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Township may ask for more

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township board members aren't taking long to grieve the death of their failed police/fire millage request.

A week after being stung by voters who turned down their request for a 1.63-mill renewal and a .37 increase to recapture money eroded by the Headlee Amendment, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Tuesday will decide how to go about trying to convince voters they need the money.

And this time, they may ask for even more.

The board is expected to discuss, and perhaps vote, on ballot proposal language for a potential August special election. The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the township board meeting room in the township complex at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

This time officials are expected to split the proposal into two requests - one for the renewal and another for the increase. Supervisor Richard Reaume said Friday officials will look at all the financial numbers to determine what amounts to seek.

We have to look at the numbers and figure out exactly what we need to solve the long-term problem, Reaume said. That will determine how much we ask for. That will be something board members will have to vote on.

Voters on Tuesday overwhelmingly - by nearly 500 votes - turned down the ballot proposal, which asked for the renewal and increase in one question. Prior to the election, officials drew some criticism for not splitting it into two questions.

I probably would have renewed, no problem, township resident Bill Henry said. "They didn't give us an option (on the increase). I probably would have approved (the increase) too, but they didn't give us the option."

The township spends some \$8 million on its police and fire services, some 66 percent of its total budget, according to Treasurer Ron Edwards. The millage voted down Tuesday - and a separate .8137 fire millage passed in 2001 - provide about 55 percent of the funding for the police/fire budgets. The rest comes from other revenue sources such as fees and state-shared revenue.

Edwards indicated Thursday the township is likely to lose as much as another \$110,000 from the state this year.

The biggest downfall for Tuesday's proposal came in the absentee ballots, where voters turned it down 1,152-781.

Edwards said township officials will have to do a better job explaining the need before the August vote.

"We didn't educate people well enough," he said. "We'll have to do a better job of that the next time."



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Dan Sheehan, owner of Mother's Pizza, sets out a fresh vegetarian pizza at Wednesday's Showcase Plymouth event. Mother's won the annual pizza popularity contest.

'Slice' of success

Pizza contest, taste event highlight 'Showcase'

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Fran Toney, the executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, thinks the 2005 Showcase Plymouth/Taste of Plymouth event was one of the best he's ever had.

Jennifer Philpott-Munson, the leader of the Friends of the Penn movement to save downtown Plymouth's Penn Theater, couldn't argue the point.

Philpott-Munson and members of her group used the annual networking event to further their cause, providing T-shirts in exchange for donations and generally trying to raise awareness of the effort to save the downtown landmark.



An estimated 800 people made their way around booths set up by some 80 vendors, 19 restaurants and half-a-dozen pizzerias at Wednesday's Showcase Plymouth event at St. John's Golf & Conference Center.

"It was a fantastic forum to get new people involved," Philpott-Munson said. "There were a lot of people who hadn't heard what's been going on, we even found people who thought the Penn was still operating. In addition to collecting a significant amount of funds from donations, we were able to get

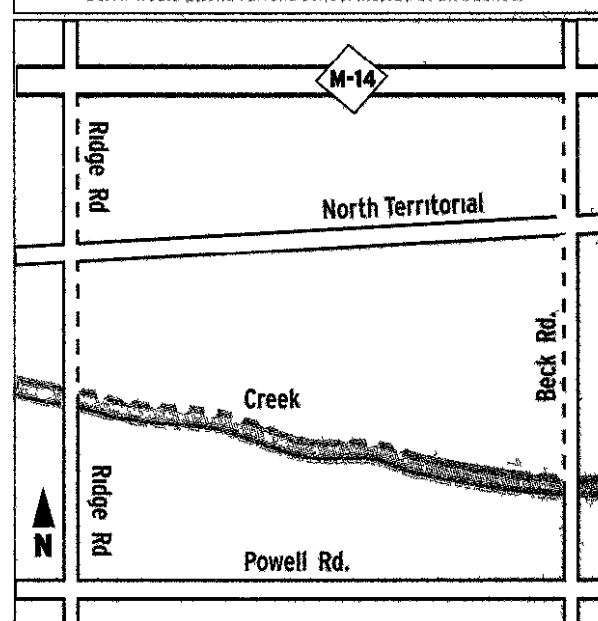
several new people on board."

The Friends of the Penn bought one of some 80 vendor booths that were on hand for the annual event sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury at St. John's Golf & Conference Center. Vendors from all over

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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.



Source: Plymouth Canton Schools

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 restricted 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.

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ARTFeast highlights local arts, businesses

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is looking for cool cities throughout the state that will encourage people to live and work in Michigan.

Next weekend, Plymouth plans to show the governor she doesn't have to look too far.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and dozens of Plymouth-area businesses will host the first annual ARTFeast, a three-day event to highlight art and business.

"ARTFeast is a weekend art walk where you can feast your eyes on fantastic art of all types, feast your ears on great

music filling the streets and shops, as well as feast on great food and drink," said organizer Annette Horn, owner of Native West on Ann Arbor Trail.

PCAC Executive Director Stella Greene said it's an opportunity to showcase the area's talent, as well as Plymouth businesses.

We went to the area businesses and told them we could help draw business by placing a live artist in their business and profiling their work," Greene said. "It's a chance for the artists to get some exposure, and to get customers into their businesses."

"We want to create a healthy business community

and let people know we encourage and support the arts," she said.

ARTFeast begins Friday from 6-9 p.m., and will include musicians serenading people walking the streets of downtown Plymouth. Those who visit the participating shops - which will have balloons outside their doors - and their respective artists on Friday will also be treated to the "feast" part, as local restaurants provide hors d'oeuvres and snacks.

Not all the businesses participating in ARTFeast are located within the walking area of downtown Plymouth.

PLEASE SEE ARTFEAST, A5



Auto excellence

Mitchell McIntosh of Canton (left) and Thomas Handrinos of Plymouth, both Canton High School students, were finalists in the 2005 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition recently at the Macomb Community College Expo Center. McIntosh, a senior, and Handrinos, a junior, got to the finals by outscoring teams from 28 other Michigan high schools in a 50-question written exam covering all aspects of automotive service. The finals consisted of a hands-on challenge in which the student teams had to diagnose and fix mechanical and electrical "bugs." The Canton team was coached by instructor Mike Duff of Canton.

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When a GIRL HAS A PLAN

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Hazardous waste

Officials from Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth once again offer their joint annual "Household Hazardous Waste Day" event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in the parking lot at Compuware Arena.

The event is open only to city and township residents, who will have to show a driver's license. Acceptable wastes include paints/stains, automotive fluids, batteries, computer equipment, propane cylinders, fertilizers and pesticides.

Unacceptable items include smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, PCBs, ammunition and fireworks and medical waste. A full list of acceptable materials can be found on the Web at www.plymouthtwp.org/Community/SpecialEvents/HHWDay2.htm.

For more information, call the township at (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33, or the city at (734) 453-7737, Ext. 108.

of the life-sized sculpture, 'Lunchtime on a Skyscraper,' by artist Sergio Furnari.

This three-dimensional reproduction was created from a famous, though unattributed photograph taken in 1932. The photograph portrays 11 men eating their midday lunch while sitting on a steel girder 800 feet off the ground at the R.C.A. Building in New York's Rockefeller Center.

Gallery owner Walter Menard commissioned Furnari to craft the sculpture (only the third of its kind), for this inaugural event, which will be held on May 13-15. The artist, Furnari, is scheduled to be in attendance at Lotus Arts Gallery for the opening festivities on Friday evening to present the life-sized sculpture.

Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5400.

Resume workshop

The Plymouth District Library will host a Resume Workshop 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. Library staff members will provide hands-on help with content, design and trans-

mission of resumes via U.S. mail and e-mail.

Register for this free program at the Library's Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Bicycle safety

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club hosts a Bike Safety Rally open to all children in the Plymouth-Canton community. The event takes place from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 22, in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Safety for bicycles, rollerblades and skateboards will be discussed with the Modern Skate and Surf Team. Helmets will be available for \$10.

Fire and emergency safety will also be topics, with Canton and Plymouth Township fire departments and EMS street safety promoted by the Plymouth Police Department. Door prizes and bicycle safety checks will be available.

Works on paper

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Works on Paper," an exhibition of psychological landscapes in watercolor by Bonnie Miljour.

May 9-27 The Ann Arbor artist and scientific illustrator likes to explore the connection between inner and outer realities, between the life of the mind and the external, tangible world. Her thought-provoking and highly original work has been widely exhibited in southeastern Michigan and has won numerous awards.

A reception will be held for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Arts Center at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth. It will be one of the stops on the Plymouth Art Feast Gallery Walk being held the weekend of May 13-15.

Regular hours for the show are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for additional information.

Food drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers and the Plymouth Salvation Army host a food drive Saturday, May 14, to benefit children with no lunch program and seniors who need assistance during the summer months.

Donors can leave their donations of non-perishables by their mailboxes, and mail carriers will pick them up while delivering mail May 14. Food can also be dropped off at both Plymouth post office locations — on Beck in the township and Penniman in the city — before May 14.

Items officials are looking for include macaroni and cheese, boxed rice and pasta, soup, instant potatoes and stuffing, cake mixes, popcorn, Bisquick, boxed potato mixes, oatmeal, crackers, peanut butter, jelly or jam, gelatin, instant pudding, powdered drinks, sugar and cereal.

While the food drive is actually a national event, the Plymouth mail carrier and Plymouth Salvation Army will team up to keep food in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area served by the Salvation Army. Last year's donation collected more than 23,700 pounds of food in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-5336.

using Texture,' her intensive three-hour course emphasizes the application of various techniques and textures to add depth and intrigue to painted works.

Fellwock will demonstrate several techniques for creating texture in acrylic painting, including those used in her own well-known works. To pre-register for the class, call (734) 971-1100, space is limited. Ages 12 and up are welcome.

Youth concert

The Celebration Youth Orchestra presents a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are \$8.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony and conducted by Lindsay Riemer, the Plymouth Symphony's assistant conductor. The orchestra is comprised of two ensembles — the Celebration Strings and the Celebration Sinfonia.

Tickets can be purchased through Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460, or at the Village Theater box office two hours before performances.

For more information, call the Plymouth Symphony office, (734) 451-2112, or e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org.

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PIZZA

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the area were able to hand out information and door prizes to an estimated 800 people who bought \$10 tickets.

The other attraction was the Taste of Plymouth, which featured 14 restaurants from around the area, and the annual pizza contest, which involved five pizzerias and was won by Mother's Pizza. It was the second win in three years for Mothers.

"We're really excited about that," said Errin Sheehan, the store's general manager. "It's a

chance for us to show Plymouth what we can do and compete against the other pizzerias. The competition is always fun."

St. John's provided the food for the pre-event vendor's reception, which was sponsored by Heartland Health Care. The chamber also honored 20 Volunteers of the Year from various civic organizations and handed out \$4,000 in scholarships for community service.

"It was probably the best we've ever had," Toney said. "The booths were beautiful, (vendors) gave away neat things and a lot of information, and (St. John's) is a beautiful facility."

DEATHS

B
Lydia A Borsodi, of Livonia, died May 2

E
Nancy S Ellis, 52, of Westland, died April 29

G
Garnieta "Jean" Gage, of Clarkston, died May 2
Bob Gajda, 88, of Southfield, died April 24
Marion Graller, of Plymouth, died April 25
Laurel L Gray, 70, of Westland, died April 25
Ann J Grayot, of Dearborn Heights, died April 18
Michael Groves, 44, of Birmingham, died May 3

H
Frederick E Hodges, 73, of Howell died April 19
Dorothy I Holcomb, 93 of Beverly Hills, died May 3
Margaret E, Hood, 93, of Livonia, died April 30

K
Irven J Kaliszewski, of Westland died May 1
Susan G Kotulak of Milford, died April 21
Harvey J Krohn of Westland, died April 23

M
Duncan McPherson, 78, of Redford, died April 25
Jack S Messerschmitt, of Redford Township, died April 21
N
Geraldine Helen Nagy, 79, of

FOR THE RECORD

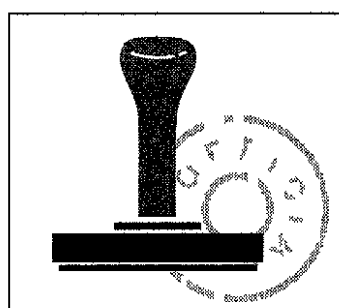
Plymouth, died April 26
R
James R Rorak Jr, 58, of Canton, died April 28

S
Wanda Sabat of Livonia, died May 4
Mark Scott, 69, of Canton, died April 29

Eleanor G (Betty) Sprague, 85 of Louisville, Colo., formerly of Birmingham died April 20

V
Helen Campbell Van Dusen 100 of Bloomfield Hills, died April 12
John Van Wagoner, 79, of Plymouth died April 19

W
Jean Marie Wesley (Colpus), 85, of Green Bay, Wisc., formerly of Rochester died April 29
Murel F Westman, 77, of Bloomfield Hills, died April 30



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the employees and customer to "step to the back of the store and don't move for five minutes."

The suspect was described as a white male in his mid-30s, 6-feet and 200 pounds wearing a long tan jacket, light-colored pants, gloves and a baseball cap. He left the scene in a red vehicle, perhaps a Honda Civic, occupied by a second white male with short hair and bearing an unknown Ohio license plate. Anyone with information can call (248) 3349 9400.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period April 27-May 3.

Tuesday, May 3 - Industrial rescue run on Plymouth Road, residential rescue runs on Newporte on North Canton Center and on Princeton, rescue run to a public building on Greenbriar, investiga-

tion on Wilcox
Monday, May 2 - Residential rescue runs on Terry, on Clemons, on St. Andrews, on Russell and on Filmore investigation on Quail Run
Sunday, May 1 - Residential rescue runs on S. Main, on Denise Court on Newporte and on Colony Farms

Saturday, April 30 - Wash-down on Northville Road, residential rescue runs on Wing, on St. Andrews on John Alden, on Plymouth Ridge and on Haggerty

Friday, April 29 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty on Heritage on Northville Road on Brougham and on Canton Center, wash-down on Amhurst

Thursday, April 28 - Vehicle accident at Church and Main, commercial rescue run on Concept, residential rescue runs on Fellows Creek, on Liberty and on Northville Road rescue run on eastbound M-14 west of Sheldon investigation on Beacon Hill, fire on Northville Road, vehicle fire on the northbound I-275 exit to Ann Arbor Road

Wednesday, April 27 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Haggerty, on Lakewood, on Ross and on Marguerite, single-family house fire on Ross, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run to a public building/school on Mill, rescue run on Haggerty, mutual-aid-received run on N Territorial, vehicle accident with extrication and establishing a landing zone at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty

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BOUNDARY

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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 déjà 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.

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

Opposed to Bird moves

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

"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

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 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 comfort-

able 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

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 neigh-

borhood 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.

ARTFEAST

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However, organizers have made it easy to get to the outlying businesses.

Friday night, in front of the (Plymouth Community) Chamber of Commerce (on Main Street across from Kellogg Park) we will have a limousine that will take visitors to the six locations outside the downtown. "It will be picking up and dropping off people every 20 minutes."

Participants can pick up a Passport of the Arts from any of the 29 participating businesses, which could be used in a drawing for 18 prizes.

"If they go to at least 12 places and have the passport stamped, they'll be eligible to be in a drawing for prizes such as sculptures, jewelry and paintings," added Horn. "It would be hard to get to all 29 locations in one day, so we spread it out over three days. We want to make it a nice, relaxing event."

ARTFeast continues from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. While some artists will be available only on Friday, their works will be on display all weekend.

"We want to bring an awareness that Plymouth is alive and well, and has a lot to offer, especially in the art department," said Horn. "Art enriches your life and can bring joy and fond memories."

While downtown is a great place to live and shop, we have a more to offer besides wonderful food and entertainment, she said.

Greene said the idea was spawned by a \$400 donation from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. Each of the 29 businesses donated \$100 to create ARTFeast.

"Awareness of the arts and stimulating community awareness helps economic development," said Greene. "What better way to do it than encourage business to be culturally and artistically aware."

"That's what the state is trying to encourage with cool

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McCotter bill offers tax credit for those who hire military veterans

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter introduced legislation calling on Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow employers an income tax credit for hiring combat veterans.

McCotter, R-Livonia, discussed the legislation, entitled the Veterans' Employment Transition Support (VETS) Act, with local veterans and business owners at a press conference April 19 at Veterans Haven in Wayne.

The VETS Act would provide a one-time credit to employers against income tax for hiring military service personnel who have been honorably discharged and have served in a combat zone or hazardous duty area. The credit would equal 40 percent of the veterans' first year wages, or up to 50 percent for disabled veterans.

The bill has 10 original

co-sponsors, including Phil English, R-Pennsylvania, Don Manzullo, R-Illinois, Candice Miller, R-Michigan, Stevan Pearce, R-New Mexico, Rick Renzi, R-Arizona, Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, Bill Shuster, R-Pennsylvania, John Sullivan, R-Oklahoma, John Sweeney, R-New York, and Walter B Jones, R-North Carolina.

"This bill ensures our valiant veterans service to our nation continues when they come home," McCotter said. "By facilitating their transition to civilian life, we further their good works on behalf of our country and our communities."

"I look forward to working with my Congressional colleagues on this and a host of other proposals to ensure our veterans receive their full measure of our support as they return to their loved ones."

Get grooming, or try a 'Cheeburger' in Wayne County

DOG DAYS

Jenny Robertson always wished she could bring her dogs - Oreo and Miss Ivory - to work with her. Now that she's opened a new business, My Dogs Groomer in Canton she does just that.

Robertson, a Plymouth Township resident, attended dog-grooming school two years ago with the intention of someday opening her own business. Once the right location became available in January, she made the move.

Robertson hosted a grand opening last week. She describes the business as a "clean, non-smoking shop." Dogs are groomed one at a time so the pets don't sit around the shop all day.

My Dogs Groomer takes walk-ins and appointments, and tours are available to anyone interested in learning more.

Robertson's is a one-woman operation, which she believes provides the best service to her customers. They talk directly with her. And she enjoys the work. It's hard to have a bad



day here, she said. Grooming services are all inclusive and priced based on the size of the pet.

All dogs are treated to a hydro massage. Grooming for small dogs costs about \$33, while medium-sized dogs are \$40-\$45 and large dogs may cost \$55-\$60, depending on their coat condition.

Pups can return between groomings for a quick nail trimming, for \$5-\$7. Deep conditioning and shedless treatments are available.

My Dogs Groomer is located at 4000 Lilley Road, in a strip mall on the east side, just south of Ford Road in Canton. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Evening appointments are available upon request. Call (734) 844-8280.

EXTRA CHEESE

Cheeburger, Cheeburger, a Florida-based restaurant chain, is looking to open its first restaurant in Michigan at the College Park development on Haggerty, north of Six Mile in Livonia.

The full-service, 1950s-style hamburger restaurant has locations in 14 states. A Canton couple, Brian and Laura Switalski, plans to open the 3,300-square-foot restaurant in a strip center which is already home to Caribou Coffee and Cold Stone Creamery.

Laura Switalski said her husband has always wanted to open this restaurant since eating at the Naples, Fla. location.

They've decided to go ahead with it, here in Livonia. "We liked the decor, it's bright neon pink," she said, "the family atmosphere. We loved the milkshakes. We liked the burgers."

The Switalskis have been working to open Cheeburger Cheeburger since last fall, when they found the potential site. Plans call for 123 seats for inside dining and 24 seats for those who want to eat outside. Food is fresh and made-to-

order at this sit-down establishment, said Laura Switalski. A milkshake bar will be featured, along with 82 flavors of milkshakes. Diners can enjoy trivia cards while waiting on their meal. And those with the biggest appetite, for the 1-pound burger, might find their picture on the restaurant's wall of fame.

The Livonia Planning Commission will vote on these plans on Tuesday, May 10. Pending approval, the restaurant would take about 90 days to construct.

Cheeburger Cheeburger's potential location would be 17398 Haggerty Road. Hours are planned to be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Switalski said they will be seeking a restaurant manager. Those interested in more information may send e-mail to livonia@cheeburger.com.

Staff writer Dan West contributed to this report.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@oehomecomm.net or call (734) 953-2054.

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Joanne Lavar, Secretary
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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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 notes of 1967 by the late Rev. William Cunningham and Eleanor Josatis. 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.

The Machinist Training Institute gives training in manufacturing trades, using some of the most sophisticated robotic equipment supplied by Detroit corporations. The Center for Advanced Technologies is a program to educate manufacturing engineers in partnership with businesses and universities. Students work toward associate and bachelor degrees. The Information Technologies Center offers computer training. First Step and FAST

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 Josatis, which also grew out of frustration over suburban/city relations.

Josatis 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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Hugh Gallagher

Sometimes press releases don't tell the whole story

Items from the mailbox

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.

Joe Bauman is managing editor for the *Eccentric Newspapers*. He welcomes feedback at (248) 901-2563 or via email at jbauman@oehomecomm.net.



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?

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Tom Stenzel
Livonia

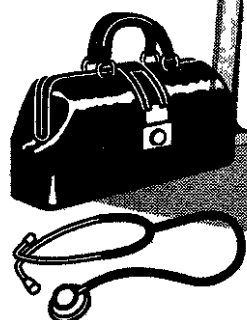
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Security forces in Iraq must be in Iraqi hands

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The US 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 US 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 US 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 Mahmoud 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 — an unlimited debate in the Senate — as a legislative tactic would upset the system of give and take that Washington has run on for decades.

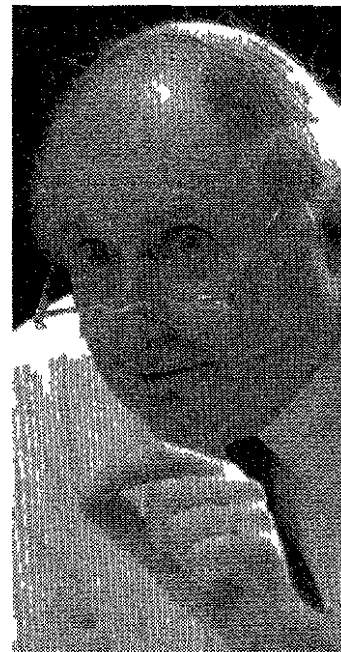
Levin said the filibuster is the only check and balance keeping the White House from getting whatever it wants. Sometimes one party does control the executive and legislative branches and the filibuster rule is all that keeps the majority from steamrolling the minority.

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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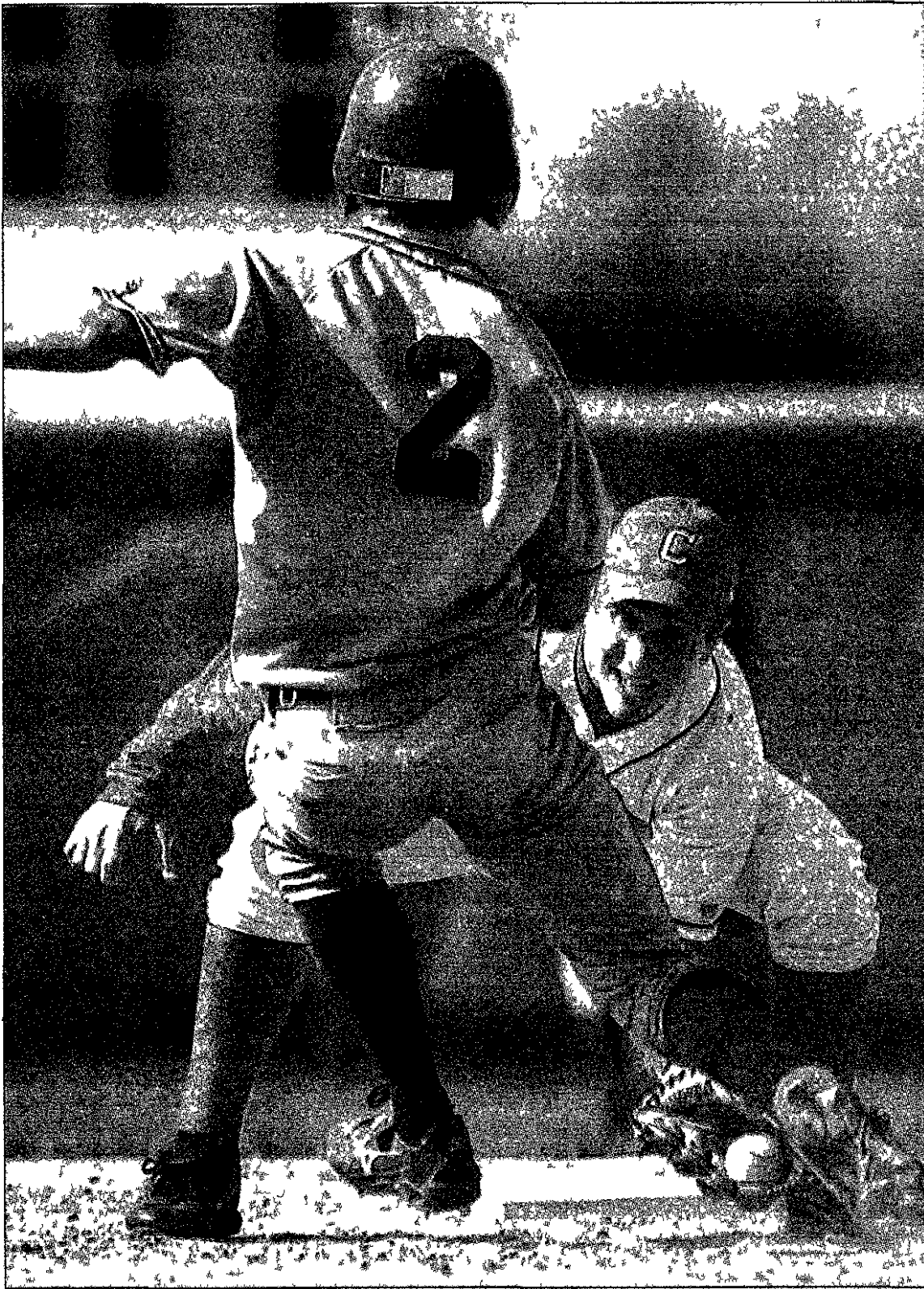


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WRESTLING — Canton club build skills. **2**

BASEBALL — Salem ousted by Wayne. **3**



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 Gietl, Brianna Giordano, Kelly Harris, Megan Johnson, Elliott Mitchem, Allison Raylean, Karen Reban, Kayla Reban, Carl SanMillan and Lindsay 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

Kari 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 four-somes 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 Muliois, 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 WLA 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 Roper 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 Lomon, 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 Lomon. "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 Roper net-minder. 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," Lomon said.

On Tuesday, the Eagles blanked Livonia Clarenceville, 5-0. Abby Lomon 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 1/3 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 2/3 innings. Dave Bell took the tough-luck loss despite giving up just one run in 9 1/3 innings in relief of starter Heath Jezierski.

Proodian shines on ice and at 'hot corner'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

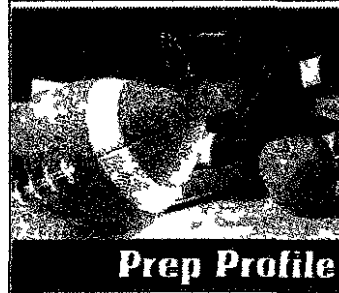
One thing is certain when Ali Proodian is swinging a softball bat or unleashing a slapshot with her hockey stick.

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,"



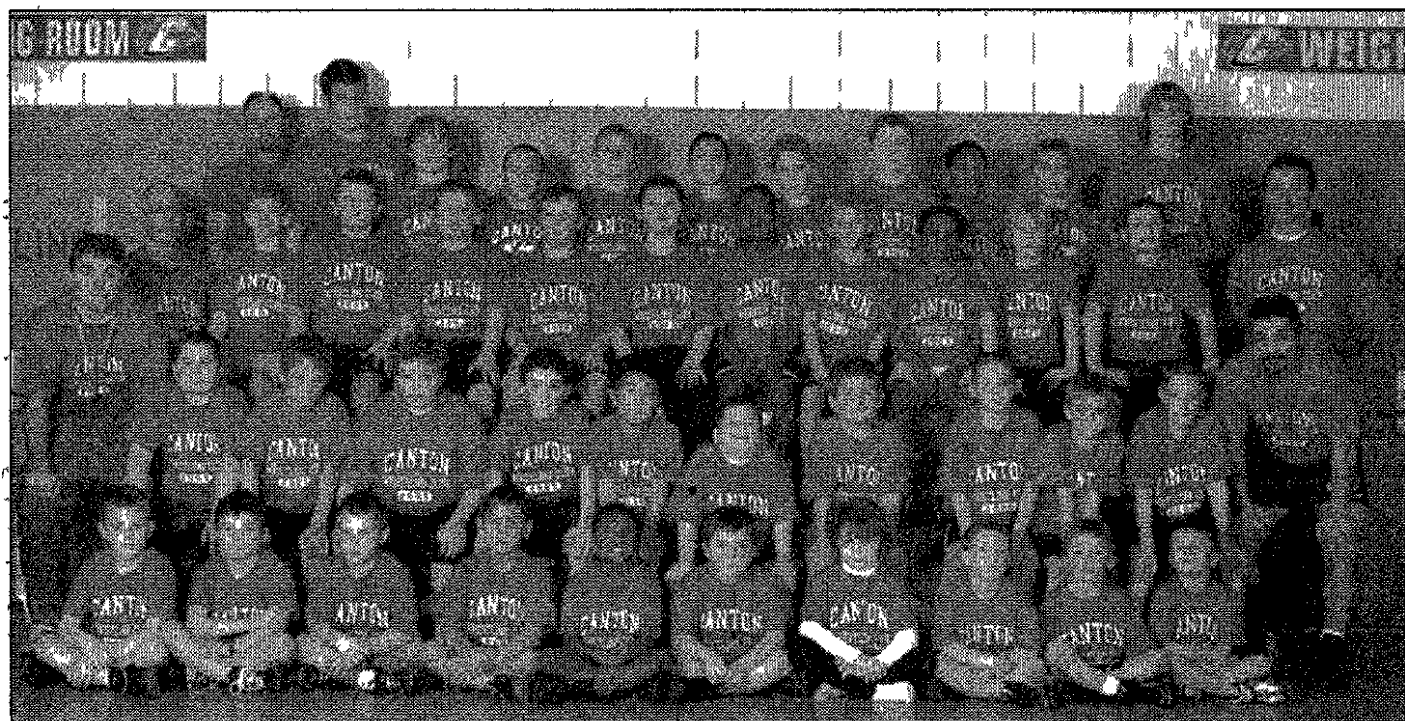
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Salem senior Ali Proodian has been a key member of the Rocks' successful softball program over the past three seasons, but it was her hockey talent that earned Proodian an athletic scholarship to Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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.cantonchefswwrestling.com

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GOLF RESULTS

SALEM 193 WAYNE MEMORIAL 238
May 5 at St. John's
Salem scorers: Ashley Smith 40 (medalist) Jamie 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 LaBeau 76
Dual meet records: Salem 61 WLAA Wayne 15 WLAA

PLYMOUTH 215 WAYNE MEMORIAL 230
May 4 at Woodlands of Van Buren
Plymouth scorers: 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 LaBeau 70
Wayne's dual meet record 14 overall

TENNIS RESULTS

CHURCHILL 7 CANTON 1
Thursday May 5 at Canton
No 1 singles: Trevor Kogut (LC) defeated Zack Hoemschemeyer 4 6 3 6 3 No 2 Glenn Wozniak (LC) def Mike Keesey 6 1 7 5 No 3 Eric Keesey (PC) def Nick Payne 6 4 7 5 No 4 Michael Han (LC) def Alex Marinca 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 Smkow Kyle Anderson (LC) def Nathan Larimore Chris Marinca 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 Morvitz Matt Tugender 7 6 7 6 No 2 Jean Lucdetpy Brian Stone (WLW) def Alex Gui Pawel Kargot 6 0 6 1 No 3 Dave Geick Alex Poe (S) def Colon Sipperly 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 Mulohs. Whiting threw the first four innings, scattering five hits while Mulohs 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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5	6/27-7/1	Farmington	Pioneer Park	9:30-12:00	\$139
6	6/27-7/1	Farmington	Pioneer Park	9:30-12:00	\$179*
7	7/11-15	Walled Lake	Sarah Banks MS	9:30-12:00	\$139
8	7/18-22	Canton	Independence Park	9:30-12:00	\$139
9	7/18-22	Canton	Independence Park	9:30-12:00	\$179*
10	8/8-12	Plymouth	Plymouth Lake Park	9:30-12:00	\$139

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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.

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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 Guerni notched the shutout for Salem, stuffing three Zebra shots.

STEVENSON 5 JOHN GLENN 0 Senior Dina Allie notched a hat trick Wednesday as host Livonia Stevenson (8 1 2 2 1 1) blanked Westland John Glenn (3 9 0 5) in a WLAA Lakes Division encounter.

Freshman Vicky Slavin added goal and two assists for the victorious Spartans, who led 4 0 at halftime. Junior Rachel Thompson had the other goal.

Lia Williams chipped in with two assists while Wendy Hoots had another assist.

Sharna O'Connor, who did not have to make a save, posted the shutout in goal for the Spartans.

Glenn keeper Melissa Frederick stood out in the loss. We missed six or seven breakaways sometimes we shot right at them. Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. She (Frederick) may be the best keeper I've seen for far. She has good hands.

Glenn ran an offside trap that we did not figure out as much as we should.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Day	Time	Location
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 4:30 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. Lake Orion Baptist at Agape 4:30 p.m.
Friday	May 13	West Bloomfield at Plymouth (DH) 11 a.m. Inter City Baptist at PCA (DH) 11 a.m.
Saturday	May 14	Salem at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m. Northville at Canton 4 p.m.
Sunday	May 15	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 GC 3 p.m. Plymouth at Canton at Hilltop GC 3 p.m.
Wednesday	May 11 Plymouth at Salem at St. John's Golf Course 3 p.m. Livonia Stevenson at Canton at Hilltop GC 3 p.m.	
Friday	May 13 W.L. Central at Plymouth at Hickory Creek GC 3 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) 40 150 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
110 hurdles 1 Cameron Scharchburg (P) 19 38 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 142 0 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) 46 32 2 Wayne (no entry)
400 dash 1 Kevan Lewis (WM) 54 50 2 Josh Le Duc (P) 56 70 3 Dan Noriko (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 7 2 Goring (WM) 2 20 3 Sean Dillon (P) 2 22 16
1,600 run 1 Darian Miller (WM) 2 24 2 D.J. Coleman (P) 2 34 3 Wiley (P) 24 99
3,200 run 1 Patrick Slavens (P) 10 50 29 2 Lucas Seibel (P) 11 37 10 3 Alex Noble (P) 11 51 4
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
110 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 Claugens (LS) 11 77 3 Tez Hodge (PS) 11 88
200 dash 1 Chandler (LS) 23 27 2 Kevin Murawski (LS) 24 31 3 Claugens (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 Piorkowski (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 Carrott Murawski Claugens Chandler) 45 48 2 Anselment 47 4 **800 relay** 1 Stevenson (Murawski Claugens Hearn Chandler) 13 42
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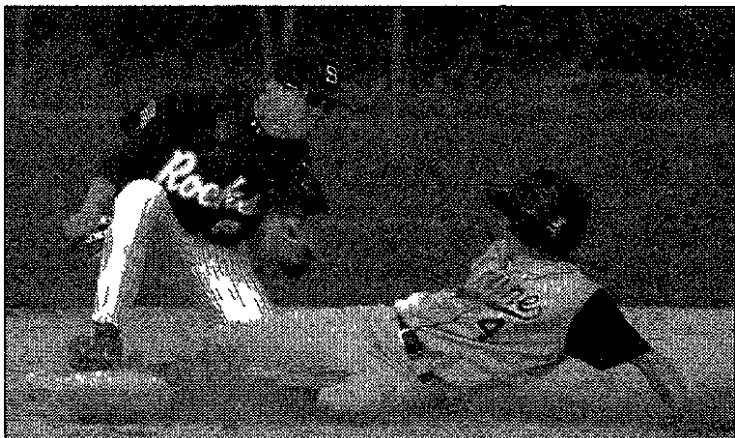
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Dual meet records: Stevenson 4 0 overall 4 0 WLAA Lakes Division
CANTON 108.5 NORTHVILLE 28 5
May 5 at Canton
Shot put 1 Jason James (C) 40 8 2 Joe Zugaj (C) 40 2 50 3 Smith (N) 39 3 50
Discus 1 Joe Zugaj (C) 130 1 2 Steve Payne (C) 122 5 3 Smich (N) 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 Pwovar (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
110-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 Gensh (N) 49 0
100 dash 1 Eric Pwovar (C) 11 5 2 David Calille (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 Calille (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 Rakovits (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 Pwovar) 44 8 2 Northville 50 4
800 relay 1 Canton (Kevin Burdette Cyrus Azizi Rodney Preston Andy Rossow) 13 49 2 Northville 14 74
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 records 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 shipped 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 Jannuck knocked in three runs.



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

Andrew Kaletto, 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 innng, fanning one and not allowing a walk.

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

WL WESTERN 16 PLYMOUTH 5 The Wildcats led 4-2 after one but couldn't hold on against the state ranked Warriors. Western outpitched 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

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

It was a disappointing win for us said Agape coach Scott Lewald. 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 Slaviv 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 whole.

Joe Dixon earned the victory on the mound for the Lancers. PCAs 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 2 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 Pashnick 4 7 each
Long Jump 1 Dana Eldred (PS) 15 6 2 Lang (PS) 14 6 25 3 Emily Jankowiak (LS) 14 4 5
Pole vault 1 Jenny Perkins (LS) 10 0 2 Allie Vraniak (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 Oltersdorf (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 Mar elle Kull ng (LS) 28 2
400 1 Br ttany Petty (PS) 1 02 3 2 Miles (PS) 1 02 9 3 Rebecca Rehbe g (LS) 1 04 5
800 1 Laura Fr edman (PS) 2 20 3 2 Ali scn Janda (PS) 2 24 0 3 Amber C caia (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 Marina Plinka (LS) 12 03 0
400 relay 1 Stevenson (Kulling Perkins Burek Sturdy) 52 3 2 Salem 54 8
800 relay 1 Salem (Miles Vraniak Lockhart Gault) 1 49 7 2 Stevenson 1 51 1
1,600 relay 1 Salem (Fredman Miles Vraniak 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 Chrysten Guyton (P) 17 2 3 Nastassia Go nes (WM) 15 0 25
Discus 1 Andrea Poindexter (WM) 88 150 2 Janet Hanchett (P) 86 3 50 3 Kathy Hansen (WM) 77 9
High jump 1 Br ttany Petty (P) 5 2 2 Stephan e Okolo (P) 4 5 3 Rebecca B rman (P) 4 3
Long jump 1 Jenn fe Anderson (WM) 17 2 2 Nastass a Go nes (WM) 15 0 25 3 Chryst en Guyton (P) 14 4 25
Pole vault 1 Katie Ha e (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 Go nes (WM) 19 9
300 hurdles 1 Brittany Petty (P) 54 3 2 Julie Miller (P) 57 2 3 S Saha (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 Lynah (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 0 17
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 Nichoie McLaughlin (P) 13 36 6 3 Paramjit Bhullar (P) 13 40 9
400 relay 1 Wayne (Tiffany James Amanda Dye Nastassia Goines Aisha Moore) 53 2 2 Plymouth 55 1
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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 outpitched 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 winn ng rally started when Butzow s ngled advanced to second on Kim Klonowski s sacrific e bunt and scored on Ostrowsk s rocket to left f e d.

The defens ve play of the game came in the bottom of the 11th when Plymouth center f e d Dan e le Bondy made a spectacula div ng catch with one out and a Charger on second base.

Dan e lle 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.

Ostrowsk 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 Hilary Payne tossed a three hitter. She struck out 14 and walked none.

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

WL CENTRAL 4 SALEM 2 The Rocks were jolted by four f eld ng miscues that led to all four Viking runs.

Melissa Leach (1 1) suffered the loss for Salem despite giving up just six hits with no walks.

I thought Melissa pitched a great game said Salem coach Bonnie Sutherland. We just did not back her up and made too many errors. We have to start hitting better.

Brittany Burkhardt p cked up the win for Cent a y e d ng ne hits and three wa ks wh e st k ng out ne

T a ling 4 0 The Rocks sco ed one n e s xth when Kat Mc k ney tr p ed and scored on Maureen Bohr s ng le

Sa em made things interesting in the seventh when two outs Amy Caves singled and Ali Proodian reached on a throwing error which allowed Caves to score. McKinley followed with a single to put the tying runs on base but Burkhardt managed to work out of the jam.

We had several scoring opportunities but we didn't string the hits together. Sutherland said. It was a disappointing division loss.

Caves (2 for 3) McKinley (3 for 3) and Bohr (2 for 4) excelled at the plate for the Rocks.

FRANKLIN 10 JOHN GLENN 0 Sara Wagaman returned to the lineup Wednesday going 2 for 2 with two RBI as Livonia Franklin (7 6) took five innings to mercy host Westland John Glenn (4 18) in a WLAA crossover.

Jaleece Lavine and Ashley Bonsal each added RBI doubles in the victory while Jessica Staley contributed an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Kim Topolewski (6 4) allowed just three hits in five innings. She struck out seven and did not walk a Zebra batter. Megan Dean had a double for Glenn while Devin Ross and Heather Ennis added singles.

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 I 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 hit), 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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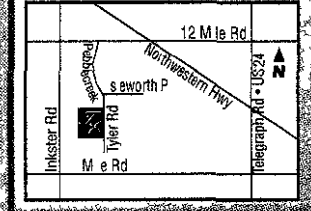


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Every weekday, Sara and her brother, Danny, go to school, work hard, get on the bus and go to grandma Marilyn's house

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 5. She started hitting the step by kindergartners to help them 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 Yak'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

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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. In addition to their stories on the Internet and their stories were 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



Donaldson, 1988

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.

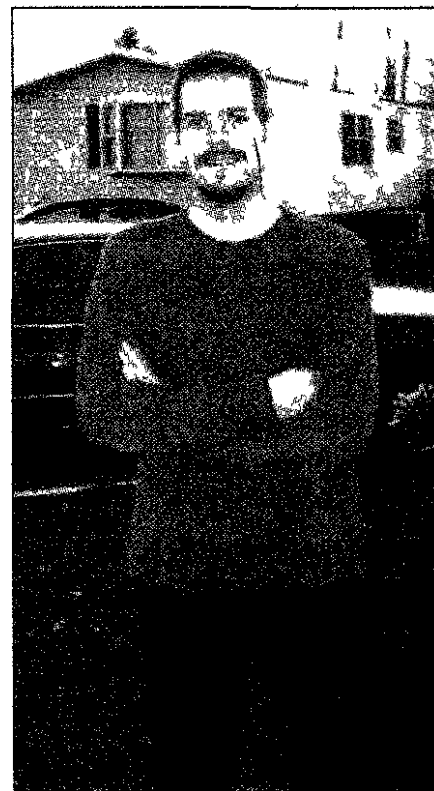
He married Duke classmate Wendy Werblin in 1998 and they moved to northern California and then to Seattle, where they now live

"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-



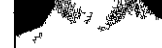
Matt Morrison graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1992

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



Holmes, 1991

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



Holmes, 2005

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=AliceRMcCarthy 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 R. 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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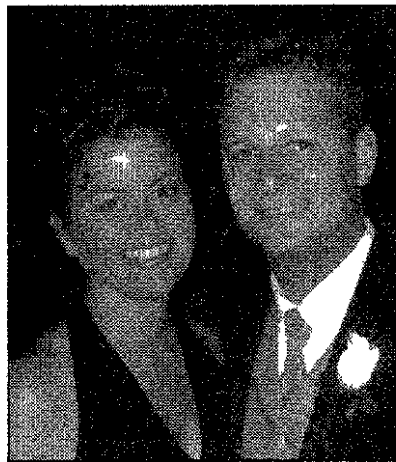
Chorus to perform May 13-14

The Farmington Community Chorus will present its 25th anniversary concert, "The Best Is Yet To Come."

Performances will be 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 13-14, at the Selgman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile at Lahser, Beverly Hills.

To order advance tickets, call the ticket line at (810) 632-4067 or visit the Costick Activities Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Tickets are also available from members.

For more information, call manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516 or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com on the Web.



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.



Wismewski-Machniak

Conrad and Ann Wismewski 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.



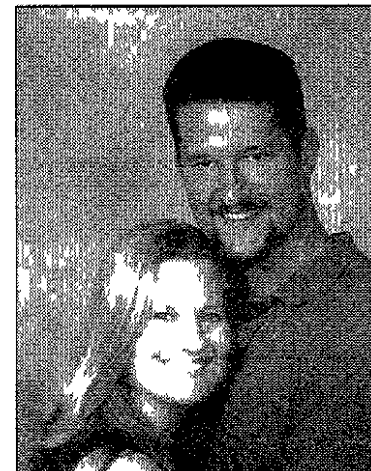
Driskell-McMann

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.



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."

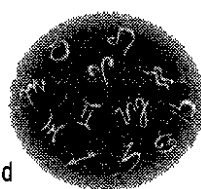
It's apparent by the number of donations JARC was recently able to solicit that others believe in the philosophy. Keller is delighted to report that corporate and individual sponsors are supporting the event that helps fund programs. This year's goal of \$500,000 is close to being raised thanks to sponsors 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 from 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!

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- 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" Laurel 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
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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 of 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 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 Pankhurst 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 person 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 University Honors (three terms), Deans 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"

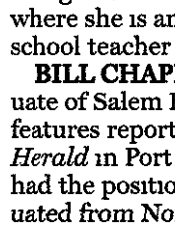
KATHRYN SANDERS, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, is in the Simultaneous Graduate/Undergraduate Study Program at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, working on a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in biomedical engineering

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



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Shah, 2003



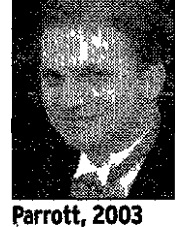
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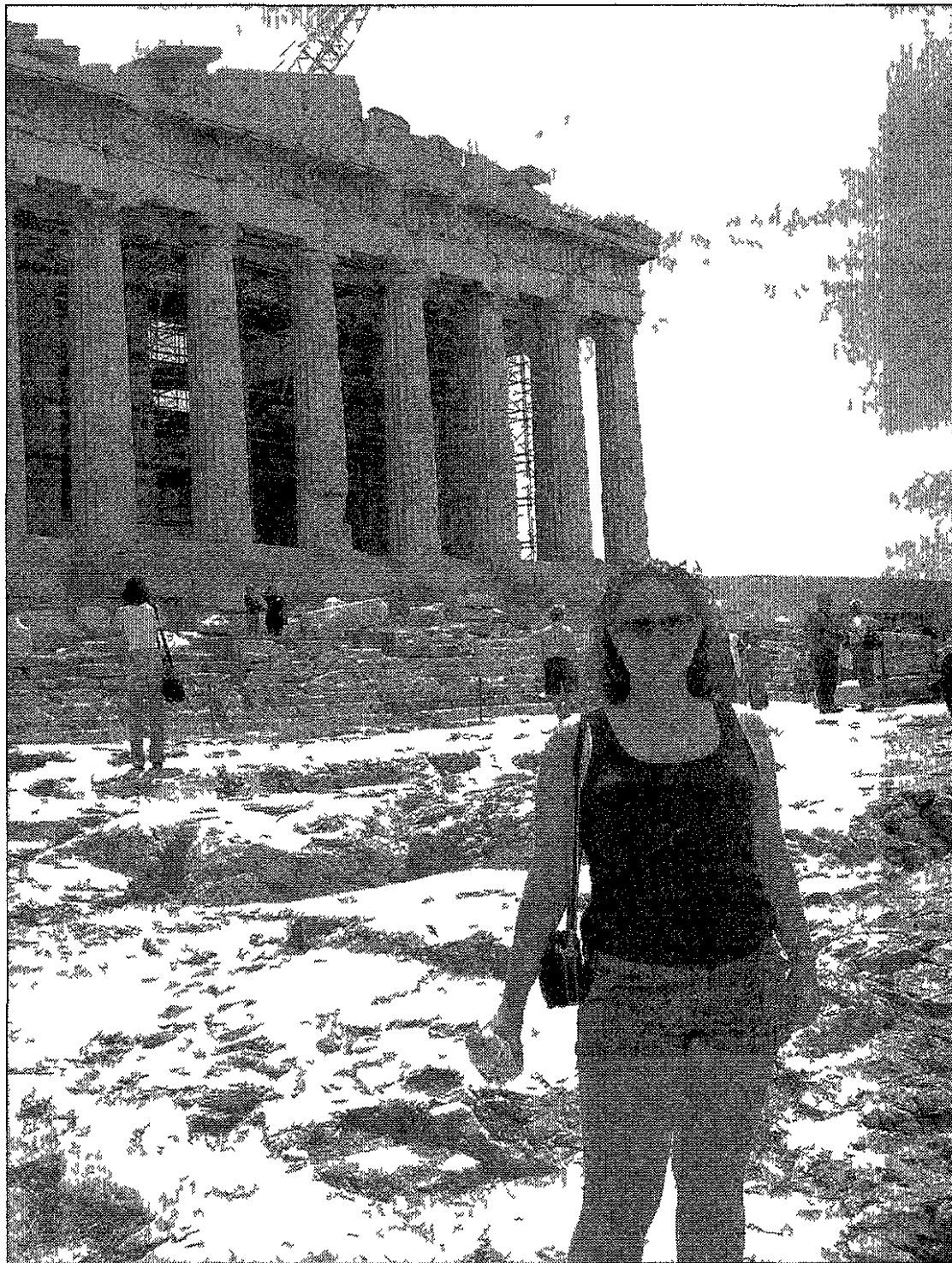
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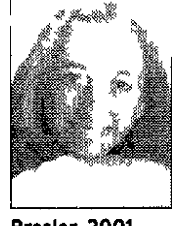


Tiffany Labon in Greece, 2004

(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 a bachelor of science in English and history



Bresler, 2001



Bresler, 2005

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

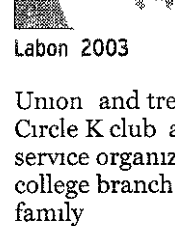
Bresler recently had a paper published in the MSU Undergraduate Historian titled *The prejudices with which our sea has been surrounded: Feminism in the French Revolution*

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 Deans List, has been very involved in campus life

She is secretary of Duke Democrats, secretary of the American Civil Liberties



Labon, 2003

Union and treasurer of the Circle K club, a community service organization that is the college branch of the Kiwanis family

Labon joined the Beta Theta chapter of Delta Gamma sorority, and has served on the Panhellenic Council (which oversees almost all the sororities on campus), as the Junior Panhellenic representative in 2004 and as 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 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

The MSC program was influential in my success at college, Buelow said

(The MSC program is the Math Science and Computer program housed at Churchill High School. It takes 30 credit hours in year)

The discipline the program instilled in me was instrumental in getting me through college and convincing me that education should never end

ERIN MURFEE, a 1994 graduate of Churchill High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry with honors from Hillsdale College, where she was a member of the Chi-Omega sorority

Murfee 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

Last July, Murfee began another residency in family medicine at the University of Michigan

She enjoys traveling and golf in her leisure time

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

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 \$1800 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 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. to 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 1B present another in their Senior Synergy series programs from 9:30 a.m. to 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 7:30 p.m. Wednesday May 11 in the hospital's auditorium with guest speaker David Pegouske, 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 Atlanta's 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 Schizophrenia: What's Real? 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 Mediterranean 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. Mediterranean 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 Mediterranean will be open exclusively for the WineMaker Dinner. WineMaker Dinner sponsored by Ann Arbor Commerce Bank costs \$135 per person. Mediterranean 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 the American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734 420 2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

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

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

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



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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 aunts, 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 (btwn 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 Memorial. 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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HELEN CAMPBELL VAN DUSEN

Age 100. April 12, 2005 at her Bloomfield Hills residence. Memorial service: St. James Episcopal Church 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Saturday, May 14th at 1:00 P.M. Arrangements: Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham, MI.

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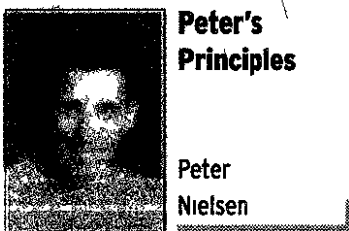


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Drink milk to fight colon cancer risk

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 women 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 weight and diet, including 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 questionnaires 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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NURSE

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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

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 116,980 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 11:15 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.recoveryinc.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@dmcc.org

Eating disorder support

Group meeting 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, Rain Drop A.M.E. 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 7:30 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 eighth 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, RN 1:30 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

6:30 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

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UPCOMING

Boost camp

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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 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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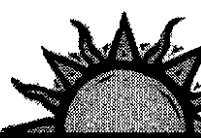
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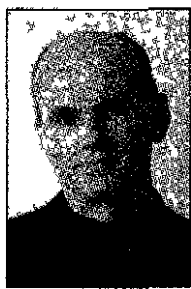
Perfume expert visits Saks

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 lame 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.

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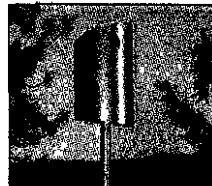


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More men in nursing: Is trend enough to solve shortage?



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 private-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.

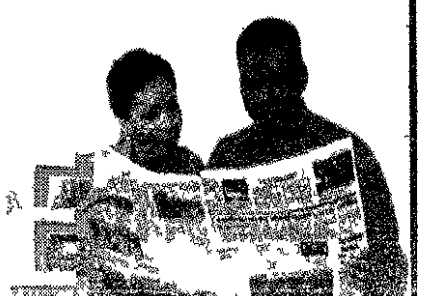
"Building awareness of the shortage of nurses and nurse faculty, as well as the benefits of a career in nursing, has had a big impact," said Andrea Higham, director of The Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. "But concerted efforts must continue if we're to head off what is predicted to be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

The campaign sponsors fund-raising 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.

Will the growing number of men entering the profession be enough to eliminate the shortage in time to accommodate the surge of baby boomers in need of increased medical care? Only time will tell.

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical (5020)

RECEPTIONIST Ophthalmology practice in Livonia seeking warm outgoing person to fill medical receptionist position...

Help Wanted-Dental (5640)

DENTAL ASSISTANT Are state of the art Farmington Dental Office expanding. We are seeking a qualified ASSISTANT to work full time with a friendly & professional staff...

Help Wanted-Medical (5080)

MEDICAL BILLERS A large growing billing company seeking experienced billers. Full time, benefits, great opportunity. Fax resume to Lori 313 240-4988.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST Full time position available in our new Troy location. Salary w/benefits. Exp with cognitive therapy and a psychological background req. Must have extensive computer knowledge in Windows Basic Microsoft Word & Internet. Schedule includes 1 evening & Saturdays. Fax resume to 248 890 9138 Attn Julie.

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KITCHEN MANAGER Apply in person Box Bar & Grill 777 W Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth. RESTAURANT MANAGER Dining Room Manager needed for an established fine dining restaurant. We are in search of an individual who is dedicated and motivated with a minimum of 3 years of upscale restaurant management experience. Send your resume and salary requirements to HR Department Box 825 3430 E Jefferson Detroit MI 48207.

Help Wanted-Sales (5120)

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THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE? RE/MAX CLASSIC IS HOLDING AN OPEN HOUSE. Join us for an evening of information including our extensive training program for new agents. Reservations are required. Refreshments will be served. WHEN Wednesday May 11 & 18 2005 TIME 6-8pm. R S V P to Diane Baker at 734 459 1010. Please respond by TUES MAY 10 2005. UNIQUE SALES POSITION for a sincere honest caring and career minded individual interested in an above average income. Benefits incentives 40 hr work week and no evenings / week ends #1 in industry 65 years and growing selling a product that is really enhancing the quality of life of others. Please call Dawn at 586 773 9300 ext 23.

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Wanted for small W. Bloom field law office. Full time with benefits. Must have good people skills and attention to detail. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax to (248) 865 8790 or email to kpad@epc.net.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Exp. exp. exp. motivated dental assistant to join our dental team in Livonia. Full time w/benefits (734) 484 8020.

BILLER

Busy Orthopedic/Physical Therapy Practice. Must have 2 yrs experience for follow up status electronic billing. Medicare/BS Part time and full time. MIS/YS preferred. Benefits available. Please send resume to PO Box 1142 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia MI 48150.

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RESTAURANT SERVICE DIRECTOR

3 years fine dining experience. 2 yrs management experience. Strong people skills. Strong computer skills. Skyline Club Southfield Michigan \$35 000 to \$60 000. Fax resume to 248 550 1191. Email john.taylor@ourclub.com EOE.

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Are you looking to be a part of a growing successful team? Do you welcome challenges and enjoy consistently achieving revenue goals? Would you like to have an opportunity to grow with a large company? Several of our account executives have been here 10+ years. They enjoy a fast paced work environment and are passionate about exceeding their goals and securing substantial bonuses. We are simply looking to add a few key players to our organization to make it even better. We provide an excellent team atmosphere with a 401(k) plan. Full time position including a guaranteed salary plus monthly commission. Comprehensive benefit plan. Liberal paid time off policy.

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Experienced New Brighton restaurant owner/ship possible. Send resume with salary requirements to PD Box 287 Pinckney MI 48169.

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CASHIER Apply in person KONEY ISLAND INN Livonia Mall 7 Mile & M Ddlebet.

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MS Word & typing required. L. Griffin Funeral Home Call (734) 981 1700.

SECRETARY

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Full time with excellent pay and fringe benefits in Oakland County Requirements: College graduate with excellent communication/organizational skills and advanced knowledge of computer software. Fax resume to 248 338 3540.

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We make people happy and it shows! DentalCare Partners is seeking highly motivated Dental Assistant for our Twelve Oaks Mall practice. Responsibilities include taking radiographs setting up for specific procedures anticipating doctors needs and providing superior patient care. Experience required. DCP offers competitive pay plus incentives. Medical/dental coverage 401k internal training advancement flexible schedules and more! Fax resume to 248 374 0128 or email to result@partners.com.

FRONT DESK COORDINATOR

Farmington Hills ophthalmology group seeks seasoned front desk staff w/excellent people skills. City / Millbrook a plus. Fax resume to 248 538 8880.

GERIATRIC CARE MANAGER

With MSW or BSM Part Time 20 hrs/wk. Please fax resume to 248 355 0362 or email shgate@askhealthcare.com.

INSURANCE BILLING/COLLECTION

For consulting center in Southfield. Exp required. Full time. Benefits. Fax resume to ACS 248 213 8521.

MASSAGE THERAPIST (CERTIFIED)

Needed for outpatient orthopedic physical therapy clinic. Fax 734 542 9790 or send resume to jansnmp@yahoo.com.

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Our office is looking for an experienced full time energetic professional hygienist to join our staff. Here you will be appreciated for your willingness to learn and grow in a comfortable and secure environment. Call me at 248 646 0700. I'd love to have you work here.

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MFG WELDERS

\$11 hr. Must have own shield and 1 yr exp. Located in Detroit. Phone x Fe phone 248 426 0066.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER

(Plymouth Michigan) Develop proprietary software algorithms for machine vision applications used in the automotive plant environment. Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering and 3 months as an Engineering Intern or Research Assistant required. Knowledge of control algorithms required. 9.5 M/F 40 hpw. Mail resume to VRSI Inc Attn HR 47019 Five Mile Road Plymouth Michigan 48170.

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Needed to busy family practice. Experience needed. Fax resume to 734-455-3405.

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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.

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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



Ask the Realtor

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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 another

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■ 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.

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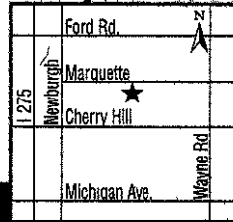
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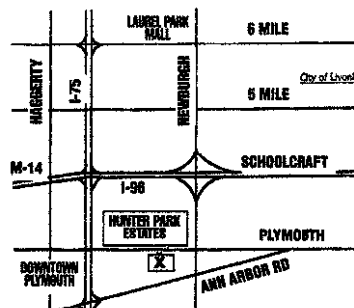


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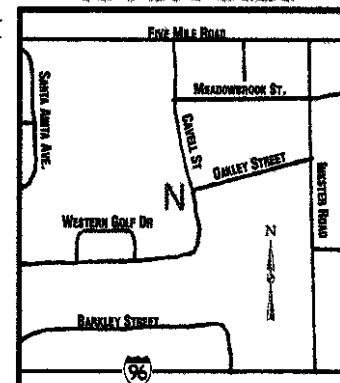
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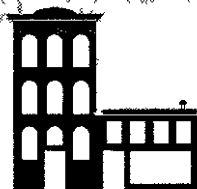
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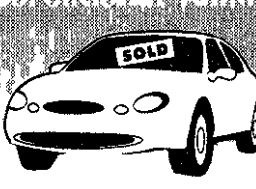
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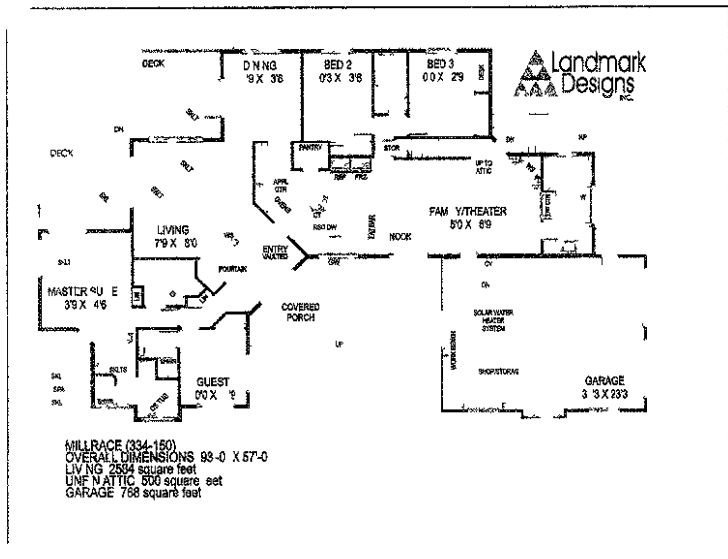
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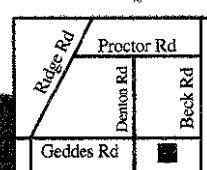
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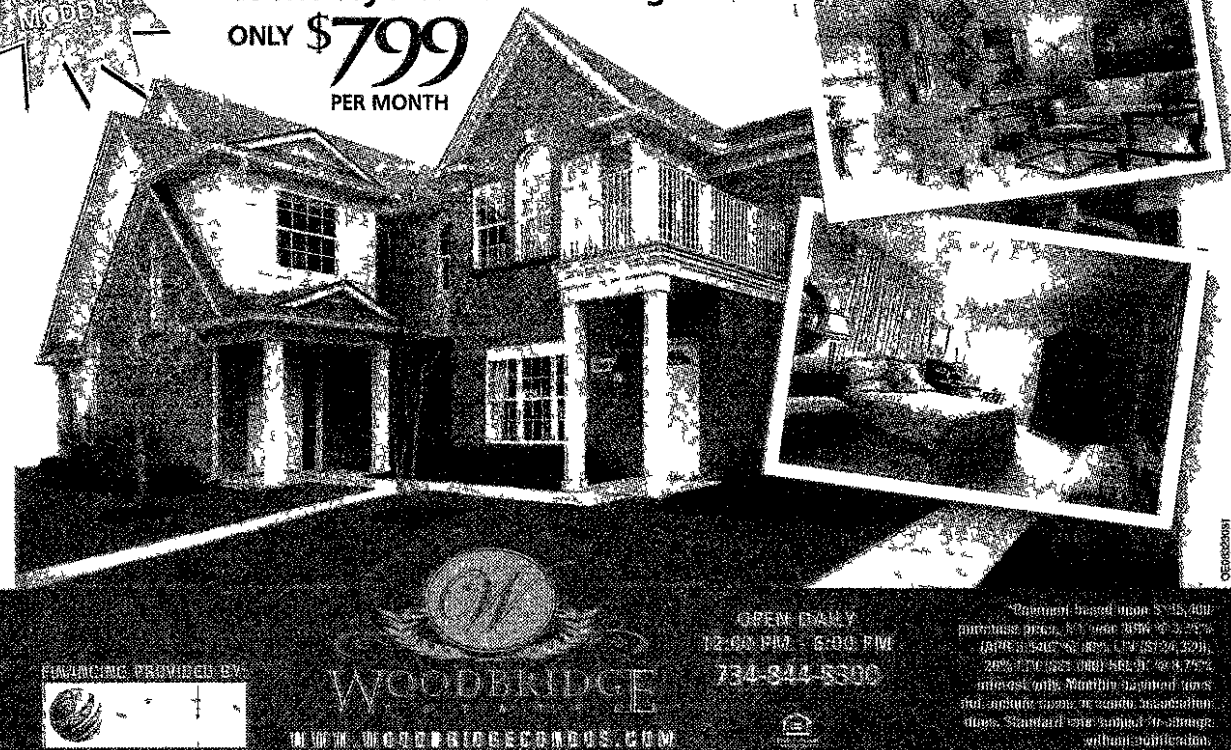


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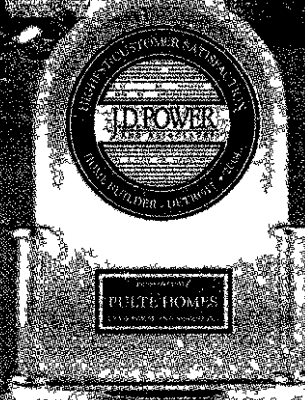
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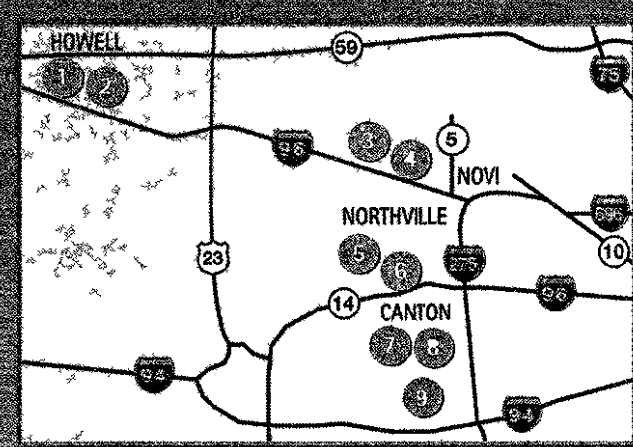
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ORCHARD LAKE Perfectly Private
Great 1 1/2 acre lot Beautiful contemporary in woods
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Custom cherry kitchen Master suite with 2 way fireplace &
fabulous bath Private finished basement Upgrades galley
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open floor plan Two story great room with fireplace & large
Custom cherry kitchen Master suite with 2 way fireplace &
fabulous bath Private finished basement Upgrades galley
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous New Colonial
Peaceful setting 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths and great new
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fabulous bath Private finished basement Upgrades galley
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CANTON Custom Built Home in 2005
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fabulous bath Private finished basement Upgrades galley
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TROY Northwest Troy Colonial
Executive style 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath with private
finished lower level with living quarters Library with built in
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BEVERLY HILLS Spacious Home
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bedroom suite with window seat and 2 way fireplace second
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loft opens to GR and 2 car attached garage Pro landscaping
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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Approx 1.42 Acres
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spa and Birmingham schools Three plus car garage Updates
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right in
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WHITE LAKE All Sports Cooley Lakefront
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finished walk out extensive decking updated kitchen 2
1/2 replace very well maintained Spectacular views
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Pine Lake Front
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fireplace Formal living room & dining room with covered
patio Gourmet kitchen Hardwood floors throughout
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DEARBORN Magnificent Home
Spacious floor plan in Country Club Estates Three FPs off
kitchen with recessed lighting DR and kitchen with breakfast
room Finished basement with BA and pool table included
Large lot deck patio outside lighting & security system
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PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
5 bedroom 3 full & 1 1/2 bath 19th century colonial on approx
2.9 acres 6 eat mstr bdrm hardwood floors granite kitchen
dining room Pond deck & gazebo A must see!
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ROCHESTER HILLS Beautiful
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Finished walk out huge kitchen with island den and judges
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COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
Gorgeous 2 story Colonial has the most beautiful view of Lake
Sherwood Two furnaces upstairs laundry extra garage
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Sun deck this is a must see home
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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP Unique Architecture
Four five BR 4 2 BA 3 car garage 2 story GR with bridge & FP
DR with butler's pantry wet bar sitting room marble porcelain
& Berber carpet First floor MBR and BA with Jacuzzi & shower
basement with access to BR pool room kitchen full BA LR FR
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Great Location
Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial Some hardwood floors 2
FPs and new kitchen with granite and terra cotta tile floor
Recessed lighting part finished basement and located on
private lot with never landscaping
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PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
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hills & her walk in closets large ooms W/led Lake schools
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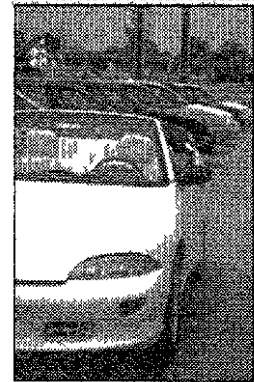
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The total redesign of the 2005 version of the Honda CR-V is a pleasant and much-needed change for the better.

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



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.

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SWF 49 5'3 slim build Scorpio very health, and energetic smoker seeks energetic WM 35 55 for LTR ☎620308

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Very attractive SBF 39 Aries, N/S, seeks a very alluring BM 30-43 for dating and possibly more ☎620453

GREAT COMPANION
SF 65, looks 55 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health conscious How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70 ☎633527

OPERA FAN
SBPF, 46 5'6, school teacher, night college student, N/S laid-back somewhat reserved seeks BM, 40-52 N/S for friendship and dating ☎638537

STUDENT
HF, 18, 5'5 long black/brown, likes going out on the town Looking for a fun guy, 18-23 who can make me laugh Must be respectful ☎648023

HAPPY & SECURE
DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives movies, and dining out Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR ☎669606

NO GAMES
SF, 25, 5'5", fuchsia dyed hair hazel-green eyes, medium build tattoos, piercings (6 gage in ears), ISO SM, 23-29 Punk/Goth, piercings/tattoos A+, who's adventurous outgoing, affectionate, good-humored, family-oriented and fun ☎662498

JUST A CALL AWAY
SBF, 28, 180lbs, 5'5", mother, likes bowling, golf, simple times Seeking outgoing, loving child-friendly SM to enjoy friendship, laughs and possible LTR ☎662522

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SBF mid-50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests I love jogging walks concerts, quiet evenings ☎574342

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SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS
DWF 54 142lbs 5'6 enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5'10 + N/S social drinker for LTR ☎548938

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58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR
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MUST LOVE ANIMALS
WF 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, full-figured, likes travel fine dining shows, plays, animals, children, picnics, boating swimming, cooking, reading fishing slow dancing Seeking good, kind-hearted man, 50-62, with integrity and morals ☎601692

JOURNEY WITH ME
through life's adventure DWF 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys romance, travel, life to its fullest Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65 Let's unravel life's mysteries together! ☎605996

HEY, OVER HERE
Attractive SBPF, 52, 5'5", 125lbs, with herpes, N/S, feminine, humorous, works out Seeking SCM, 47-57 N/S fit for possible LTR, race unimportant ☎611221

RETIRED BUT ACTIVE
SWF 62 5'4", N/S, independent, happy, good-humored, free-spirited, enjoys playing cards, travel boating, vacationing, walks, music, dining, more ISO sociable SWM 55-67 who's active and has a great sense of humor ☎654265

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN
SBF, early 50s, N/S, sweet, medium-sized package passionate romantic lady, feminine, classy, fun-loving, outgoing, enjoys concerts, plays, dining, music ISO special guy to teach me how to ballroom Friends first ☎637522

FIND ME

Attractive DWF 50 loving and sincere seeks same in non-smoking SWM, 45+ for dating and relating Let's talk! ☎655541

LOVE SONG
Full-figured SWF 26 5'9 N/S blonde/blue loves to sing, ISO SWM 21-35 to make beautiful music with ☎657491

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

NEW TO THIS
WM, 45, loves exercise playing music and more Looking for a WF with similar interests A plus if you like classic rock ☎647670

GET BACK AT ME
Employed SBM, 40 5'11" N/S, medium build searching for outgoing, open-minded woman 25-45, N/S who loves to have a good time ☎662433

EASYGOING GUY
SWM, 51, 6'1", 210lbs, college graduate, financially secure homeowner, body-builder, seeks petite SWF 35-50 sexy, attractive, to enjoy dining out movies for LTR ☎255073

MAKE IT HAPPEN
SBM, 29, 5'8, 155lbs, black/brown Aries, smoker, seeks BF 23-30, N/S for possible romance ☎663500

GIVE ME A BUZZ
Commitment-minded SM 21, brown/brown strong build looking to meet loving, caring affectionate SF, 21 not about games to share a lasting, serious, fun-filled relationship ☎667801

YOUTH IS A STATE OF MIND
Retired SWPM 80 N/S in good health financially secure interested in music travel seeks attractive intelligent SWF 45-75 for companionship possible romance ☎658373

SPECIAL ONE
Handsome SBM 39 enjoys walking movies dinners quiet evenings at home Seeking attractive SBF 28 44 for possible LTR ☎184231

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED
SBM early 40s seeks attractive, younger lady 28-45 for romance companionship must be independent and shapely Serious replies only ☎684501

HEAVEN TONIGHT
Financially secure SBM 39 5'7", Pisces, N/S, enjoys golf, the gym seeks WF, 20-39 N/S ☎664843

LOVELY LADY
SWM, 45, 4'7", 165lbs average build Pisces marriage-minded, smoker, seeks WF, 36-45 for LTR ☎665117

WHERE ARE YOU?
DWM, 41, 5'8" 180lbs, Capricorn smoker, enjoys sports, the outdoors, fishing, seeks WF, 35-45, for possible romance ☎666309

SEXY AND SUCCESSFUL
Very attractive, well-built, SWM, 6' 185lbs, black/brown Italian, 39, educated, intelligent, funny, down to earth, romantic sensual, no games, seeks similar sexy, slender female, for LTR Age and race open ☎667232

SEEKING ART LOVER
Good-looking SM, 47, 5'8", 146lbs, college graduate, outgoing, easygoing, seeks slim, attractive SF, who enjoys outdoor concerts, movies dining out, art theater, symphony long walks, and romance ☎331159

HIGH VOLTAGE OUTLET
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ATTRACTIVE BLACK MALE...
looking to meet single white female, 25-65, who is very sexy and also very open-minded ☎651945

TAKE A CHANCE
SM, 41 enjoys dining in/out action, comedy films plays, travel, cycling, fitness, family times Seeking easygoing, open-minded, honest lady who enjoys the same ☎662532

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I'm alive with the perfect smile! SWM 41 5'11" 200lbs brwn/brwn I'm here to entertain you Wise conduct is a pleasure Let's have some fun ☎653384

GOT THE TIME?
SBM 85 5'9 210lbs Virgo smoker seeks strong A/HF 19-31 N/S for relationship ☎666210

LOVELY LADY
Attractive SBM, 22, medium build, Taurus N/S seeks conservative BF, 18-35 N/S for possible romance ☎666397

THINK YOU'RE THE ONE?
BM, 6'1", salt-n-pepper/brown moustache, beautiful smile likes collecting antiques gardening walks in the park boating more Seeking a special woman, 48-61 ☎812524

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING
Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF age open ☎547524

A ROMANTIC ODYSSEY
Grab your dreams and let's go! Youthful easygoing SWM, 46 seeking attractive SWF with a lively spirit, good sense of humor But will consider others ☎642092

ESSENTIAL COMMUNICATION
SBM, 42, 5'8", slim, smoker seeks really cute SBF 21-35 smoker who loves music, sports romantic times and good communication ☎654620

NEED A SEXY LADY
SWM, 48, average build hardworking loves to have fun looking for a sincere woman 45 50 for LTR Redford area ☎604036

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
SWM 46 6'2 209lbs brown/blue degreed outgoing personality enjoys outdoors workout new activities seek friendly SF age/locat on open ☎53 308

ANTIQUES LOVER
BM 57 6'1 H/W proportionate brown eyes beautiful smile communicative engineer loves vegetable and flower gardening Seeking woman 40-63 ☎628249

TRY ANYTHING ONCE
Outgoing, spontaneous SWM 50 6'3", N/S, likes island getaways seeks SAF 45-60 N/S, for LTR ☎632686

JOIN ME
SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, engineer, likes the outdoors, square dancing camping nature walks Seeking easygoing, active spontaneous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+ proportionate N/S, to enjoy travel talks, dates friendship, fun, LTR? ☎634440

ONE-WOMAN MAN
SWM 50ish, 5'10" 165lbs, brown/brown, employed, homeowner no children, looking for attractive woman, 35-50, to build life-long relationship ☎663251

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SM, 42, N/S, looking for SBF, 22-45 who is fit, attractive, for dining, dancing and more ☎660098

SWEETHEART ATHEIST
SWM, 46, 5'8", 205lbs, soft brown hair, blue eyes, loves old cars, and a girl that melts in my arms No drugs, booze kids ☎114917

ON THE GO
Athletic SWM, 46 5'11" N/S works in heating and cooling, likes to workout in the morning doesn't like to sit around, seeks SBF, 25-50, who likes trying new things ☎640046

MALE MODEL
Athletic, sexy SBM, 31, 6'1", N/S, likes football and basketball seeks woman, 18-35, N/S, who is sexy and has love for God ☎655236

SOUND INTERESTING?
Nice-looking DBCM, 51, 5'11", 195lbs, N/S w/herpes brown-complected, interested in music movies, picnics, seeks SB CF, 46-58, N/S for LTR ☎659886

NICE TO THE BONE

SWM 39 5'8" 170lbs, smoker not into bars, seeks nice SWF 30-45, to become friends with, possibly more ☎656304

GET BACK TO ME SOON
SHM 32, 6', athletic, Cancer smoker former Navy seal seeks SF, 28-35, to share movies dinner, good times together. ☎658283

CAN YOU MAKE ME LAUGH?
SWM, 6'3", blond/blue, well-built likes biking, walks, hanging out and more Looking for a WF, 18-30, who is outgoing, for dating ☎661614

FUN-LOVING GUY
WM 33 looking for WF, 23-40 who likes to go out and have a good time, maybe go to a concert, have some drinks or just stay at home ☎664621

LOVE IS LOOKING
Sharp supportive SWM, 45 good listener, can make you feel special and appreciated, seeks special SWF, age open ☎278661

WORTH THE TIME
This W/WM, 39, 5'11", 215lbs, brown/brown, enjoys a variety of activities Looking for LTR with female, 18-40 ☎265340

NEW DREAM TEAM?
Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s ☎550046

ARE YOU MY ANGEL?
SBM, 52, 5'9", medium build brown/brown, professionally employed, N/S, seeks woman, 39-47, N/S, who loves boating and traveling ☎597165

LIGHT MY FIRE
SWM 46 loves nature, the arts creativity Seeking settled SWF with good attitude for meaningful dialogue sharing, and caring ☎278055

GOT HUMOR?
Very outgoing DBM 55 6'1 230lbs brown complexion easygoing smoker seeks BF 48 55 medium to average build for friendship maybe more ☎906509

ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN
DWM, 59, 6'1" blue eyes, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane retired engineer, financially secure, enjoys local theater, cooking and road trips Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for LTR ☎533085

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY
Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more ☎548455

HOLY COW!
SWM, 23, 6'2", 170lbs, blond/blue, Leo, smoker, no kids, homeowner, owns a construction company, loves camping, four-wheeling, and bonfires Seeking WF, 20-25 ☎588991

WELL, HELLO
SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs ☎597126

NICE GENTLEMAN
SM, 29, good person, looking for a SB/WF, 19-40, for friendship or more Call me, let's talk! ☎606930

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE
SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length brown hair, enjoys outdoors, camping, fishing, Seeking SWF, happy, good sense of humor, with similar interests, for possible LTR ☎619803

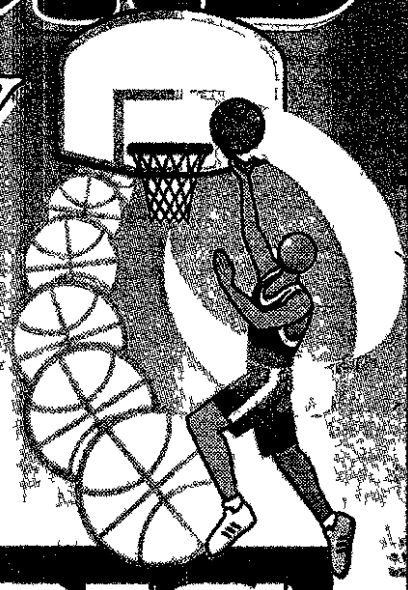
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Retired SWM, 55, 5'7", 200lbs, N/S, loves sports, animals walks in the woods Seeking WF, 40-55, N/S ☎624662

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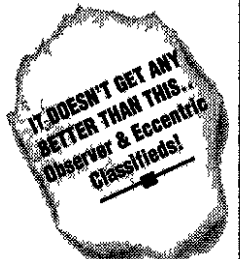
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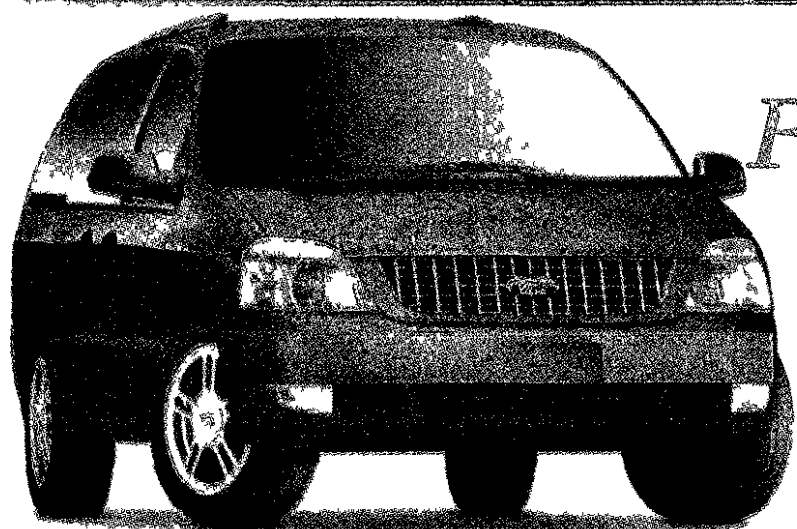
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per mo.	per mo.	
\$1183 52 AMOUNT DUE	\$2706 95 AMOUNT DUE	

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Take a look at these features. Preferred equipment package 364A edge trim MP3 CD/cassette 4.0L SOHC V6 engine five-speed automatic overdrive transmission P255/70R17 OWL all terrain tires 4.10 ratio regular axle 5.140 GVWR sliding rear window privacy glass P235 all season spare power windows power locks remote keyless entry [Stk #51321] WAS \$26,475

A-PLAN \$17,323³⁰*

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$190.52**	\$124.37**	
per mo.	per mo.	
\$344 95 AMOUNT DUE	\$ 961 83 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Taurus SE 4 Door Sedan

Take a look at these features. A dpwr strnt sys-pass front & rear fr mats dual pw m ro 3.0L 2V 6 cyl flex fuel eng auto o/d trans P215/60R16 all seas : e SE perf equip pkg 5 spoke painted aluminum 5 disc cd player 6 spd manual trans 60/40 split/d rear seat 5 pass w/tilt console lift shift wrppd strng wh pwt hid mro/pe m lghtng AM/FM stereo/CD player [Stk #53075] WAS \$23,130

A-PLAN \$13,426⁶⁵*

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$177.11**	\$114.46**	
per mo.	per mo.	
\$540 74 AMOUNT DUE	\$2084 33 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 F-150 Supercab XLT 4x4

Take a look at these features. Preferred equipment pkg 507A XLT se es 5.4L EF V8 engine electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive trans P255/70R17 OWL all terrain 3.55 ratio limited slip axle 7200W GVWR pkg tow & go std 4 elect st-on fly slng rear window trail tow pkg 17 mach aluminum w/pant accents [Stk #52490] WAS \$33,835

A-PLAN \$22,270⁶⁵*

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$183.20**	\$117.05**	
per mo.	per mo.	
\$484 19 AMOUNT DUE	\$1984 07 AMOUNT DUE	

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2005 Ford Five Hundred SEL

Take a look at these features. auto etc transmission 6 speed P215 60R17 BSW tires traction control [Stk #52779] WAS \$25,045

A-PLAN \$20,056²⁵*

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$269.66**	\$206.26**	
per mo.	per mo.	
\$345 84 AMOUNT DUE	\$ 863 84 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Freestyle FWD SEL

Take a look at these features. AL. X A T. L aabe as P205R BSW tires 5.19 ato regula axle 50/60 sp t seat t ac contro 60/40 split 3 passenger 2nd row [Stk #53351] WAS \$27,185

A-PLAN \$21,949⁶⁵*

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$264.33**	\$201.68**	
per mo.	per mo.	
\$340 9 AMOUNT DUE	\$ 863 78 AMOUNT DUE	

2005 Ford Escape Limited FWD

Take a look at these features. d v way. g d t ans P235 70R17 a season BSW tires ca go convenience group ea ca go storage bin [Stock #52042] WAS \$25,575

A-PLAN \$18,816⁵⁸*

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$246.36**	\$179.75**	
per mo.	per mo.	
\$47 14 AMOUNT DUE	\$ 990 54 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" b ght alum wheels tire pressu e monitoring system auto wising e CD 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng ne 5 speed auto o/d trans 3.73 ratio regular axle trailer tow package class III V ad power pedals back roof rail w/tilt crossbars [Stk #52079] WAS \$34,130

A-PLAN \$22,794³⁰*

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$237.31**	\$172.85**	
per mo.	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 eathr wrapped steering wheel speed contro air conditioning 16 alloy wheels 2.0L DOHC eng automatic trans axle P205/50R16 BSW tires [Stk #51242] WAS \$17,790

A-PLAN \$12,754⁵⁸*

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

2005 F-250 Super Duty SC 4x4

Take a look at these features. P em AM/FM CD/clock Pref eqgp pkg 607A pass airbag air 5.4L EF V8 eng 5-sp auto 1.265/70R17E OWL A/T 3.73 ratio m a p axle XLT sport pkg slng rear windows fog amps privacy glass body's de moldings 9200 GVWR pkg trail hitch rec 12.5k forged alum whls elec sh-ft-on-the-fly FX4 pkg prem elec AM/FM stereo/6-disc CD & too much to list [Stock #50495] WAS \$37,830

A-PLAN \$26,922⁸⁴*

24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
\$235.68**	\$168.60**	
per mo.	per mo.	
\$512 82 AMOUNT DUE	\$2031 72 AMOUNT DUE	

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