday (against Livonia Stevenson), however, we took a step back today," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. Our guys are just going to have to figure out what it takes to play more consistently."

T.J. Downey suffered the mound loss for the Wildcats, whose big offensive hit was an Alex Harvey triple.

PLYMOUTH 7, STEVENSON 0: Junior Bryan Stotz tossed a three-hitter Thursday as the host Wildcats (2-6-1) downed Livonia Stevenson (6-8) in a WLAA crossover.

Stotz, who went the distance, struck out four and walked four.

"This was a great win for us," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We finally put



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An unidentified Wayne Memorial baserunner slides under the tag of Salem's Dave Cardenas during Wednesday afternoon's 8-2 Zebra victory.

together a good, all-around game - pitching, defense and timely hitting.

"I was really impressed with Bryan Stotz today. He was able to change eye levels and locations much of the day. When he did hit the ball, we were able to make the routine play consistently."

Losing pitcher Matt Williams, a junior, gave up three earned runs on nine hits and four walks. He struck out five. Luke Knochel finished up.

Sophomore Matt Barrera went 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored, while Stotz went 3-for-3 with an RBI for the victorious Wildcats.

Ben Schroeder, Knochel and Andy Tuttle each singled for Stevenson.

CHURCHILL 6, PLYMOUTH 1: Rob Laichalk hurled a complete-game three-hitter Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (7-6) defeated the host Wildcats (1-6-1) in a Western Lakes crossover.

Laichalk struck out two and walked three in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Alex Harvey also went the distance, allowing eight hits and four walks. He struck out four.

Offensively for the Chargers, Corbin Foraker went 1-for-2 with a double, two walks and three runs scored. Frank Gribeck went 2-for-3 with a walk and two runs scored.

Harvey hit a solo homer for Plymouth in the fourth inning.

TAYLOR BAPTIST PARK 8, CANTON AGAPE 5: The Wolverines outthrew the Wildcats, 9-4, but were hampered by four costly fielding errors.

"We outplayed them, but the errors really

hurt us," said Agape coach Scott Lewald. "It was a disappointing win for us."

The loss dropped Agape to 2-10 overall and 1-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

All 13 of the game's runs were scored in the first four innings. Ryan Barber suffered the mound loss for the Wolverines, yielding four hits and six walks while striking out five in six innings of work. Johnathan Slavin earned the win for the Wildcats, who improved to 4-1 in the MIAC.

Jack Anleitner paced the Wolverines' offense by ripping a single, double and triple. Matt Molnar and Matt Holmes both contributed a pair of hits for Agape.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 10, PCA 8: The Lancers exploded for five runs in the first inning and hung on to defeat the Eagles in a key Michigan Independent Athletic Conference showdown at Plymouth Christian. The loss dropped the Eagles to 10-3 overall and 3-2 in the MIAC.

"We played terrible, especially on defense," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston, whose team committed four errors. "I was happy with the way we fought back after our slow start, but we dug ourselves too big of a hole."

Joe Dixon earned the victory on the mound for the Lancers. PCA's Matt Saagman suffered the loss.

Offensively, the Eagles were paced by Aaron Ciborowski (3-for-3, HR, two RBI), Nathan Bixler (2-for-3, home run, three steals) and Jordan Johnston (2-for-3, two doubles).

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

SALEM 78.6
LIVONIA STEVENSON 58.3
May 5 at Salem
Shot put: 1. Anna Wilson (PS), 35 feet, 9 inches; 2. Maggie Fisher (PS), 31-7; 3. Amy Bodnar (LS), 30-1.
Discus: 1. Wilson (PS), 111-6; 2. Bodnar (LS), 103-2; 3. Fisher (PS), 86-2.
High jump: 1. Kasey Butler (LS), 5-4; 2. (tie) Lindsay Miles (PS), Erin Freeman (PS) and Chelsea Pasznick, 4-7.
Long jump: 1. Dana Eldred (PS), 15-6; 2. Lang (PS), 14-6.25; 3. Emily Jankowski (LS), 14-4.5.
Pole vault: 1. Jenny Perkins (LS), 10-0; 2. Allie Vranjak (PS), 9-0; 3. Marla Winkler (LS), 7-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Andrea Lang (PS), 16.4; 2. Eldred (PS), 17.1; 3. Katrina Cope (PS), 17.7.
300 hurdles: 1. Lang (PS), 47.9; 2. Kristen Gittersdorf (LS), 50.9; 3. Eldred (PS), 51.0.
100 dash: 1. Elizabeth Sturdy (LS), 13.2; 2. Brittany Jones (PS), 13.2; 3. Diane Burek (LS), 13.5.
200: 1. Sturdy (LS), 27.6; 2. Lynden Gault (PS), 27.9; 3. Marielle Kulling (LS), 28.2.
400: 1. Brittany Lockhart (PS), 1:02.3; 2. Miles (PS), 1:02.9; 3. Rebecca Rehberg (LS), 1:04.5.
800: 1. Laura Friedman (PS), 2:20.3; 2. Allison Janda (PS), 2:24.0; 3. Amber Cicala (LS), 2:24.1.
1,600: 1. Kristen Frey (LS), 5:07.1 (broke

school own record of 5:10.4); 2. Heather Sirko (LS), 5:08.3; 3. Lauren Kane (PS), 5:33.9.
3,200: 1. Sirko (LS), 11:28.0; 2. Hannah Cavicchio (PS), 11:43.0; 3. Marinna Plińska (LS), 12:03.0.
400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Kulling, Perkins, Burek, Sturdy), 52.3; 2. Salem, 54.8.
800 relay: 1. Salem (Miles Vranjak, Lockhart, Gault), 1:49.7; 2. Stevenson, 1:51.1.
1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Friedman, Miles, Vranjak, Lockhart), 4:13.2; 2. Stevenson, 4:16.0.
3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Cicala, Frey, Sirko, Lisa Arrowsmith), 9:57.9; 2. Salem, 10:28.1.
Dual meet records: Salem, 6-0 overall; 4-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; Stevenson, 2-2 overall, 2-2 WLAA-Lakes Division

PLYMOUTH 82, WAYNE MEMORIAL 55

May 5 at Plymouth
Shot put: 1. (tie) Andrea Poindexter (WM) and Christynton Guyton (P), 17-2; 3. Nastassia Gomes (WM), 15-0.25.
Discus: 1. Andrea Poindexter (WM), 88-1.50; 2. Janet Hanchett (P), 86-3.50; 3. Kathy Hansen (WM), 77-9.
High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (P), 5-2; 2. Stephanie Okolo (P), 4-5; 3. Rebecca Birman (P), 4-3.
Long jump: 1. Jennifer Anderson (WM), 17-2; 2. Nastassia Gomes (WM), 15-0.25; 3. Christynton Guyton (P), 14-4.25.
Pole vault: 1. Katie Hale (P), 7-0; 2. Courtney Mack (P), 7-0; 3. Heather Daniels

(WM), 6-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Brittany Petty (P), 18.6; 2. Julie Miller (P), 19.3; 3. Nastassia Gomes (WM), 19.9.
300 hurdles: 1. Brittany Petty (P), 54.3; 2. Julie Miller (P), 57.2; 3. S. Sahi (P), 1:00.7.
100 dash: 1. Tiffany James (WM), 12.6; 2. Aisha Moore (WM), 12.9; 3. Breanna Wallace (P), 13.5.
200 dash: 1. Tiffany James (WM), 26.2; 2. Aisha Moore (WM), 27.0; 3. Stephanie Okolo (P), 28.3.
400 dash: 1. Kinshasa Lynch (P), 1:10.9; 2. Janet Hanchett (P), 1:11.2; 3. Jennifer Bielak (P), 1:16.0.
800 run: 1. Karen Okolo (P), 2:57.3; 2. Brandi Burke (P), 2:57.4; 3. Kaylie McLeay (P), 3:01.7.
1,600 run: 1. Jackie Beeler (P), 5:44.9; 2. Claire Moro (WM), 5:57.2; 3. Tiffany Burns (P), 6:17.1.
3,200 run: 1. Sarah Sherwood (P), 12:52.2; 2. Nichole McLaughlin (P), 13:36.6; 3. Paramjit Bhullar (P), 13:40.9.
400 relay: 1. Wayne (Tiffany James, Amanda Dye, Nastassia Gomes, Aisha Moore), 53.3; 2. Plymouth, 55.1.
800 relay: 1. Wayne (Heather Daniels, Denique Pace, Nastassia Gomes, Sharrita Jones), 1:56.3; 2. Plymouth was disqualified.
1,600 relay: 1. Wayne (Claire Moro, Amanda Dye, Aisha Moore, Tiffany James), 4:18.4; 2. Plymouth

Ostrowski throws a 1-hitter

Sophomore pitcher Claire Ostrowski limited Walled Lake Western to one hit Friday afternoon in the Wildcats' 6-0 Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division victory over the Warriors.

The Wildcats are now 6-4 overall and 2-3 in the division. Laura Schmidt suffered the loss for the hosts.

Plymouth, which outthrew Western 11-1, scored a pair of runs in the first inning, one in the third and three in the sixth.

"This was another huge victory for our team," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Hopefully, it will get us going on another positive streak."

The Wildcats' offense was led by Kim Klonowski (4-for-4, three RBI), Melissa Butzow (2-for-5, RBI) and Rachel Juco (2-for-5, three stolen bases).

The Warriors were hampered by six errors. Plymouth committed just one fielding miscue.

PLYMOUTH 2, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0: Claire Ostrowski's RBI double scored Melissa Butzow in the top of the 11th inning Wednesday to give Plymouth a thrilling Western Lakes Activities Association crossover win over host Livonia Churchill (7-5).

The Wildcats added an insurance run when Butzow moved up on a passed ball and scored on a Churchill infield error.

"This will probably go down as one of our most memorable wins this season," said

PREP SOFTBALL

Plymouth coach Val Canfield "It was exciting, plus it snapped a three-game losing streak for us."

The winning rally started when Butzow singled, advanced to second on Kim Klonowski's sacrifice bunt and scored on Ostrowski's rocket to left field.

The defensive play of the game came in the bottom of the 11th when Plymouth center fielder Danielle Bondy made a spectacular diving catch with one out and a Charger on second base.

"Danielle laid flat out for that one," Canfield said. "If that gets by her, it's a different game."

"This was a great game, one that neither team deserved to lose."

Ostrowski was the winning pitcher, giving up five hits and five walks while striking out eight.

Losing pitcher Bridget Long gave up six hits, walked two and struck out nine in 11 innings.

Katie Michniak collected two hits in the loss, while Butzow and Ostrowski each went 2-for-3 for Plymouth.

CANTON 16, WAYNE 1: On Thursday, the undefeated Chiefs (17-0, 5-0) scored 10 runs in the sixth inning to mercy host Wayne Memorial (2-11, 0-4) in a WLAA-Western Division encounter.

Rachel Wade went 3-for-4 and scored two runs for the Chiefs.

Kelly Harris had an RBI single for the Zebras, who trailed only 3-1 after three innings.

Winning pitcher Hillary Payne tossed a three-hitter. She struck out 14 and walked none.

Losing pitcher Abby Mont gave up 14 hits and walked 11.

PROODIAN

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be a big part of my future."

Proodian recently accepted an athletic scholarship from Robert Morris University, a Pittsburgh-based Division 1 college that is building a women's ice hockey program.

"I was offered a partial (athletic) scholarship to play hockey at Ohio State," Proodian said, "but I liked the coaching staff and the smaller campus at Robert Morris better. It's a good fit for me."

SWITCHING SKATES

Proodian's original introduction to on-ice competition was more tame than hockey.

"When I was five, my mom signed me up for figure-skating lessons," she said. "But after my second day of lessons, I saw my brother (Brad) playing hockey, and I told my mom that's what I wanted to do."

Faster than you can say "hat trick," Proodian's figure skates were exchanged for hockey skates. It turned out to be a good — but expensive — decision.

"My monthly ice bills for playing hockey were around \$350," Proodian said. "I was going to get a job on the one day a week I didn't have hockey practice, but my dad said not to worry about it. Now, I figure it was all

worth it because I got a college scholarship out of it."

To say Proodian's Honeybaked team is merely a "travel" team is an understatement. Over the past couple of years, the talent-laden squad made at least four trips to Chicago and it also played in several long-distance national tournaments.

"This past year, the national tournament was in Denver, so that was nice," Proodian said. "It would have been fun to play for the school team (the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins), but they don't allow girls to play for the school and travel teams at the same time. One of the reasons I chose to play for Honeybaked was because the competition is much better and it was better as far as getting scouted by colleges."

Third base has always been Proodian's position of choice on the softball diamond.

"I've always liked playing third because it's the hot spot," she said.

Proodian said she doesn't get nervous when her team's defensive alignment requires her to move to within just a few feet of

the batter.

"I don't get nervous when I have to move in (to defend against a potential bunt), but my mom does," she said, laughing. "I remember one time when I had to move in and the batter hit a line shot right at me. Luckily, I got my glove up in time."

Proodian said it seems like just yesterday when she was strolling through the halls of Salem for the first time as a freshman.

"It's amazing how fast high school flies by," she said. "It's starting to hit me now that my high school days are almost over. I thought about it a little before the softball season started, but there were still two months left, which seemed like a long time. Now it's down to a few weeks. I'm definitely going to miss it when it's over."

When asked who has had the most influence on her athletic accomplishments, Proodian didn't hesitate. "My mom, my dad and my brother," she said. "My parents never miss a game and my brother gets to as many as he can. The support they've given me over the years has meant a lot."

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Deb Madonna

Kids eat smart cookies

This is the time of year when high school seniors are getting ready for graduation.

But it wasn't long ago they were in elementary school. Once upon a time they were first-graders, just like Sara, a 6-year-old who is smart, funny, silly, sensitive, sweet and a great giggler, with many best friends.

Every weekday, Sara and her brother, Danny, go to school, work hard, get on the bus and go to grandma Marilyn's house.

When Marilyn Champagne's daughters, Tammy and Amy, were little, she worked and wasn't always able to be home when her girls got out of school. Now she has the opportunity to help her daughter, Tammy, by taking care of her children for an hour until she gets home from work.

Danny and Sara walk into Marilyn's house, get a grandma hug and food - homemade cookies, grapes, sandwiches. The luxury of being a grandmother is that Marilyn gets to be with Danny and Sara right after school and listen to their funny stories and problems. She doesn't have to put her grandchildren into "time out"; instead, they spend "time together."

At 4:30, Danny and Sara retell their stories to Tammy while she's making dinner and helping with homework.

First grade brought successes and challenges for Sara. She's a whiz at numbers, but had a little trouble learning to read. For a while she struggled with the days of the week, especially that Wednesday, but now she knows all seven days.

Tammy started reading to Danny and Sara when they were babies, but she had to take a few steps back and figure out what Sara knew and how to teach her to read. They reviewed old words and studied sounds and new words until things started to "click." Sara's grandfather, Ken, helped her with her homework. Big brother Danny carried every book she wanted to check out of the library. Now Sara's reading new words every day.

This year, Sara learned how to learn. She discovered once you can read five words, you can learn 500 words. She knows her family is in her corner whether she's struggling with "Monday, Tuesday" or "Wednesday." And they celebrate when she reads a new book all by herself.

Helping each other and opening doors are a family tradition in Sara's family. Marilyn's home is open to her grandchildren.

Marilyn's mother, Charlotte Yax's home was a gathering spot for her children's friends and all the neighborhood kids.

Charlotte welcomes every new person into the family - by birth and marriage - with a beautiful handmade Christmas stocking. Marilyn said, "My mom always made holidays special. That's why I'm crazy about Christmas."

Sara knows the age and birthday of everyone in her family. When Sara reads this, she'll know the reason why - because she's just like her mother, Tammy, her grandmother, Marilyn, her great-grandmother, Charlotte, and her great-great grandmother, Dolly. The women in Sara's family always send birthday cards and never forget anyone's age.

One of the reasons Sara's story has a happy ending, and beginning, is because it's a proven fact that children become better readers when they eat cookies and milk every day, made by grandma.

Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at clarion@storytellerdesign.com.

Observer LIFE

Where are they now?

Former All-Stars find success in careers, life

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Observer's Eccentric Academic All-Stars and Runners-up from over the past 20 years continue to shine wherever they are.

They are in Michigan, across the country and around the world, working as teachers, physicians, scientists, engineers, journalists and investment bankers.

Their careers put them in offices, classrooms and outdoor environments. In their free time they are involved with education, political and social causes and charities. Many are parents who are passing along their love for education.

They like to run - marathons, 10Ks and triathlons. In their free time they enjoy music, traveling, gardening, quilting and more.

They are committed to a lifetime of learning and continuing education. They are passionate about what they do and who they are. They have taken risks and are thriving in their personal and professional lives.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Academic All-Star program, we thought readers would like to know what the top local scholars of years past are doing now.

Earlier this year, we put out a call to all students who have been recognized by the O&E All-Star program over the last 20 years. Thanks to parents, teachers, the Internet and others our story was forwarded to many former honorees.

Look for the 2005 Academic All-Stars featured in Thursday's *Observer*. We can't wait to hear about their accomplishments in future years.

SOOJIN KWON, now Soojin Kwon Koh, is a 1986 graduate of Salem High School. She started her current job as senior associate director of admissions and financial aid at the Ross School of Business, formerly the University of Michigan Business School, in October.

After high school, Kwon earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics and political science from Yale University, graduating magna cum laude.

She earned a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, with a concentration in business and government relations, in 1992.

Kwon worked as a budget analyst in Washington, D.C., for the next few years: in the Office of the Secretary of Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1992-94; for the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, 1994-95; and for the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, 1995-96.

In 1996, Kwon married and moved back to Michigan because her husband's family business is in Plymouth.

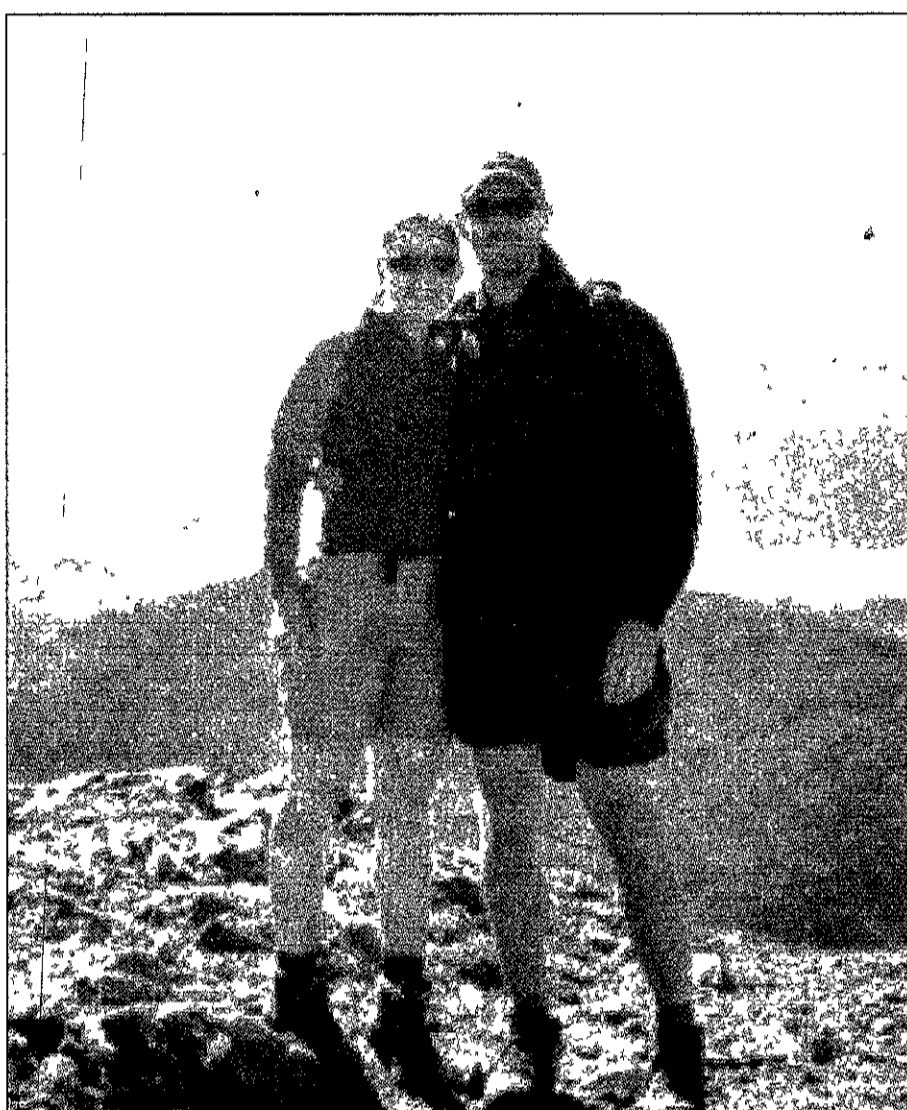
Back in Michigan, she was federal affairs manager for Wayne State University, and earned a master of business administration degree from the U-M Business School. Kwon was hired by Deloitte Consulting in Detroit as a senior consultant and later promoted to manager.

Kwon finished her first marathon (Chicago) in 2000 and her second (*Detroit Free Press*) last year; her time in the latter was less than four hours.

She has two sons: Nicholas, 3, and Nathan, 1.

"In my free time, I'm still running - with a wonderful group of women called the Canton Connection, whom my mother read about in the *Canton Observer* last fall, and in races, 10K to half marathons," Kwon said.

MARK REARICK, a 1987 graduate of Salem High School, earned a mas-



Doug and Wendy Donaldson on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska, 2003



Adam Sonnanstine plays snare drum on the U-M Marching Band drumline and will be center snare and drumline section leader this fall.



Rearick, 1987

Ford.

Rearick moved back to Plymouth four years ago, and lives there with his wife and two children.

DOUG DONALDSON, who graduated from Salem High School in 1988, is a project manager in health informatics at Group Health Cooperative, one of the largest consumer-governed health care organizations in the country.

Donaldson earned a bachelor of science in engineering degree in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan in



Mark Rearick and family

1992. He began work as an operations consultant for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Michigan later that year.

In 1995, Donaldson went to Duke University to pursue a graduate business degree. ("This, of course, gave me the best of all college sports - I root for the Wolverines during football season and the Blue Devils during basketball season!" he said.)

After earning an M.B.A. with a concentration in health services management in 1997, Donaldson was a health care management consultant for several years, first with Arthur Andersen in Chicago and then with ZS Associates in San Mateo, Calif.

He married Duke classmate Wendy Werblin in 1998 and they moved to northern California and then to Seattle, where they now live.

"We enjoy our views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains from our living room windows," Donaldson said. "Although the Pacific Northwest is many miles from Michigan, I look forward to each trip I make back home - and I still consider myself a Midwesterner at heart!"

KEVIN HOLMES, a 1991 graduate of Canton High School, attended the University of Michigan.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics in 1995, gradu-



Matt Morrison graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1992.

ating with highest distinction and inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Holmes then lived in Chicago, working as an actuary focusing on asset/liability management for insurance companies and achieving the designation of Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. He earned a master of business administration degree with a concentration in analytic finance from the University of Chicago.

Now living in New York City, Holmes is an interest rate derivatives trader for a major investment bank of which he is a vice president. He arrived in New York in 2001, and one month later was an eyewitness to the events of 9/11.

Holmes is engaged to Nicole Theall, who is also a master of business administration graduate of the University of Chicago.

MATT MORRISON graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1992. He planned to major in history and French at Notre Dame University or Michigan State University, and teach at the high school or university level.

Morrison attended MSU on a Distinguished Alumni Scholarship. He majored in history and minored in French and political science, and worked closely with the history department and College of Education.

"I was so fortunate to have had such wonderful teachers at Detroit Catholic Central and later excellent professors at MSU that I felt I had to give back to such a fantastic and noble profession," Morrison said.

Morrison graduated third in his class at MSU in 1995, and began his internship at Okemos High School. He was hired the next year, and has been teaching there ever since.

He has finished a master's program from MSU and is one class away from a second one at Central Michigan University. Morrison studied in France for two summers, and spent last year teaching on a Fulbright Teaching Exchange in the United Kingdom.

"Truly, I am most proud of the over 1,000 children I have taught and inspired; that and some personal

PLEASE SEE ALL-STARS, C4

Your teenagers may be using pain killers to get high

I am not sure how easily parents of teens can obtain Vicodin, but physicians who treat my back and hip pain are extremely cautious with this addictive painkiller. Read on.

According to the 17th annual study of teen drug abuse by the Partnership for Drug Free America, released April 21, about one in five teenagers have used prescription painkillers such as Vicodin or OxyContin to get high. Now you may think the best idea is to place locks on your medicine chest.

The study also found that more teens had abused a prescription painkiller in 2004 than Ecstasy, cocaine, crack, or LSD. And one in 11 teens have abused over-the-counter products such as cough medicine.

The most popular prescription drug abused by teens was

Vicodin, according to the study, with 18 percent or 4.3 million young people reporting that they had used it to get high.

This column earlier warned of teen abuse of Ritalin/Addevall. The current study finds these two medicines are abused by one in 10 teens.

Dr. Lloyd Johnson, at the University of Michigan Survey Research Center in Ann Arbor, told me 8 years ago when I wrote the second edition of *Healthy Teens: Success in High School and Beyond* that we were experiencing an era of "generational forgetting." By this he meant that each new generation needs to learn lessons about new drugs.

Johnson said the answer to "generational forgetting" is education and prevention.

How long has it been since you have reviewed the drug prevention lessons at your teen's school? Do the lessons include a discussion of the use of painkillers?

Interestingly, fewer than half the teens surveyed in the Partnership Study said they saw "great risk" in experimenting with prescription medicine. "Ease of access" was cited as the major factor in trying the medications.

Now back to locking your medicine cabinets to prevent the theft of prescription medicine. Do you really believe this is going to stop your teen from obtaining an addictive drug like Vicodin? Of course not — one teen sells to another, or knows "a source." Just remember you need to destroy pain medicine once your pain is gone.

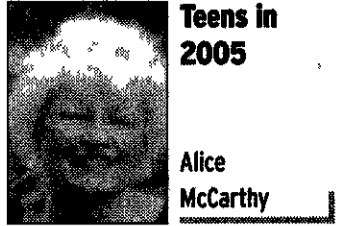
As with any issue involving your teen, planning and spending time with your teen on a daily basis is the key to lasting success. Your son or daughter needs to see how the rules you have set work with the experiences they have outside of the home, at school and with friends. Your son or daughter needs to know the consequences of breaking family rules regarding the use of drugs. It is also important for him or her to know that you are aware of the drug use in your community and the fact that he or she will be offered drugs and will have the opportunity to use drugs.

Families need to give their teen every possible excuse to refuse drugs. A teen who says "I made a deal with my family not to use drugs" faces fewer questions than a teen left fac-

ing their peers alone.

Adults who expect their teens not to use drugs have to be willing to listen to their teens talk about the pressure to use drugs that are around them. Parents must work with their teens to help them resist drugs, and immediately correct any lapses in a no drug use rule. The more your teen is willing to talk with you about drugs, the better the chances that your teen will stay off drugs.

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 "Proms



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

Can Be Traumatic Experience for Teens." All of her columns for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will be available shortly on www.bridge-comm.com.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Cehanowicz-Anthony
Daniel and Barbara Cehanowicz of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Patrick Anthony of Canton.

Lisa is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Taylor and Wayne State University. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist.

Her fiancé, Patrick, is the son of John and Gloria Anthony of Canton. He is a graduate of Canton High School, Michigan State University and University of Detroit Law School. He is an attorney.

Lisa and Patrick are planning a May 2006 wedding at Sacred Heart Parish of Dearborn.

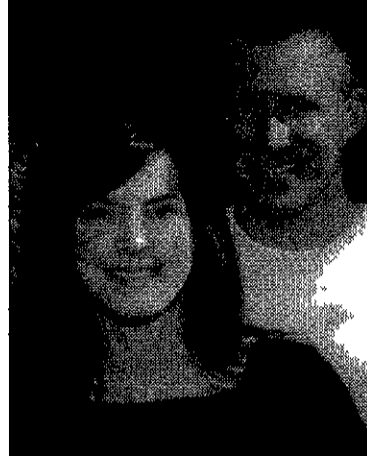


Reinbold-Patterson
Lisa Anne Patterson of Alpena, and Ryan Richard Reinbold of Bridgeport, were married April 17, 2005, at Gates Pass in Tucson, Ariz., before Judge Carmen Dolny. A reception was held at The Breeze Restaurant in Tucson.

Lisa is the daughter of Bill and Mary Patterson of Alpena. She is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University.

Ryan is the son of Ron and Karin Reinbold of Bridgeport. He is a 1996 graduate of Bridgeport High School and a 2001 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Reinbold are making their new home in Tucson, Ariz.



Driskell-McMann
Peggy Driskell of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Jamie Ann, to Jason Timothy McMann of Plymouth.

Jamie is a graduate of Mercy High School. She is currently attending Eastern Michigan University and is employed at Robert J. Anderson Co.

Her fiancé, Jason, is the son of Tim and Sue McMann of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed at U-M. Jason and Jamie are planning an August wedding on the west grounds of Wellers in Saline with a reception in the Carriage House and Gazebo. They will be making their new home in Plymouth.

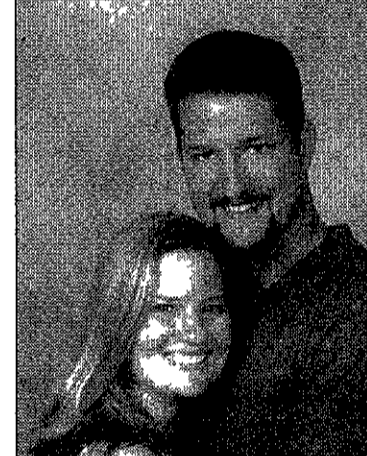


Wisniewski-Machniak
Conrad and Ann Wisniewski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Christofer Machniak of Hartland.

Elaine is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed with an engineering consulting firm in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, Christofer, is the son of Ron and Pat Machniak of Livonia. He is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a reporter for The Flint Journal in Flint.

Elaine and Christofer are planning a July wedding in Hartland.



Ratcliffe-Westhoff
Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Ratcliffe of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Elizabeth, to James Henry Westhoff.

Susan is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She currently resides in Chicago and is an education, community relations and diversity manager for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Her fiancé, Jim, is a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music and Wichita State University.

He currently resides in Chicago and is the technology manager for the DePaul University School of Music.

Susan and Jim are planning a July wedding in Wisconsin. They are honeymooning in Alaska and will make their new home in Chicago, Ill.

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Family fun event will raise funds for JARC

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Julie Boesky carefully removes the drinking glasses from the cupboard and puts them in a box. The Farmington Hills woman feels good about playing such an important role in preparing for Passover.

Packing away the everyday dishes is just one of the tasks the six members of the Blumberg group home must accomplish before the Seder dinner. Three weeks before Passover began on April 23, manager Shirlyn Davis took all of them shopping for special food items like matzah, the unleavened bread symbolic of the haste with which the Jews left Egypt.

Passover traditionally unites family and friends in a celebration to remember the liberation of Jews from slavery. But before the Seder could begin the cupboards were cleared of all leavened foods and then washed thoroughly.

"The ladies look forward to every occasion and participate in it every time," said Davis. "What they see going on in their family home, they're doing in their homes and really enjoying it."

The program is just one of many that JARC provides to enrich the lives of people with disabilities. Founded in the 1960s by a group of parents of adult children with developmental disabilities, JARC, in addition to offering services

for children and their families, serves 140 adults in group homes and various independent living programs.

That's why JARC's Spring Elation fund-raiser is so important. From noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, more than 60 teens and adults will volunteer to make the seventh annual family fun day a success. For a second year the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse in Shelby Township will host activities such as in-line skating, basketball, a climbing wall, high ropes course, beach volleyball, miniature golf, laser tag, and face painting for all ages and all abilities. The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group caters the event.

Tickets are \$20 (age 4 and under free), and include beverages, snacks and games. For more information, visit www.jarc.org or call (248) 538-6610, Ext. 418.

Proceeds go to JARC's Harris Children and Family Division to provide services for more than 300 families who still have a child living with them.

"We have an inclusion philosophy. We're helping them to be part of the community," said Joyce Keller, executive director of the nonprofit agency based in Farmington Hills. "We have 20 homes in southern Oakland County from Bloomfield Hills to Huntington Woods. We don't believe in special separate things. We have a program to help children be

included in private schools, a program to allow kids in recreational activities, a program so they can go to a regular camp with a shadow or person to help them."

It's apparent by the number of donations JARC was recently able to solicit that others believe in the philosophy. Keller is delighted to report that corporate and individual sponsors are supporting the event that helps fund programs. This year's goal of \$500,000 is close to being raised thanks to sponsors such as Quicken Loans, a mortgage company based in Livonia. David Carroll, vice president, is a strong supporter of JARC and is chairing this year's event.

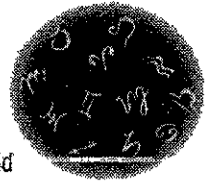
"JARC is one of the main charities of our company," said Carroll of Beverly Hills. "The Merle and Shirley Harris Children and Family Division helps families with children with different disabilities from autism to retardation with respite care. They can't have a typical baby sitter so JARC offers support for parents."

"It's a great cause. The money goes to people who can't help themselves. When parents speak at the event, it really hits home how it's a challenge that many people take for granted. We want to help out the parents who need advice and support. It's a true need if we want to be the type of community that cares about one another."



Star Struck

(May 8 - May 11)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You can wriggle out of your commitments this week if you really want to, but Mars, your ruler, warns that what you fail to do now, you'll have to do later. The longer you delay, you'll decide it wasn't what you wanted after all. Don't be impatient or arrogant this week, Ram!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

For someone who is supposed to be easy-going and tolerant, you appear to be letting fly in all directions at the moment, Bull. Just ensure you don't spoil what could be a perfect relationship or profitable alliance during the next weeks by insisting that partners or close associates take your word as gospel.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Start celebrating your birthday now, Twins! Mercury, your ruler, is approaching some magnificent aspects to your Sun in that part of your chart that deals with new horizons. Therefore, it is time to break out and battle for what you know is right. Both personally and professionally, there can be no more settling for second-best.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

MoonKids can sometimes be a bit too easygoing for their own good, and the current outer planet activity warns that if you let things slide financially, you'll regret it before the end of spring. Don't trust others when it's your cash on the line, Kiddo. Not now. Display that 'hard shell'.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Lion: Don't be in such a hurry to sign up for some kind of deal this week, because Neptune, planet of illusion, so strong in your chart now might end up losing you more than you gain. The more others try to convince you that it's a can't-miss deal, the more suspicious you should be.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

If you want to get through the week in one piece, make an effort to see things from the other person's point of view, Virgo, both at home and at work. You're allowed to disagree, of course, but if you know what's good for you, you won't make too big an issue of a problem.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

A superb planetary aspect to your ruler Venus, now relates to your birth sign and, by rights, you ought to be on Cloud Nine, kiddo! Unfortunately,

however, there has to be a separation or parting of the ways and all an astrologer can do is tell you that life is not a problem to be solved but a reality to be experienced.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

You seem to imagine that you've been dealt a dud hand or outmaneuvered, when nothing could be further than the truth, Scorp. The Sun passing through the most fantastic area of your solar chart simply means that it is time to back your hunches to the hilt when handling money matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

It really is not in your nature to create a fuss, carry on a feud, or make others feel awkward, Archer. Therefore, continue to believe that certain individuals are misguided rather than untrustworthy and that you will emerge from some kind of setback wiser, stronger, and financially better off.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

It's a "think twice-week," SeaGoat! You know what you want, you know where to get it and you know you have the strength to take it and keep it. What you may not understand is that once you have it, you'll decide it wasn't what you wanted after all. Don't be a hurry until after Summer gets underway!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Listen to your upper-brain chatter, WaterBearer! You'll find it hard to resist making comments about people with whom you work or live with, and because what you say is sooo critical, your words will stir up a lot of controversy. No matter, one of your tasks in Life is to be a catalyst, and that means producing people.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

It may be upsetting to discover that you can no longer rely on certain individuals for financial assistance—especially when so much seems to be within your grasp, Fish. However, soldier on solo—even make a break from the past—because you have all the qualities to make your mark this month!

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

1. "True Believer," Nicholas Sparks
2. "The Mermaid Chair," Sue Monk
3. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown

4. "Revenge of the Sith," Matthew Stover
5. "Stroke of Midnight," Laurell K. Hamilton

NON-FICTION

1. "My Life So Far," Jane Fonda
2. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman
3. "Blink," Malcolm Gladwell
4. "Three Nights in August," Buzz Bissinger
5. "Deadly Gam," Catherine Crier

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S FICTION BOOKS

1. "11,000 Years Lost," Peni Griffin
2. "Click Here," Denise Vega
3. "The Boys of San Joaquin," D. James Smith
4. "Chicken Friend," Nicole Morgan
5. "Stink, the Incredible Shrinking Kid," Megan McDonald

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FROM PAGE C1

accomplishments (buying a home, traveling all over the world, losing loads of weight) have also made me a very happy man," he said.

KEVIN HAUDEK, a 1996 graduate of Canton High School, attended Wayne State University on a full scholarship and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 2001.

He began his postgraduate studies at Michigan State University in 2001, and is pursuing a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology.

Haudek is now conducting research involving characterization of nuclear ribonucleoprotein particles containing galectins.

Haudek married Penny Courter in 2003. The couple is living in the Lansing area, where she is an elementary school teacher.

BILL CHAPIN, a 1997 graduate of Salem High School, is a features reporter for the *Times Herald* in Port Huron. He has had the position since he graduated from Northwestern University in 2001, earning a bachelor's degree from the Medill School of Journalism.

While in high school, Chapin was a member of the Park Players and the International Thespian Dramatic Honor Society. He planned to major in journalism at Michigan State University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign or Northwestern.

Chapin's interests in journalism and entertainment have apparently never left him.

While at Northwestern, Chapin was a founding member of an a cappella group, Aural Fixation, and joined the Delta Chi fraternity.

He is a member of the International Symphony Singers of Port Huron and Sarnia, Ontario.

Chapin and a friend perform as the "acoustic/folk/rock/pop duo" Juxtaposers in coffee houses and bars, and are preparing to record a CD. (The duo's Web site is at www.juxtaposers.com.)

Chapin is the arts and entertainment reporter at the Gannett-owned paper and has a weekly entertainment column. He has interviewed everyone from Dave Barry to members of the Tragically Hip, Wu-Tang Clan and Montgomery Gentry. Most of his writing is online at www.thetimesherald.com/entertainment/index.

CHRISTOPHER

PARROTT, a 1997 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree in classical studies from the University of Michigan.

He spent his undergraduate summers studying Latin in the Vatican, and one summer on an archaeological dig in Tuscany.

Parrott completed his master's degree in arts degree in classical studies at Oxford, England, last year, and is working on his Ph.D. at Harvard University.

He married Laura Nicholson in 2003. The couple met at the U-M, where she was an archaeology major.

AFIA OFORI-MENSA, a 1998 graduate of Canton High School, attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

"Realizing quickly that the liberal arts were more exciting to me, I switched to a major in English with minors in African-American studies and Latin American studies," she said.

With that new focus, Ofori-Mensa spent a semester in Oaxaca, Mexico, learned to speak Spanish fluently, "developed a passion for multicultural education" and graduated summa cum laude from Penn in 2002.

She moved to Ann Arbor right after graduation to pursue a Ph.D. in American culture at the University of Michigan.

Now in her third year of the program, Ofori-Mensa will graduate with a master of arts degree and go on for her doctoral degree beginning in September.

"Although I left business school years ago, my entrepreneurial leanings linger," she said. "My life dream now is to open a K-12 school with a model of multicultural/anti-racist education and independent study."

ANJALI SHAH, who graduated from Canton High School in 1998, is beginning her fourth year of medical school at the University of Michigan Medical School, and will train as an ophthalmologist after graduating next year.

After high school, Shah studied economics and pre-medical sciences at the U-M, earning a

bachelor's degree in 3-1/2 years while being involved with several cultural, charitable and performance organizations and events.

She then traveled around India, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia for three months; lived and worked in Paris for three months, first in a small souvenir shop and then for an automotive supply company; and explored France, Spain and Italy before returning to Ann Arbor to attend medical school.

"Since finishing high school, I have developed academically, grown socially, traveled around the world, and even participated in a beauty pageant!" said Shah, who was in the 2003 Miss India Michigan Pageant in Ann Arbor.

"Although I am uncertain as to where I will begin the next phase of my training, I am excited about the opportunities the future holds."

JEANNE WHALEN, a 1999 graduate of Ladywood High School, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 2003 with a degree in computer science engineering and a minor in theater arts.

She is in her second year of teaching computer courses at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory.

The summer before her senior year of college, Whalen interned at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash., and met Bill Gates and had dinner at his house.

"He's absolutely brilliant," she said. "I shook his hand and he saw my name tag and asked how my current project was going. Out of 700 interns, he knew exactly what I was working on!"

Whalen is applying to graduate schools, with the intention of pursuing a Ph.D. in linguistics and teaching at the college level.

Last summer, she was accepted into a program at Yale University, where she took courses in German, creative writing and sociology.

The writing classes assisted her in publishing a few poems in literary journals, and she hopes to apply the credits she earned to her Ph.D., Whalen said.

CYNTHIA RICH, now Cynthia Wallace, graduated from Salem High School in 2001.

She graduated this month from Cedarville University in Ohio with a bachelor of arts degree in creative writing, honors and Bible.

At CU, Wallace has worked as a Writing Center tutor and assistant coordinator, yearbook copy editor, newspaper columnist, literary review senior editor, and teaching assistant.

She organized Cedarville's first poetry and prose contest/readings, and its first undergraduate literature conference.

"My Writing Center experience from the Plymouth-Canton school district, as well as the great English teachers at the high schools, gave me a

great foundation to bring more literary awareness and activity to a 3,000-student college campus," Wallace said.

She married Joshua Wallace of Montana last year. They met at CU.

After graduation, the couple plans to spend a year in Europe ("probably teaching English as a second language") and then return to graduate school. They will work toward their Ph.D. degrees: Cynthia's in recent literature, Joshua's in theology.

KIMBERLY ANN WEAVER, a 2001 graduate of Canton High School, will graduate from Michigan State University this month with two degrees: a

bachelor of science in computer science and engineering, and a bachelor of arts in German.

Weaver was selected Outstanding Senior in Computer Science and Engineering. She was inducted into the Upsilon Pi Epsilon computer science honor society, and the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society.

While at MSU, Weaver was one of the first members of the MSU Science Fiction Genre Evolution Project, whose main purpose is to determine whether a cultural creation can evolve in the same way as biological organisms.

Weaver studied in Bregenz, Austria, for a month after her first year of college, and at the Friedrich Schiller Universität in Jena, Germany, for the second semester of her third year.

This fall, Weaver will attend Iowa State University on a two-year fellowship to earn a master's degree in human-computer interaction.

Weaver will carry out research on perception-based rendering of virtual reality scenes as a member of the Human Computer Visual Lab.

Her mentor in the lab will be Dr. Derrick Parkhurst, and she will work closely with Dr. Carolina Cruz-Neira, one of the inventors of the CAVE Virtual Reality Environment, a multi-person, room-sized, high-resolution, 3-D video and audio environment.

ADAM SONNANSTINE, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, is following his plan to study computer science at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor School of Engineering.

Sonnanstine is in his second year at the U-M, where he also plays snare drum on the U-M Marching Band drumline and will be center snare (the first per-

son out of the tunnel for pregame band shows at all U-M home football games) and drumline section leader this fall.

He is still a member of the Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps out of Toledo, which is leaving on a two-month competitive tour next month concluding with the World Championships in August.

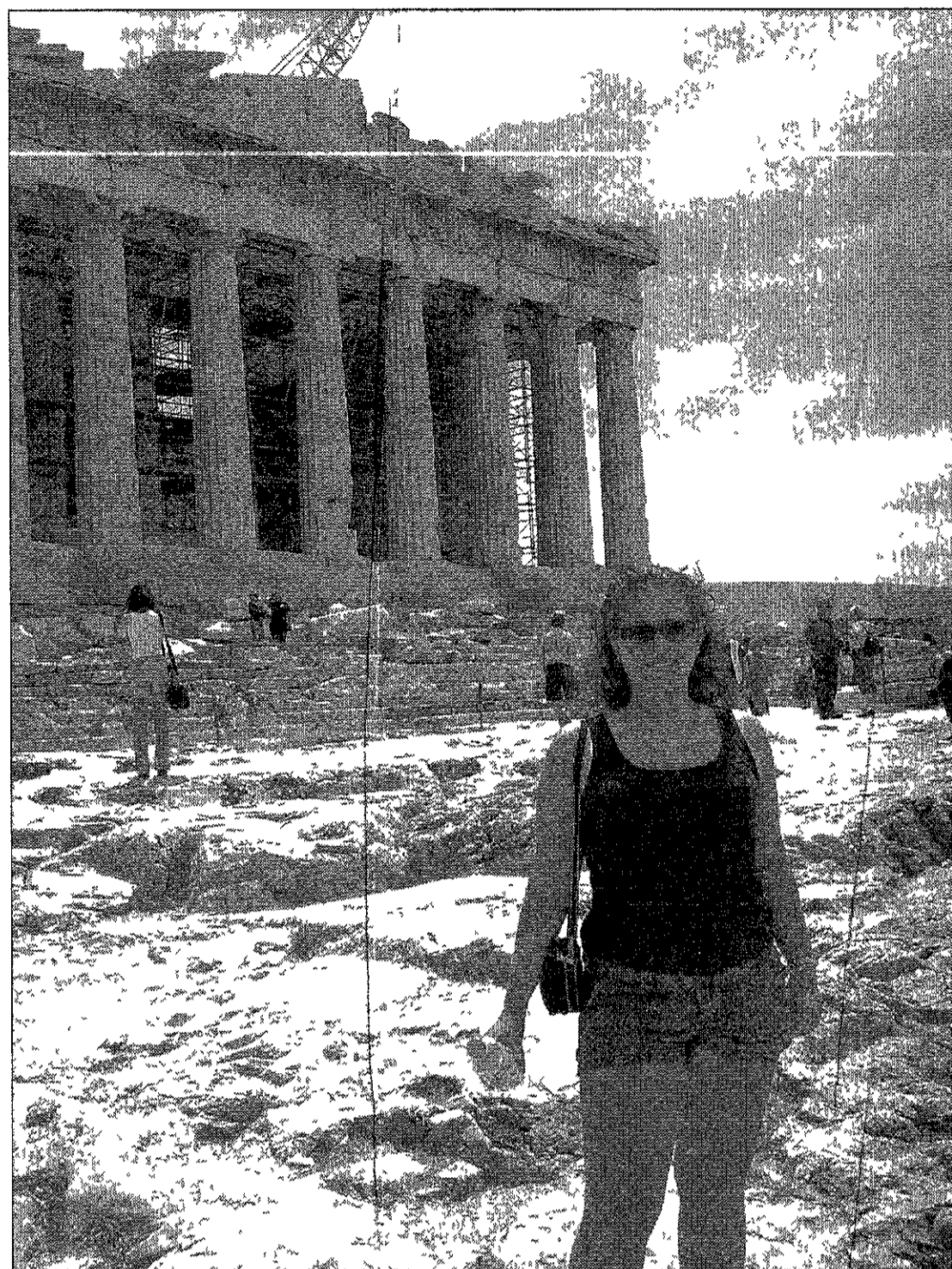
His academic honors include the University Honors (three terms), Dean's List (three terms), William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize (the top 5 percent of his class), James B. Angell Scholar (three consecutive terms with an all-A record) and Golden Key International Honour Society.

"I love it," Sonnanstine said of college. "I'm having a great time, doing some school stuff too in between having a great time."

KATHRYN SANDERS, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, is in the Simultaneous Graduate/Undergraduate Study Program at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, working on a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in biomedical engineering.

Last summer, she worked on a study of infant gait patterns for the U-M Department of Kinesiology research lab.

Sanders is active in community service programs, including the U-M K-gram Program



Tiffany Labon in Greece, 2004

(a literacy project in the Ann Arbor Schools) and the U-M Charity Dance Marathon (which benefits children's hospitals).

She spends a week each summer at the Appalachian Service Project, working on major home repairs for disadvantaged families.

ANNE BRESLER, a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School, will graduate this month with high honors from Michigan State University, majoring in English and history.

She has been accepted to Teach For America's New York City Corps, and will teach in impoverished areas of New York City for two years.

A member of the Honors College at MSU, Bresler received the Alumni Distinguished Scholarship and will receive an Outstanding Senior Award from the History Department.

She spent last summer in England and Scotland studying with MSU's History and the Humanities in the UK program.

Bresler is co-director of the MSU Women's Council. She was Associated Students of Michigan State University (student government) representative for Women's Council 2002-04 and the College of Arts and Letters 2004-05.

Bresler has been involved in the MSU production of *The Vagina Monologues* for three years; as a cast member (2003 and 2005) and as director (2004), when the production raised \$10,000 for the Battered Women's Clemency Project in Ann Arbor.

The Vagina Monologues is produced on campus through the V-Day College Campaign. V-Day is an organization started by Eve Ensler that seeks to end violence against women and girls worldwide.

Bresler works as an in-school coordinator at an elementary school in Lansing for the Young Spartans Program.

"Young Spartans works to enhance opportunities for Lansing students by connecting them with college students and MSU resources," she said.

Bresler recently had a paper published in the MSU Undergraduate Historian titled "The prejudices with which our sex has been surrounded": *Feminism in the French Revolution*.

TIFFANY LABON, a 2003

graduate of Thurston High School, is majoring in philosophy (with likely minors in political science and math) at Duke University. She plans to go into law eventually.

Labon, who is on the Dean's List, has been very involved in campus life.

She is secretary of Duke Democrats; secretary of the Duke chapter of the American Civil Liberties

Union; and treasurer of the Circle K club a community service organization that is the college brand of the Kiwanis family.

Labon joined the Beta Theta Beta sorority, and has served on the Panhellenic Council (which oversees almost all the sororities on campus), as the Junior Panhellenic representative in 2004 and is director of publications for 2005. She is the manager of a concessions stand on campus.

Labon studied abroad in Greece last summer, and will go to the Dominican Republic this summer for a community service project through Cultural Convergence International, a nonprofit organization.

JEFF DRUCHNIAK, a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree in English with a minor in history from the University of Michigan in 2000.

He worked as a reporter for a local paper in Plymouth before going to the University of Illinois, where he earned a master of arts degree in public affairs reporting in 2002.

Druchniak interned at the *State Journal Register* in Springfield, working out of the state Capitol and covering the legislature and governor's office.

He has returned to Ann Arbor, enrolled in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, where he is pursuing a dual degree: master of arts in public policy and a juris doctor from the U-M School of Law.

JASON BUELOW, a 1994 graduate of Franklin High School, is working in global marketing at the Cordis Corporation, a division of Johnson & Johnson.

After graduation, Buelow went to Carnegie Mellon University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He then graduated from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a master of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Buelow worked at DaimlerChrysler as a product engineer from 1998 to 2003. From 2003 to 2005, he was earning a master of business administration degree from Stanford Business School.

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Murfevy earned a medical degree with honors from Georgetown Medical School in Washington, D.C., in 2002, and began her medical career as an emergency room resident at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

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LISA BERRY, now Lisa Stowe, graduated from Churchill High School in 1996 and is now in her first year of a Ph.D. program in economics at Boston University.

After high school, Stowe attended the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where her undergraduate major was political science.

She entered with sophomore standing as a result of extensive Advanced Placement credit, and completed her bachelor of arts degree in three years.

Stowe began a dual degree program with the School of Public Policy, taking undergraduate and graduate courses concurrently, and graduated with a master's degree in public policy in 2000.

After graduation, Stowe moved to New York City and took a position as a financial analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

She was there, working in downtown Manhattan, three blocks away from the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

"While things certainly changed in NYC following 9/11, it was still a great city, and I remained with the New York Fed for another 2-1/2 years," Stowe said.

Last summer, she relocated to Boston and got married.



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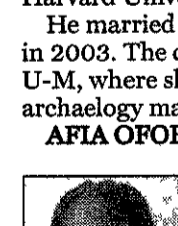
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AROUND TOWN

Crafters needed

Crafters needed for the 19th-annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at 734-844-1707 or e-mail to the-ways@comcast.net

Cancer survivors' day

Cancer survivors and their families are invited to a special "Celebrate Life and Hope" gathering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sunday, June 5, with a reception at 12:30 p.m. and the program starting at 1 p.m. There will be music and refreshments. The hospital is also hosting its Community Open House from 1-5 p.m. on the hospital grounds, north entrance. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan in Livonia. For more information, or to RSVP to the cancer survivors' event, call (734) 655-8800.

Genealogical Society

The Western Wayne Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 16, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of Five Mile. Nancy Finlayson will speak on "Michigan Lighthouses: Towers of History." The 6:30 p.m. class will be on "Family Tree Maker 2005 video." Meetings and classes are offered free of charge and are open to the public. For more information, call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

Golf classic

3 Dimensional Services of Rochester Hills and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hold their 23rd-annual Golf Classic to raise funds for CF research at The Wyndgate in Rochester Hills on Monday, June 6. The cost is \$1,800 per foursome, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, range balls, grilled lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, 19th Hole Celebration with a silent auction and dinner with a live auction and an awards presentation. Registration and breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. with the shotgun start at 11 a.m. Single golfers (\$450) are welcome as well as foursomes. For more event information call Jill Katynski at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at (248) 269-8759.

Speakers meeting

The May meeting of the National Speakers Association, Michigan Chapter, which features a panel of industry partners and certified speaking professionals, is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (with lunch included) May 14 at the Holiday Inn North in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$55 for non-members (\$65 at the door) and \$40 for members (\$45 at the door).

Bubble Festival

What better way to kick-off the summer than with a Bubble Festival and a block party? Join the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Ann Arbor Fire Department for a family-fun weekend on June 4-5. The fun festivities begin on Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Museum with Bubbleology - experiment and discover the science of bubbles with indoor and outdoor hands-on activities. Join the Bubble Man - Ron Loyd - for interactive activities and two special shows at 1 and 3 p.m. Also on Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the Ann Arbor Police Department and The Ann Arbor Fire Department will be holding a Block Party open house on a closed down section of 5th Ave., between Ann St and Huron St. Explore and enjoy the wonder of science, math and technology in an interactive environment that promotes science literacy. Hours Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (734) 995-5439 or visit the Web site www.aahom.org

Diabetes prevention

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a diabetes presentation, "Your Game Plan for Preventing Type 2 Diabetes," from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, June 17. The program is designed to help people make appropriate lifestyle changes to help reduce the risk of developing diabetes. There is a \$15 fee. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8955 or (800) 494-1650.

Book fair

The 27th annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22, in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State St. There



Swedish music

The Jenny Lind Club of Michigan held its annual spring fund-raiser recently at the home of Barbara and Irving Fishman of Huntington Woods. Proceeds will fund the club's Swedish music scholarship program, which this year marks its 40th anniversary. More than 50 guests enjoyed a typical spring-themed Swedish dinner featuring poached cold salmon followed by a silent auction and music. The auction featured three pastel paintings by Troy artist William Berge. Pictured are Carl and Ann Nickoloff (president of the Jenny Lind Club), Karl and Eleanora Charlson (fund-raiser chair), and Barbara and Irving Fishman, who hosted the event.

is a \$5 admission charge, proceeds of which benefit the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan. More than 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest will offer fine used, rare and out-of-print books. For more information, contact Jay Platt in care of the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, e-mail jplatt@provide.net or call (734) 995-1891.

Senior synergy

The Farmington Community Library and the Area Agency on Aging 1-B present another in their "Senior Synergy" series programs from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8 at the Farmington Community Library Auditorium, 32737 W. 12 Mile (between Orchard Lake and Farmington Road). A panel discussion featuring certified senior advisors and other professionals designed to help with life's daily decisions. To register, call (248) 553-0300.

Safe driving for seniors

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the American Association of Retired Persons offer a two-day program, "AARP Safe Driving," from 5:30-9:30 p.m. June 14-15. Attendance at both sessions is required. The AARP Safe Driving Program is an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP, and pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is June 7. For more information or to register, call St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach, (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia.

Diabetes workshop

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a discussion on "Diabetes and Your Skin" from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 in the hospital's auditorium, with guest speaker David Peguske, a dermatologist. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. Admission is free. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

Career women meet

Sally Roby presents a program, "Metabolic Syndrome - the Convergence of Issues that Create heart Disease and Diabetes" at the National Association of Career Women, West Suburban Chapter meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth Township. Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. To RSVP, call Linda Shoumate, (734) 459-4506

Doctor communications

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a "Let's Talk" presentation called "Communicating with your Doctor"

from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 in the hospital's auditorium. The presentation focuses on tips for good communication, getting started with a new doctor, how to discuss health issues, involving family and friends and other topics. The presentation is free, but registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia

Mental health program

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Public Education Program will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. Dr. Stephan Taylor, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan, will speak about "Schizoaffective Disorder, What is it Really?" Free and open to the public. NAMI may be reached at (734) 994-6611.

Place settings

The Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop will be highlighting place settings from May 1-31. From vibrant and colorful to elegant and simplistic, place setting pieces created by local and regional artists will be featured. The place settings will consist of plates, bowls, mugs, and more, with collections suitable for wedding gifts, anniversaries, birthdays, or for starting a brand new set. Gallery Shop hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information about upcoming features, stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center in downtown Ann Arbor at 117 W. Liberty, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 118 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

WineMaker dinner

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

Hospice art dash

Arbor Hospice and Home Care

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

Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor and displayed through May 9. The spring exhibition is titled Black + White, with the theme of "wild and wacky" silhouettes, featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty-eight Burn Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners, the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the community and promote this year's WineFest, which will be held on Saturday, May 14. The banners will be on display during the event, with the black and white

style reflected throughout this year's décor. For more information, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 111

Hospice training

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville.

Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants.

If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering.

We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

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

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August.

A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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


Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects.

This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

Mothers & More

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



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Age 70 of Plymouth Beloved husband of Judith. Dear father of Julie (Jim) Harb. Loving grandfather of Stephen. Also survived by many uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Washburn enjoyed bird hunting, especially pheasants and quail. He raised and trained his English Setters, often participating in field trials. He also enjoyed walleye fishing on Lake Erie. Mr. Washburn loved Michigan football and basketball, and was also a longtime St. Louis Cardinal fan. Mr. Washburn served his country for 3 years in the U.S. Army. He was employed at Western Electric from 1953-1985, he then worked as a licensed life, health and disability insurance counselor in his later years. He was an active member of the C.W.A., having served as Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer of Local 4095. Visitation Sun 5-9 PM and Mon 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (brwn Sheldon & Beck). Funeral Tues 11 AM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In state at church 10 AM Interment Glen Eden. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army or to the Church.

JEAN MARIE WESLEY (COLPUS)

April 29, 2005, Age 85 of Green Bay, WI, formerly of Rochester. Preceded in death by husband Charles A. Wesley, son Charles A. Wesley, Jr., and brother Col. Jack Henry Colpus, U.S.A.F. Survived by sons Charles R. Wesley of Annapolis, MD., Craig S. Wesley of Abingdon, VA, and four grandchildren. A family burial service will take place at White Chapel Cemetery. The family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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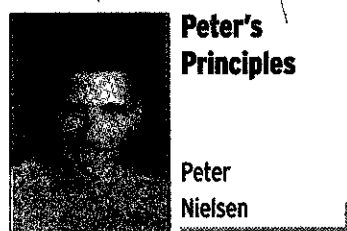
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Peter Nielsen

Drink milk to fight colon cancer risk

Q: David from Berkley is asking for natural ways to reduce the risk of colon cancer.

A: David, you are sure to find the results of a new study easy to swallow! Around 60,000 American men and woman will die of colon cancer this year alone. The good news is that you can dramatically cut your chances of getting the disease through proper exercise and diet. Harvard researchers looked at the dietary habits of more than half a million subjects. They found that drinking milk and getting enough calcium dramatically reduced the chances of getting cancer. In fact, drinking one glass of milk a day reduced the risk of cancer by as much as 15 percent. Those taking in the highest levels of calcium overall were able to cut their risk by as much as 21 percent.

Q: Elaine from Farmington Hills wants to know about salt intake. Specifically, she would like to know how much is too much.

A: Elaine, it is a well-known fact that Americans take in way too much sodium. New research shows we should be taking in even less to avoid hypertension and the heart problems that usually come with it! The new guidelines indicate that people aged 19 through 50 should only take in 1500 milligrams of salt per day. That breaks down to just two-thirds of a teaspoon! The older you get the less sodium you should be taking in. People age 51 through 70 should only take in 1300 milligrams, then when you hit 70 that number drops to 1200. The maximum daily intake is 2300 milligrams. Here's a scary statistic: 95 percent of American men and 75 percent of women exceed that maximum limit. It's easy to do. A cup of canned soup has 1,000 milligrams of salt and a Big Mac has 1,050. Keep your eyes open and be sure to check labels to make sure your sodium intake isn't putting you at risk.

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

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From here to Harvard

Canton nurse glad to boost women's health

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

When Bevis Richardson of Canton gets mail from Harvard, it's not likely to be an acceptance letter for the freshman class.

Richardson, 71, is a retired registered nurse and among the participants in the university's ongoing health study. She's been involved since its start in 1976.

"Every year, they send a four-, five-, six-page questionnaire," said Richardson, who retired from Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne in 1993. She spent the last 15 years of her career in obstetrics, the last 10 of those in labor and delivery, and taught childbirth education.

The Nurses' Health Study, established in 1976 by Dr. Frank Speizer, and the Nurses' Health Study II, established in 1989 by Dr. Walter Willett, are among the largest investigations into the risk factors for major chronic diseases in women.

The studies have grown to include a team of clinicians, epidemiologists, and statisticians at the Channing Laboratory along with collaborating investigators and consultants in the surrounding medical community of the Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston Children's Hospital, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Donna Shalala, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, called the study "one of the most significant studies ever conducted on the health of women."

Richardson has answered questions about smoking from the start, and recalls questions early on about hair dye when it was feared that could cause cancer. In the last 10 years, there's been a lot on hormone replacement therapy.

"So that's something they've spent a lot of time on." She answers ques-



Bevis Richardson of Canton, shown with husband Ralph, is proud to be among registered nurses in the Harvard study. She's been involved since 1976 when the research started.

tions about weight and diet, including fruits and vegetables consumed. Last June's questionnaire focused a lot on physical activity.

The questionnaire's a bit bulkier now, not that it's longer, but print is larger as the women have aged. "I thought that was hysterical," said Richardson.

She once had to send toenail clippings to Massachusetts. "They were looking for trace minerals which show up in nails."

Once, she had urine and blood samples taken at work and shipped them to the lab in Massachusetts for

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Ongoing study reveals much on women's health status

Gary Chase, senior project manager for the study, was able to provide great insight into the Harvard research. What follows is information from Chase.

At the start, back in 1976, the primary goals were to look at permanent hair dyes and oral contraceptives as they related to possible cancer risks. As time passed, the focus expanded to include many other cancer and non-cancer outcomes.

Dr. Walter Willett, who joined the

study in the late 1970s, brought his enthusiasm for studying dietary factors. Beginning with the 1980 questionnaire, researchers assessed the diet of nurses in the study.

Researchers have now collected detailed diet information eight times, to create one of the most comprehensive data bases of lifetime eating patterns. Much of the work today focuses on dietary outcomes, although with the collection of blood samples in 1990 and again in 2000,

researchers have biological and genetic data which greatly enhances the questionnaire information collected over the years. These samples allow them to examine many new hypotheses, as they emerge.

Researchers wanted a geographically diverse group, but the logistics of acquiring mailing lists from more than a dozen or so states was daunting, especially back in the almost pre-computer days of the 1970s. Even in 1988-89, as they prepared to

launch NHS II, getting the nursing board lists from many different states (all in a different format) was a very labor-intensive operation. At the time of the start of NHS II, Massachusetts was only able to provide researchers with a paper print-out of their list. Since researchers did want to have some local nurses in the study, they paid someone to key enter about 3,000 of the

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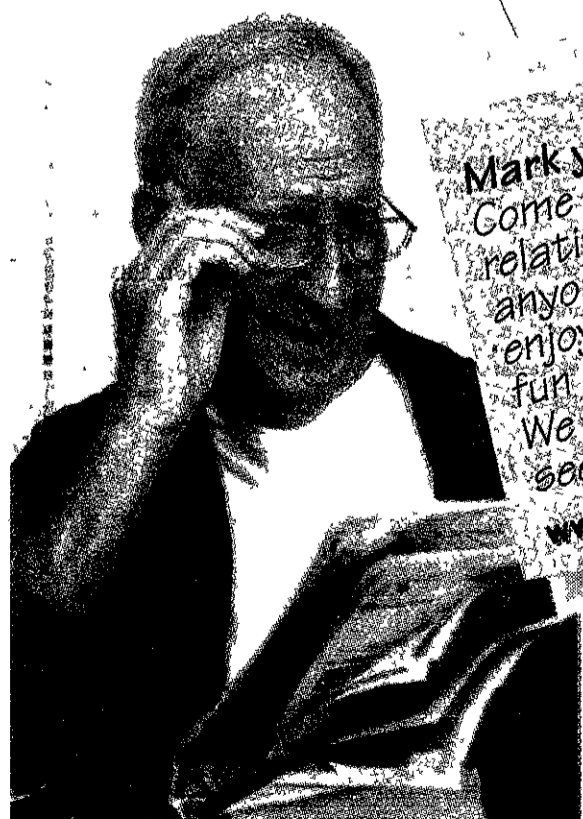
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analysis. The questionnaires ask about surgeries. "They're looking for what diseases you're developing."

Cardiac symptoms, medications and vitamins, and "any changes in health status" are also probed, said Richardson, who gets regular exercise including swimming and cross country skiing.

Few studies provided information on women's health, she noted. "I just thought it was an exciting thing to be a part of

this." She sees newspaper items on the study, and is proud to be part of it. Richardson recently got a release form for information when she dies, which will aid in continuity for researchers.

Richardson, who receives an annual newsletter on the research, will continue in the study as long as she's able. She and husband Ralph have four grown children and five grandchildren.

At her 50th reunion for her New Jersey hospital-based nursing school, seven of 14 graduates present were in the Harvard study.

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Massachusetts nurses, just to get them in the study. Michigan is also dear to Willett, as he was raised there. Researchers made sure to include Michigan in NHS I

In the original Nurses' Health Study, researchers follow a group of 121,700 RNs.

(NHS II has 116,880 additional nurses.) Approximately 17,000 of the NHS participants have died over the last 29 years. Allowing for nurses who have decided no longer to participate and those that are lost to followup, researchers are still in contact with about 97,000 members of the original cohort.

In the last decade, researchers have greatly expanded involvement in genetic research and the study of "healthy aging" in the NHS. The cognitive function study, which tracks the memory and mental "sharpness" of nurses in the study who are over 70, has yielded many new insights into the factors which can influence cognitive function.

As one of the longest running studies of women's health, researchers are starting to be able to look at possible risk factors for cancers which are less common (like pancreatic and ovarian). They have published some findings relating to these cancers and are working to

provide enlightening findings in this area in the coming years.

While the "core" of work will likely continue to be centered around the study of the causes of cancers, researchers continue to look for new and exciting ways to leverage the powerful data which the nurses have provided over nearly three decades of followup.

Nurses were chosen because of their knowledge of health care, according to Chase. Also, Dr. Frank Speizer and his colleagues in the early years assumed (correctly) that nurses would be more likely to maintain their interest and enthusiasm for this work. The followup rate of 90 percent in the recently completed 1992 cycle is a tribute to their continued devotion to the study.

In addition to having an excellent dietary assessment questionnaire, the thoughtful and detailed responses that come from the nurses in the study make data in this area particularly powerful. Research in the area of trans fatty acids has helped to bring a new awareness of this subject to many American consumers. "Any new information which we can provide to help people stay healthy is always well worth the time spent to collect and analyze it," Chase concluded.

Prostate cancer screenings to be held in Southfield

The Metro Detroit area, famous for the Motown sound and automobiles, is on the brink of becoming well-known as having the highest incidence and mortality rates from prostate cancer. It is second only to Washington, D.C.

To help reduce the numbers free screenings are being held in the area Thursday-Friday, May 12-13.

"Prostate cancer is a serious health concern," said Dr. Richard N. Atkins, National Prostate Cancer Coalition CEO. "Two

major risk factors are a large population of African Americans who are at significantly increased risk for prostate cancer and 2.4 times more likely to die from it, and Michigan, as a whole, is one of the heaviest states in the nation. Men who are obese with a BMI (Body Mass Index) over 32.5, are one-third more likely to die from the disease if they get it."

Despite the devastating statistics, 99.3 percent of men survive when prostate cancer is caught early. That's why the National

Prostate Cancer Coalition has teamed up with Sanofi and the Church of God and Christ to offer free screenings 1-7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Westin Southfield, 1500 Town Center. For more information, call (888) 245-9455.

The screening includes a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test and physical examination by a local licensed physician.

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Self help mental health

Weekly meetings in Livonia 2:30 p.m. Sundays, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, and 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church. Recovery Inc. teaches a self-help method of mental health that parallels principles found in cognitive/behavioral therapy. Recovery helps people who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings that interfere with effectively meeting the challenges of daily living. No charge. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org.

Divorce support

Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Prostate cancer lecture

How To Resolve The PSA Dilemma? Active Surveillance Or Treatment Of Prostate Cancer?, a lecture by Laurence Klotz, M.D., and professor, Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills To RSVP, call (248) 538-6514 or send e-mail to khardy@dmc.org.

Eating disorder support

Group meeting 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, Rain Drop AME Church in Chinese Gospel Church, 35301 Five Mile, Livonia. Closed meeting. No charge. Call (734) 324-3089.

Memory loss seminar

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 (registration at 6:30 p.m.), Is It Forgetfulness or Memory Loss?, information on diagnosis and treatment of dementia as well as information on caregiving, at

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carl Drive, Commerce. Pre-registration required. No charge. Call (248) 937-3314.

CFS/Fibromyalgia support group

Meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. An introduction to a new 6-step approach for treatment will be presented by a nurse. There is a small fee for non-members. Call (248) 346-3164.

Diabetes and your skin

Speaker is Dr. David Pegouske, a dermatologist 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Diabetes Support Group Meeting in St. Mary Mercy Hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

Supporting nurses

Join WeSupportNurses.com, Michigan Center for Nursing and friends of nurses for a Family Fun Doubleheader in support of Nurses Week. The Doubleheader includes Nursing Day with the Tigers and a Nurse Walk that will support nurses in Michigan. Nurses Day at Tiger Stadium will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 13, followed by a fabulous fireworks display. Tickets are \$25 and can only be purchased in advance.

The 2nd Annual Nurse Walk allows supporters to go the extra mile 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Money raised by the Nurse Walk will help support nursing projects. Registration is \$30 adults, \$10 children and teens, and nursing students. For information or to purchase tickets for Nursing Day with the Tigers, call (248) 370-4065 or send e-mail to johnson2@oakland.edu. For information or to register for the walk, visit www.michigancenterfor-nursing.com.

Tai Chi classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering two fitness "Tai Chi for Arthritis" classes: the eight-week evening class, held on Mondays, to June 27, from 6:30-7:30

p.m. (\$60), and the six-week daytime class, held on Fridays, May 13 to June 24, from 10-11 a.m. (\$50). Both classes held in St. Mary Mercy Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Enrollment limited. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out-of-area callers only). Registration fee required prior to first class.

Communicating with your doctor

A lecture by Ginger Ramsay, an RN, 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-8950.

Conquer Food Cravings

6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 and 25, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. If you are a woman who craves chocolate or a man who couldn't live without steak, this class with biochemist Sandy Baumann will teach you simple nutritional strategies and dietary supplements to reduce cravings for chips, chocolate, sweet treats, ice cream, and steak. It will also help you uncover hidden food sensitivities that may trigger snack binges. Cost is \$74, seniors \$59.20, and includes workbook. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

Feed Your Bones Naturally

9 a.m. to noon Friday, May 20 and 27, at the Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$64, seniors \$51.20. Call (313) 317-1500. Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann how to protect your bones by identifying bone robbers like nicotine, inactivity, caffeine, etc. then hire specific vitamins, minerals, and supplements as bone builders.

UPCOMING

Boost camp

A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through

wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at the Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Cost is \$50 per person, includes lunch and materials. Registration required. For information, call (248) 465-5455. Presented by Providence Center for the Healing Arts, the event is open to the public.

Camp Midicha

Registration has started for the American Diabetes Association's Camp Midicha 2005. The camp is the only residential summer camp designed for, and dedicated to, children and teenagers with diabetes. Campers attend one of three one-week sessions: July 31-Aug. 5, Aug. 7-Aug. 12; and Aug. 14-Aug. 19. Each session will be held at the YMCA's Camp Copneconic in Fenton. Along with swimming, archery, kayaking and sports, campers enjoy horseback riding, a ropes course, and arts and crafts. All costs for camp include lodging, meals, snacks, activities and medical supplies like insulin, syringes, lancets, meters and strips. The ADA also is seeking volunteers and youth counselors for Camp Midicha. For information, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org.

Volunteers needed

Sandcastles, a grief support program for children and teens, is seeking volunteers for its sites in Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other communities. The program is sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. Meetings are held bi-weekly. To register for training or for more information, call (313) 874-6881. Hospices of Henry Ford is seeking volunteers who want to make a positive contribution to people in need. Volunteers will offer companionship and family support for loved ones who are terminally ill in the patient's home, nursing home facilities or in the hospital. For information, call (800) 492-9909.

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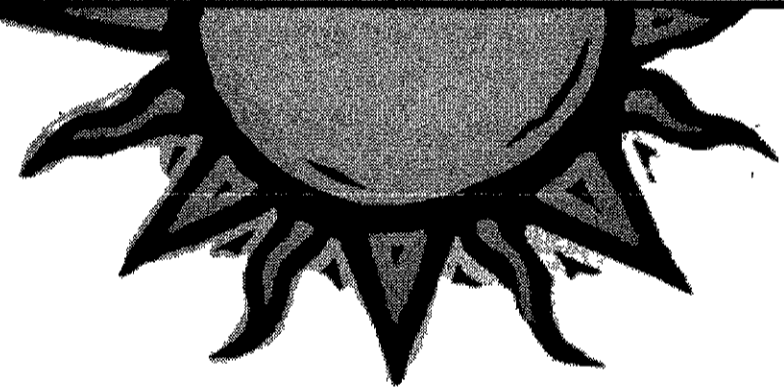
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THE SCENT OF A WOMAN

Perfume expert visits Saks

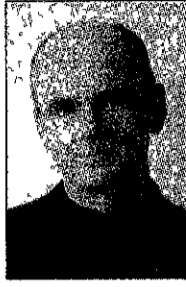
BY WENDSY WHITE

When Roja Dove was 6 years old, his mother tucked him in one night before going out to a party. She was an "ordinary" mom, Dove said, but that evening she wore a gold lamé dress and was beautifully backlit by soft light from the hall. When she stooped to kiss him, he smelled her powder and her perfume.

Years later, as a grown man, Dove gathered with other perfumers to smell their latest creations over dinner and champagne. He dabbed a scent on the back of his hand, cupped it to his face, and immediately started to cry.

It was his mother's perfume, and the smell brought him instantly back to a lost moment in time.

"I hadn't smelled it in years. It had been discontinued, but my friend's firm owned the formula and made a little bottle," Dove told a crowd gath-



Roja Dove

ered at Saks Fifth Avenue Somerset during his recent appearance there. "Your nostrils are the window to the soul, and perfume is the key that unlocks a part of it."

Smells stimulate the olfactory nerve, attached directly to the brain, triggering instant emotions and memories.

An infant first bonds to its mother by scent, and as life goes on, creates a completely individual olfactory palate, Dove explained. That's why different perfumes appeal to different people.

"If you like a fragrance on your friend but not on you, it's because it doesn't suit your personality," Dove said.

A master perfumer from Brighton Beach, England,

Dove spent seven years studying the 3,000-4,000 raw ingredients that are used in perfumes, and only after more careful study was deemed ready to begin combining them to create perfumes.

Dove visited Saks during a benefit for the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Michigan representing Guerlain, the oldest perfumery in the world and the number one perfume house in France.

As other scents waft in and out of fashion on a breeze of marketing, Guerlain continues to produce classic scents that have stood the test of time, like Shalimar, Jicky and Mitsouko, Dove said.

Dove described himself as the "anti-marketeer" of perfume.

"A perfume should be an extension of your being. It

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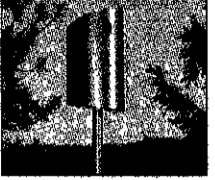
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More men in nursing: Is trend enough to solve shortage?



The number of male nurses in the United States has nearly doubled since the 1980s - growing from 5 percent to 9 percent of the nation's 1.8 million nurses.

(NUI) - Higher wages and job security are prompting more men to enter the field of nursing.

According to a Vanderbilt University School of Nursing study, the number of male nurses in the United States has nearly doubled since the 1980s - growing from 5 percent to 9 percent of the nation's 1.8 million nurses.

Just as the number of men in nursing has steadily climbed, so has the public's perception of the profession. A recent Gallup Poll ranked nursing as the most trusted profession, above teachers, military officers and even doctors.

This is promising news for those working to end the nationwide nursing shortage and stave off an impending health care crisis. According to the Vanderbilt study, the nursing shortage could approach 800,000 positions by 2020.

To recruit and retain more nurses, educators must address the shortage of nursing faculty in the nation's colleges and universities. According to an enrollment survey by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, more than 26,000 qualified applicants were turned away from undergraduate programs last year due in large part to faculty shortages.

Hospitals, universities and nursing organizations are working to end the nursing shortage with help from pri-

vate-sector initiatives, such as The Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future.

The goals of this \$30 million public awareness campaign are to enhance the image of the nursing profession, recruit new nurses and faculty and retain nurses currently in the profession.

"Building awareness of the shortage of nurses and nurse faculty, as well as the benefits of a career in nursing, has had a big impact," said Andrea Higham, director of The Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. "But concerted efforts must continue if we're to head off what is predicted to be a huge problem well into the next decade."

The campaign sponsors fundraising events called Promise of Nursing galas, which have raised more than \$7 million for nursing scholarships, faculty fellowships and specialized nursing program grants.

Higham said men are a key target of the awareness campaign, noting that if the number of men entering nursing each year grew to anywhere near the number of women entering the field, the nursing shortage would cease to exist.

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HoMedics, the leader in wellness and relaxation products, is looking for a Maintenance Technician to work in their Commerce Twp & Novi distribution center. Duties will include preventative and corrective maintenance and repairs on warehouse production equipment, routine maintenance and repairs on all facility equipment, building and grounds. Good mechanical, communication and problem solving skills are a must. The ideal candidate will have a high school diploma and 3-5 years maintenance experience. HoMedics offers competitive wages and an excellent benefits package, including 401(k). If you are interested in applying for this position, please fax your resume and Wage Requirements to: 248-963-3119, or email at resume@homedics.com

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Full time, with excellent pay and fringe benefits, in Oakland County Requirements: College graduate with excellent communication/organizational skills...

EMPLOYMENT SUPERVISOR

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Golf & banquet center in Western Detroit suburbs seeks a seasonal individual responsible to plant annual flowers, maintain the flower gardens as well as the overall beautification of the grounds...

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We are a supplier of automotive coatings to the Big Three and the Plastic Injection Molding Industry seeking a field representative to work at various customer sites throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada...

LEASING CONSULTANT

Brand new, upscale, & fast paced apartment community in Canton is looking for an enthusiastic, & motivated leasing consultant Must have a minimum of 2 yrs. experience. Please fax resume to (734) 495-9505

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Opportunity for high energy Sales & Stock Associates w/flexible work schedule For Farmington Hills bachelor's home One 8 hour day per week Please call only if you have written references showing 5 years or more experience at professional housekeeping, showing good reliability & absolute honesty

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OPEN HOUSE Garden City Hospital would like to congratulate Lida Roustaeif for receiving nomination for Nurse of the Year! Great Job! We would also like to invite all Registered Nurses to our Open House. May 12 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Tour the hospital units, meet the staff and join us in celebrating Florence Nightingale's Birthday! There will be: Raffles for great prizes! Gift certificates to the first 50 RNs who bring an RN friend along Free whole body and chair massages! Sign-on bonus to all experienced hires Child care on-site for ages 5+ Unit hospitality areas Great cake! Show your RN license for prize eligibility Enter through the hospital main entrance For more information call Human Resources at (734) 458-4208 GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL 6245 N. Inkster Rd. Garden City, MI 48135

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On the waterfront: Lakefront living comes to Livonia

Hunter Homes is building new homes on the north side of Newburgh Lake and Hines Park in Livonia, offering house hunters a rare chance to buy lakefront property in the city.

"We are offering the best floor plans within the most beautiful setting in the most convenient location on the west side of the metropolitan area," said Craig Corbell, manager with Hunter Homes.

The development is located near Plymouth and Newburgh roads on the city's west side.

"During our sneak preview, people told us they have been dying to get into the model after seeing the spectacular views the site offers," sales representative Jim Manna said.

"People come in and say 'wow' after seeing the fabulous floor plans overlooking the lake. They can't believe anything like this existed in Livonia."

Five floor plans are available featuring both colonial and ranch layouts. The plans cater to every lifestyle and all offer many unexpected standard features as well as highly desirable optional items such as Jetted tubs, oversized garages and flexible living spaces.

Sidewalks are a big draw to the

community. They allow for interaction with the adjoining neighborhoods. Every type of site is available from corner lots to cul-de-sac locations, from neighborhood size to extra-deep back yards. Many back up to Hines Park and Newburgh Lake.

All homes in Hunters Park Estates will include at base price large two-car garages, first-floor laundry, full poured concrete basements, and full-brick on the first floor. The exterior elevations are all classic in design.

The development has easy freeway access to I-96 and I-275. Downtown Plymouth is only two miles to the west while the Livonia business district is only two miles to the east. St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Laurel Park Place, Madonna University and the I-96 industrial corridor are only a few miles away.

The largest two-story home features a two-story great room and foyer with a den and full bath on the first floor. It has four bedrooms upstairs. The master suite has two walk-in closets while the other three share a hall bath with two sinks. One model has optional egress windows in the basement that extend the living area downstairs for a

family/media/game room and possibly another one or two bedrooms.

The second, two-story plan is laid out like a traditional colonial with a "flex" room up front that can serve as a den or dining room or living room. The foyer is two stories with a grand staircase. The model includes a large master suite while the fourth bedroom can be converted into an optional sitting area connected to the master suite.

The third, two-story plan features a two-story foyer and two-story family room. It has four bedrooms or three bedrooms and a loft that overlooks the two-story family room.

The first 1-1/2 story plan lives like a large ranch with the front flex-room serving as a dining room or den. There are 2 additional bedrooms upstairs. It has a first floor laundry with the nook overlooking the rear yard.

The ranch plan features all rooms that are open and feature oversized windows.

Base prices run from \$315,000 to \$345,000.

The property tax rate is \$34.47 per \$1,000 of state equalized value, half of the sales price for new construc-



Hunters Park Estates in Livonia offers buyers a rare chance to own lakefront property in the city.

tion. That means the owner of a \$330,000 home there would pay about \$5,688 the first year.

The annual commons area association fee is projected at \$150 per year.

The three model homes are on the south side of Plymouth just west of Newburgh. For more information, call (734) 542-7981 or (248) 594-5482.

Selling your house yourself could prove to be very costly venture

Should I try to save the real estate fee by trying to sell the house myself, or should I hire a Realtor to sell my house for me?

Money is indeed important to almost everyone I encounter. Some sellers don't understand that if the market value of their house is \$250,000, why they should spend the extra money to pay a Realtor to sell it for them. After all, they think to themselves, they could use the excess money for furniture or to buy their next house.

Unfortunately, selling a house isn't quite that easy and there is a lot that goes into it. In fact, about 80 percent of those that start selling their house themselves end up hiring a Realtor to sell it for them. And a good chunk



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that do end up selling it themselves spend more money than if they hired a Realtor to sell it for them.

Why does this happen?

■ The law of supply and demand. What the law of supply and demand says in this case is that the more buyers that are exposed to your home, the more likely that you will get an offer

that is close to what you want. A for sale by owner (FSBO) simply doesn't have the tools and resources to market his/her home that Realtors do.

■ Buyers often shop FSBOs in order to save money. For the most part, the way the system is set up, it's the seller who pays both the seller's and buyer's agents.

Since buyers would normally get the buyer agent's services for free the main incentive for buyers to go to a FSBO is because they know that the FSBO is not paying the real estate fee. These buyers are trying to save the same real estate fee that the FSBOs are trying to save. What you are left with is a situation where both the seller and buyer are both trying to save

the same fee.

■ Often, time is against the seller. Even using a Realtor the average market time in a sub could be anywhere from 30 to 90 days. It then could take up to 45 days to go from a sale to a close. If sellers try to sell their house themselves it could easily take double that time because they don't have the ability to put it on the MLS, the database that Realtors use to sell houses, and to do the marketing involved. If the sellers already bought a house, they most likely will soon have two mortgages or have to take out a bridge loan. Both of these are not things that you want to end up doing.

■ In my opinion the most important reason to hire a Realtor to sell

your home is security. Unfortunately, if someone calls asking to see your house, it is very difficult to verify whom you will be letting into your house. This is especially dangerous when you have children in your home. A Realtor will normally meet with the buyers prior to showing your house. And if there is a risk, it would be to the Realtor.

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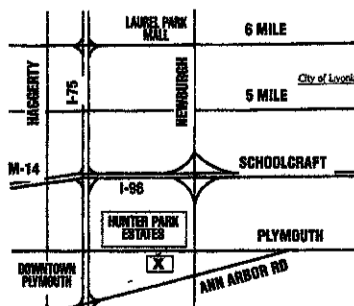


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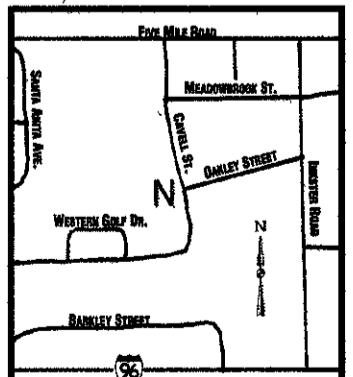
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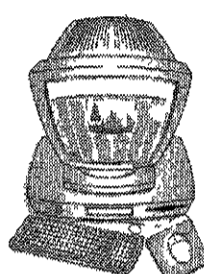
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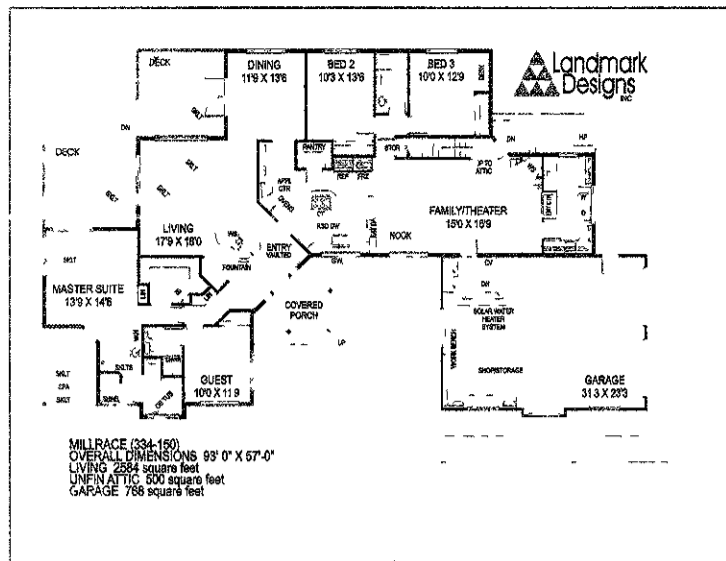
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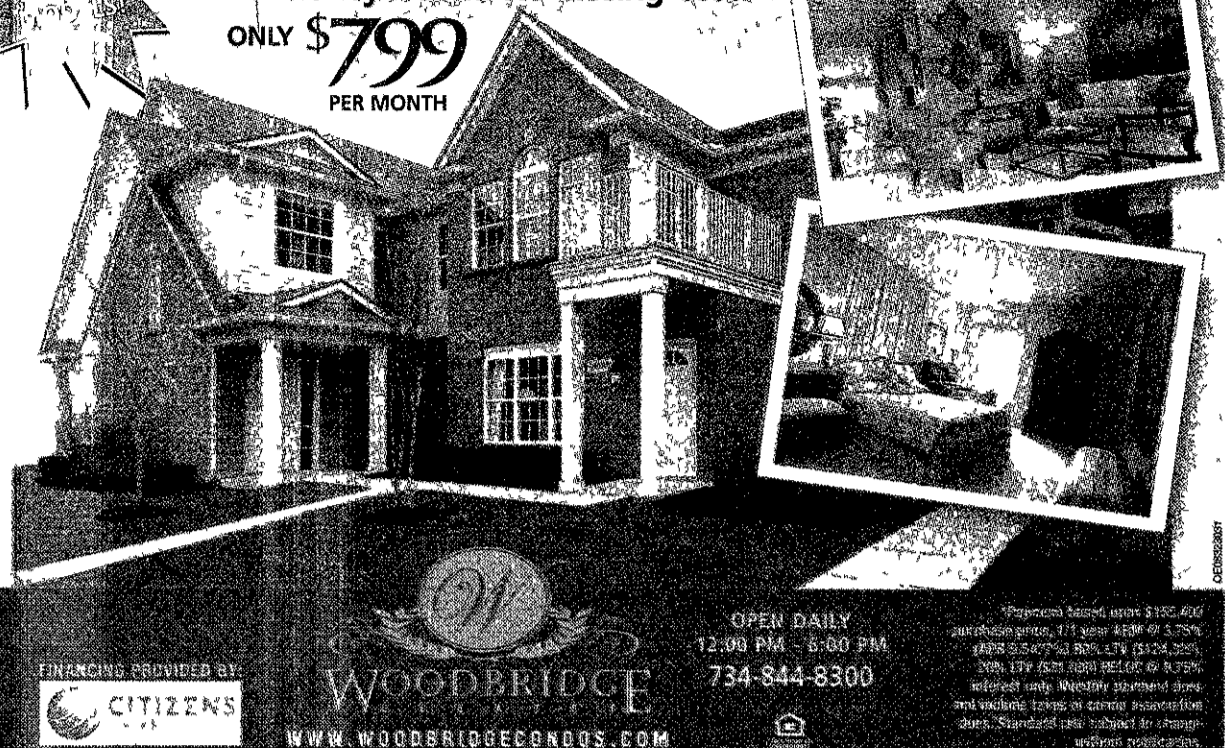
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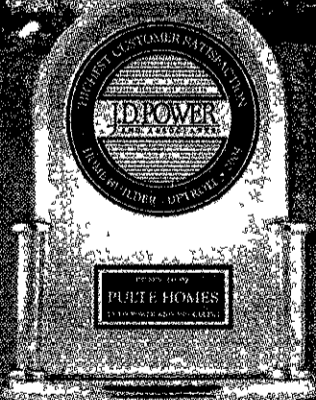
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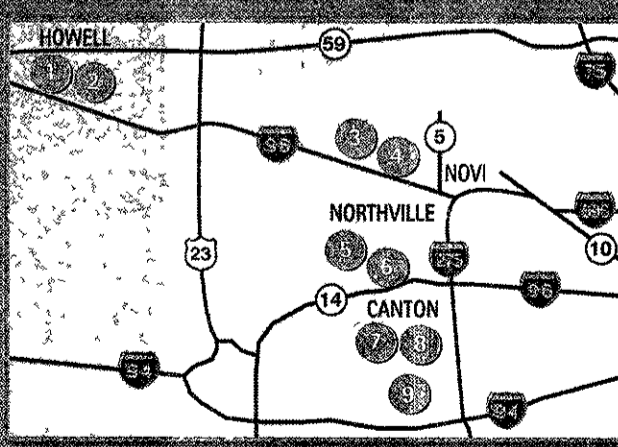
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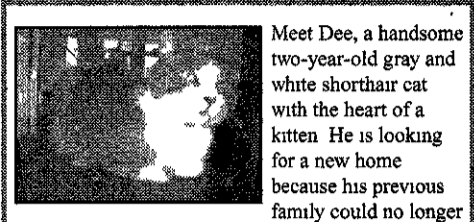
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Freshened Honda CR-V a great value

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By Anne Fracassa
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The total redesign of the 2005 version of the Honda CR-V is a pleasant and much-needed change for the better.

It provided both exterior and interior improvements, more safety equipment and features and the addition of a Special Edition CR-V. Let's go with that first.

The Special Edition CR-V is actually the EX trim level with a bunch of extra stuff like heated leather seats, leather steering wheel and shift knob and heated door mirrors. On the outside you'll find body-colored bumpers, side molding, door handles and a hard spare tire cover.

Also this year, a five-speed automatic transmission is standard equipment on all trim levels along with integrated keyless remote entry. The standard equipment list is a long one, too.

On the outside, the CR-V has a set of beautifully shaped headlights and an aerodynamic front bumper. There are also new colors to choose from. On the inside, you'll find steering-mounted audio controls and an outside temperature gauge. There are also larger seat back pockets and retractable grab rails.

Safety-wise, there are several quality changes like antilock brakes, front side airbags and Vehicle Stability Assist with traction control.

The interior of the CR-V is very roomy and



Anne Fracassa



2005 Honda CR-V. Vehicle type: Small sport utility. Power: 2.4-liter, DOHC, 16-valve aluminum alloy 4-cylinder. Mileage: 22 mpg city, 27 mpg highway. Price as tested: \$22,650.

comfortable. Back seat passengers have plenty of room to maneuver around. Front passengers, no matter how tall, will have plenty of room as well. The headroom has been improved drastically to more than 39 inches. The overall length of the CR-V is 181 inches and its height is 66.2 inches. Finally, cargo room with the seat up is 33.5 cubic feet and with the rear seat down, you'll increase that to more than double at 72 cubic feet.

With its 15.3-gallon fuel tank and EPA mileage estimated running between 21 and 23 mpg in the city and 27 and 29 mpg on the highway, you won't be running to the gas station very much.

There are three distinct trim levels to choose from along with the Special Edition: two-wheel-drive LX and four-wheel-drive LX and EX.

The reclining 60/40 rear seats have adjustable head restraints and a fold and tumble feature and center armrest. They can also slide forward. The driver's seat has a

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Here's some of the standard equipment on the two-wheel-drive basic model: power windows with automatic up and down on the driver's side, power door locks, cruise control, dual trip odometer, map lights, headlights on reminders, LATCH child restraint system, air conditioning with micron air filtration, coin tray, AM/FM cassette with CD changer, adjustable steering column, retractable center tray table with cup and cell phone holders, rear cup holders, two-speed intermittent windshield wipers, front and rear three-point seat belts, dual vanity mirrors, 12-volt outlets, rear seat heater ducts, remote glass hatch release, cargo area light, cargo hooks, door pocket storage bins and remote fuel filter door release.

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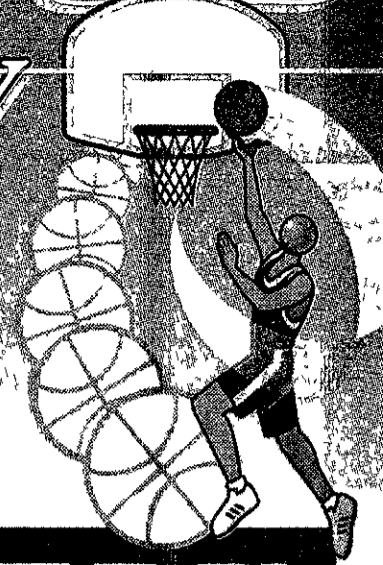
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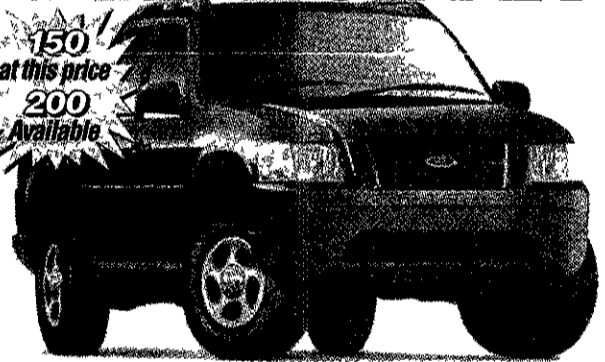
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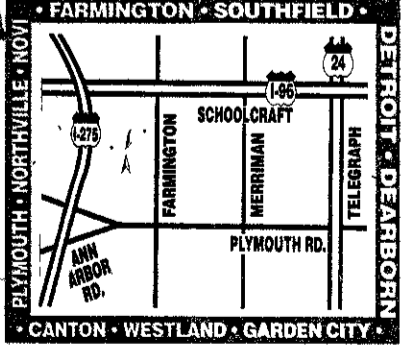
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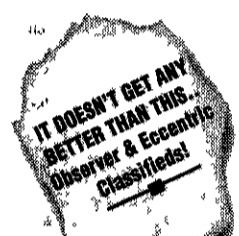
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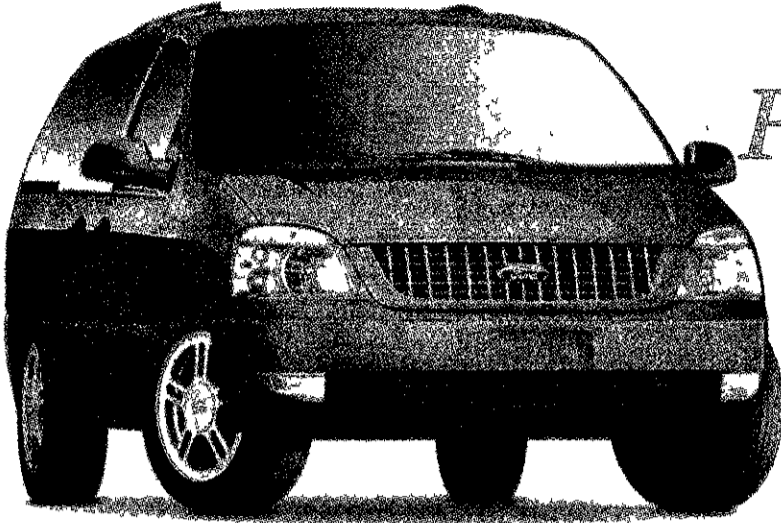
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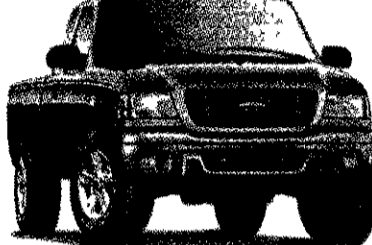
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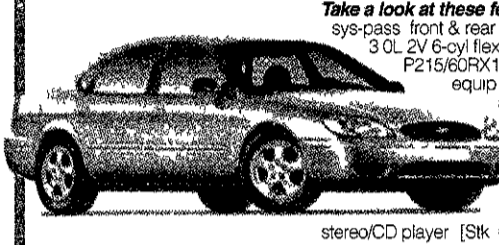


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A-PLAN \$17,323^{30*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$190.52** per mo.	\$124.37** per mo.
	\$441 95 AMOUNT DUE	\$1961 83 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Taurus SE 4 Door Sedan



Take a look at these features... Air down rstrnt sys-pass front & rear fir mats dual pwr mirror 3.0L 2V 6-cyl flex fuel eng auto o/d trans P215/60RX16 all seas tire SE pref equip pkg 5 spoke painted alum whls rr spoiler pwr driver's seat 60/40 split/fold rear seat 5 pass w/ir console fir shift, ltr-wrppd string wrl pwr htd mirror perm lighting AM/FM stereo/CD player [Stk #53075] WAS \$23,130

A-PLAN \$13,426^{65*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$177.11** per mo.	\$114.46** per mo.
	\$540 74 AMOUNT DUE	\$2064 33 AMOUNT DUE

2005 F-150 Supercab XLT 4x4



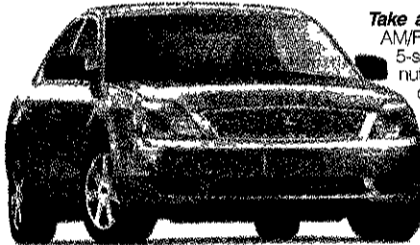
Take a look at these features... Preferred equipment pkg 507A, XLT series, 5.4L EFI V8 engine, electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive trans P235/70RX17 OWL all-terrain 3.55 ratio limited slip axle 7200# GVWR pkg tow & go std 4 elect lift-on-fly sliding rear window trailer tow pkg, 17 mach aluminum wheel accents [Stk #52490] WAS \$33,835

A-PLAN \$22,270^{65*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$183.20** per mo.	\$117.05** per mo.
	\$464 19 AMOUNT DUE	\$1984 07 AMOUNT DUE

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2005 Ford Five Hundred SEL



Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDX6 MP3 radio, 17 x 7 5-spoke aluminum with lug nuts fog lamps message center steering wheel audio controls Optional Equip 3.0L 4V Duratec engine automatic transmission 6-speed P215/60R17 BSW tires traction control [Stk #52779] WAS \$25,045

A-PLAN \$20,056^{25*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$269.66** per mo.	\$206.26** per mo.
	\$345 84 AMOUNT DUE	\$1866 64 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Freestyle FWD SEL

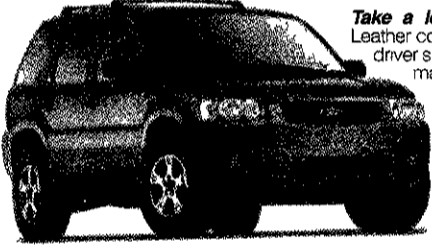


Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDX6 MP3 radio anti lock brakes, mess center 17x7.5 spok bright alum wheel string wrl audio controls fog lamps Optional Equipment 3.0L 4V Duratec engine, contin variable trans P215/60R17 BSW tires 5.19 ratio regular axle 50/60 split seat trac control 60/40 split 3-passenger 2nd row [Stk #53351] WAS \$27,185

A-PLAN \$21,949^{65*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$264.33** per mo.	\$201.68** per mo.
	\$340 19 AMOUNT DUE	\$1863 78 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Ford Escape Limited FWD



Take a look at these features... Leather comfort group power 6-way driver's seat front and rear floor mats speed control conditioning perimeter alarm, duratec 30-3.0L V6 engine, 4-spd automatic o/d trans P235/70R16 all-season BSW tires, cargo convenience group, rear cargo storage bin [Stock #52042] WAS \$25,575

A-PLAN \$18,816^{58*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$246.36** per mo.	\$179.75** per mo.
	\$471 14 AMOUNT DUE	\$1990 64 AMOUNT DUE

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2005 Explorer XLT Sport



Take a look at these features... Advance trac w/ RSC XLT sport package convenience group P245/65R17 all-terrain OWL tires 17 bright alum wheels, tire pressure monitoring system, radio w/single CD, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel engine, 5-speed auto o/d trans 3.73 ratio regular axle trailer tow package class III/IV, adj power pedals, black roof rail w/ crossbars [Stk #52079] WAS \$34,130

A-PLAN \$22,794^{30*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$237.31** per mo.	\$172.85** per mo.
	\$909 55 AMOUNT DUE	\$2156 22 AMOUNT DUE

2005 Focus ZX4 SES 4 Door

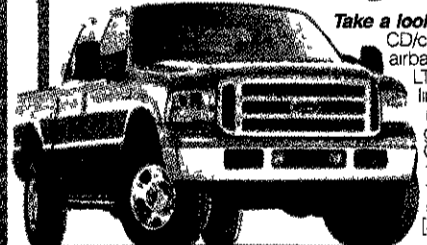


Take a look at these features... integrated fog lamps leather wrapped steering wheel speed control, air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, 2.0L DOHC eng automatic trans axle P205/50R16 BSW tires [Stk #51242] WAS \$17,790

A-PLAN \$12,754^{58*}

24 MONTH LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$226.92** per mo.	\$161.00** per mo.
	\$409 44 AMOUNT DUE	\$1929 64 AMOUNT DUE

2005 F-250 Super Duty S6 4x4



Take a look at these features... Prem AM/FM CD/clock, Pref eqg pkg 607A pass armpg air 5.4L EFI V8 eng 5-spd auto, L265/70RX17E OWL A/T, 3.73 ratio ltr slip axle XLT sport pkg, sliding rear windows fog lamps privacy glass, bodyside moldings, 9200 GVWR pkg, trail hitch rec 12.5K, forged alum whls, elec shift-on-the-fly F24 pkg, prem elec AM/FM stereo/6-disc CD & too much to list [Stock #50485] WAS \$37,530

A-PLAN \$26,922^{84*}

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$235.68** per mo.	\$168.60** per mo.
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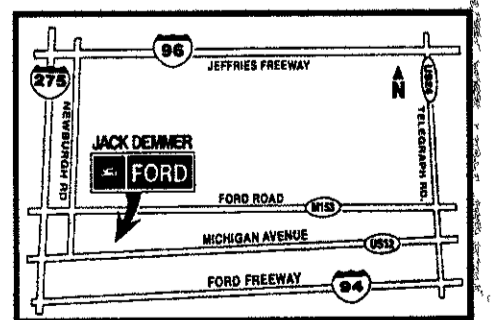
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