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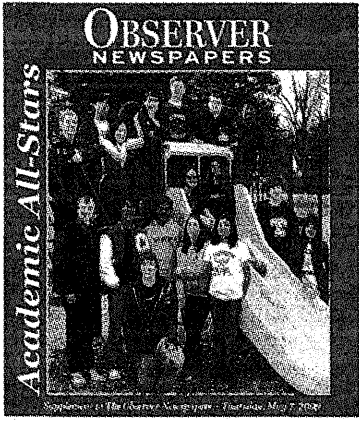
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Awesome All-Stars!

Students shine in school, community work

Academic Dream Team, Page A10

Inside today's Plymouth Observer is the 2009 Academic All Stars special section. The special supplement salutes the brightest and best students from public, private and parochial schools in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

This marks the 24th year that the Observer has honored academic excellence with a special team. This year 18 students were named to the team. Another 24 students are runners-up and they, too, are outstanding in academics, test scores and community work.

The principals committee making the selection were inspired, encouraged and proud that so many students are outstanding in their school work (4.0 GPAs) and on standardized tests such as the ACT and SAT. Academic subjects and test scores are the only criteria used for team selection. However, these students - team members and those who earned honorable mention - are more than book smart. They are generous with their time and talents in helping others. They volunteer in their schools, communities, churches and synagogues.

Take time to read about the outstanding accomplishments of All-Stars from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park - Willa Chen and Ke Ding of Canton High School, Linda Ling and Nikita Consul of Salem High School and Matt Laing and Kurt Tseng of Plymouth High School. In addition to her 4.0 GPA, Chen's other academic achievements include a 36 ACT score and 2400 SAT score. Salem senior Consul will head to MIT in the fall to student chemical engineering while Salem classmate Linda Ling will attend

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State cuts tighten local budgets

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials in Plymouth and Plymouth Township are scrambling to control the fallout after Gov. Jennifer Granholm Tuesday announced plans to cut nearly \$350 million in state budget cuts, including aid to local communities.

Granholm's executive order trims revenue sharing to the city by just over 4 percent, or \$35,329, and to the township by 4.7 percent, or \$96,796, according to a Department of Treasury list. In a press release,

Granholm's office said the action was taken because of a shortfall in tax collections due to the recession and the restructuring of the automobile industry.

In Plymouth, where officials have just finished reviewing a budget proposal for the next fiscal year, which begins in July, City Manager Paul Sincock met with department heads Wednesday morning to stress the need to save.

"We're going to try to put a hold on spending as best we can in the last part of our fiscal year" by delaying purchases, changing schedules and

doing things differently, Sincock said.

"We're going to try to deal with this as best we can. This is one piece of the revenue stream," he said. But many areas of revenue are "getting attacked," he added.

In Plymouth Township, where budget cuts have been made in recent months, officials are talking about further reductions.

In a special meeting Tuesday, for example, Board of Trustees members talked about scaling back the police department's community involvement. Chief Tom Tiderington said he had already cut police overtime, except

when serious crimes are being investigated or the department has a shortage of personnel on duty for patrol.

"We're lean here. We're really lean," said Treasurer Ron Edwards, who estimated the township could lose \$300,000 over the course of a year if the state's situation doesn't improve.

Edwards said the township recently received a state aid check that was about \$28,000 short of what was expected - \$262,000 instead of \$290,000. Such checks are distributed every other month.

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Four-year-old Sophia Holly is learning all about wind power, or maybe just having fun with her pinwheel, and riding on Dad's shoulders. Sophia and her parents, Bryant and Jennifer Holly, are from Farmington Hills.



Elijah Noyes explores the recycled cardboard town. Elijah, sister Hannah Noyes, dad Josh Noyes and grandma Patti Noyes are from Sterling Heights.

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'Green' fair hailed as success, though not everyone's happy

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's second Green Street Fair meant more greens - the kind with presidential portraits on them - for businesses and event participants last weekend.

The fair brought more than 100,000 people to town during its three days, organizers estimate, and many stopped in at local businesses as well as at the booths where environmentally friendly products were displayed.

"Our merchants reaped the benefits of having so many people downtown," said John Buzuvis, assistant operations director at Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority. Buzuvis credited police and municipal services workers for helping the fair run smoothly.

"They just flew. It was great," said City Commissioner Ed Hingelberg of the mud mats he sold at the Cass Community Social Services booth. The mats are made from used tires; Hingelberg is the agency's operations director.

"It was amazing to hear all the people coming through who said the downtown looks great," Hingelberg said at

Monday's City Commission meeting.

Officials said the fair brought many people to Plymouth who wouldn't otherwise have visited. It's likely some of those visitors will return, Buzuvis said.

The Green Street Fair, expanded from a two-day event last year, featured speakers, live music, exhibitions on environmentally friendly practices, arts and crafts booths, plus products deemed to be gentle on the environment.

Organizer Raychel Rork said visitors handmade more than 400 birdhouses on one day at the Home Depot booth.

"It was a lot of hands-on, a lot of activities. People learned a lot," Rork said.

Not all downtown business people were happy with the event, however.

Randy Lorenz of the Mayflower Grand Ballroom, where the wedding season is beginning, said weekend events like Green Street and Art in the Park, which cause street closings and make parking scarce, force him to offer discounts at the Grand Ballroom or "go dark" altogether.

"The brides and grooms are not comfortable with having that kind of activity going on and having to navigate the detours," Lorenz told the commission Monday.

Lorenz also questioned the commercial nature of some of the exhibits. He did thank the city, however, for posting signs that detoured traffic to his business.

"It's important that you know there are businesses that don't share the exuberance," he said of downtown events.

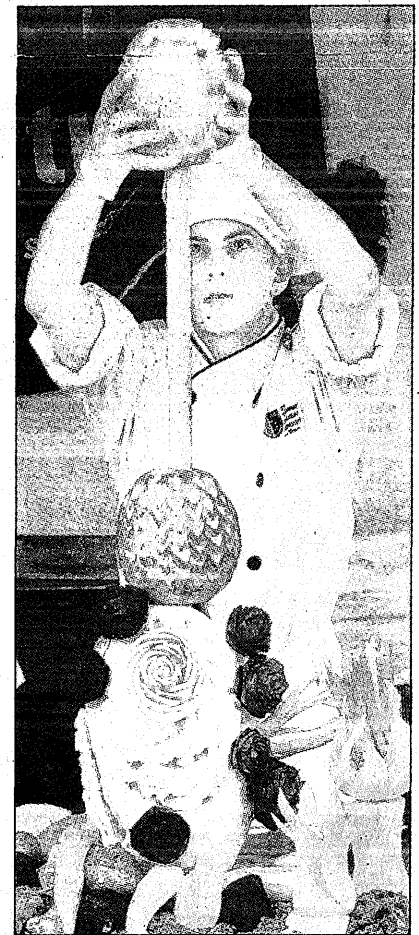
City officials said they recognize the hardship to some businesses and try to reduce the downside of downtown events. City Manager Paul Sincock called Lorenz's complaint "part of the conflict of having a vibrant downtown."

"It's something that we're aware of, and we try and balance it as best as possible," Buzuvis said.

Rork said the hardship to businesses like the Grand Ballroom is balanced by the boon to other businesses, and the positive exposure for the city overall. While the fair isn't perfect, she said, some exhibits are rejected by the fair committee if they don't show a connection to helping the environment.

"I think the residents of Plymouth deserve having events in their downtown," Rork said.

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Robert Pennington of Farmington Hills, a culinary student at the Art Institute of Michigan, works on a fruit and veggie sculpture.

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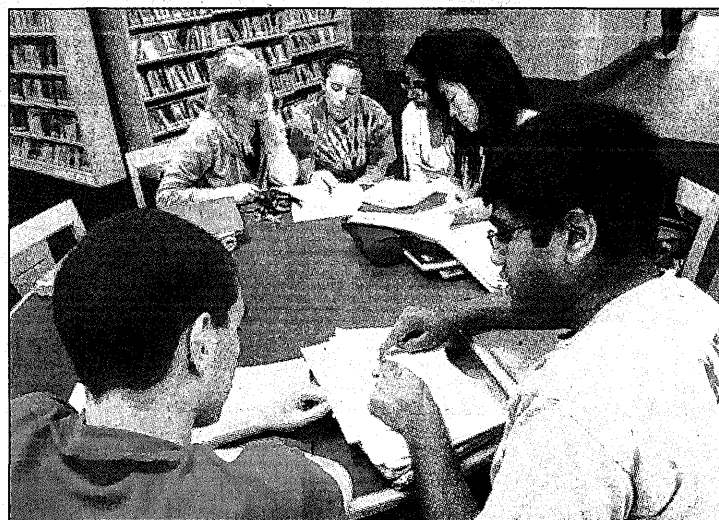
Schools reopen in wake of flu scare

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth High School sophomore Angela Blevins said she had reservations about returning to classes Wednesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which had been closed Monday and Tuesday because of a suspected case of the H1N1 virus.

However, after listening to Superintendent Craig Fiegel give the "all-clear" at a Tuesday afternoon press conference, Blevins felt more at ease.

"It's nice to know everything is OK now and we don't have to worry about it anymore," said Blevins, 15, of Canton Township. "I was a little worried knowing all of a sudden it spread from Mexico all the way to our school. I felt they took good precautions by



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School may have been closed on Tuesday because of swine flu concerns, but that didn't keep students Jessica Thoe, Alyssa Silletti, Amy Mathew, Shirley Shue, Abhi Katti and Greg Reed from studying. They were preparing for upcoming advanced placement tests at the Canton Public Library.

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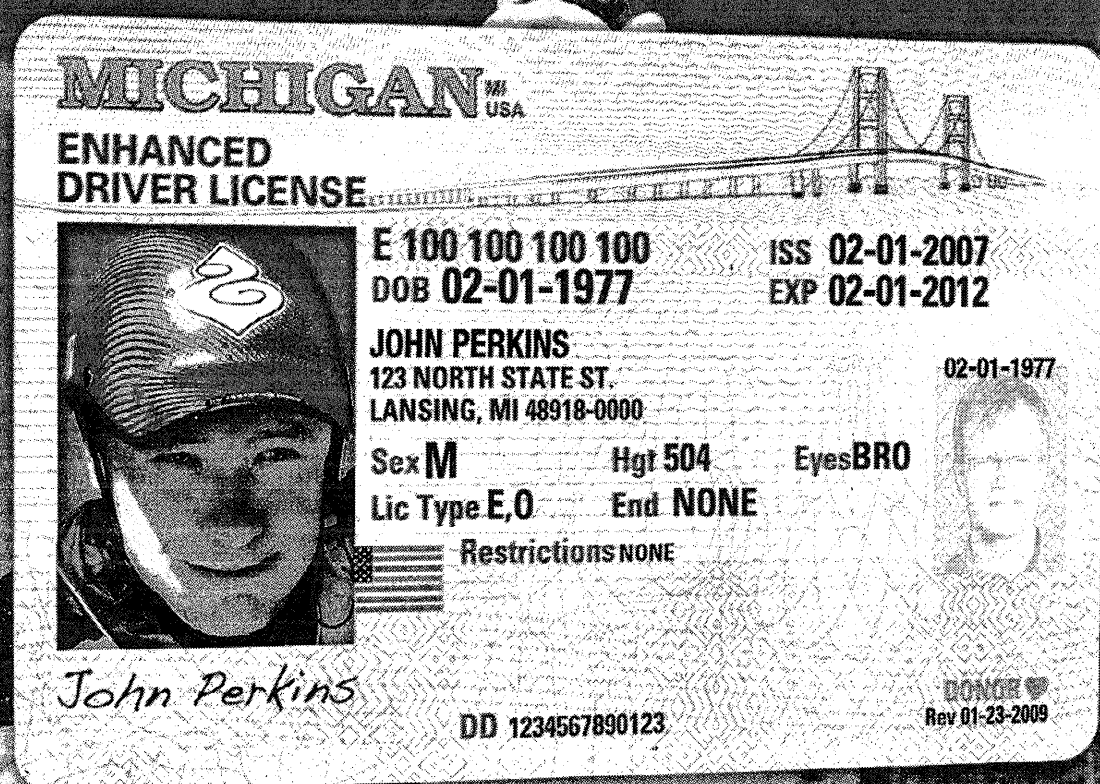
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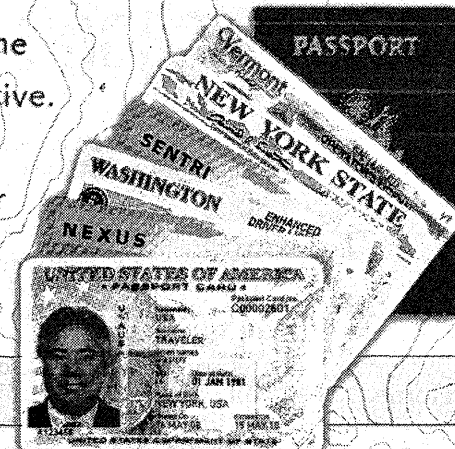


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Plymouth in one place

Sample local businesses, cuisine at Showcase

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Want to renew business connections, make new ones, or just hang out after work while sampling food from some of the Plymouth area's best restaurants?

Put Monday's Showcase and Taste of Plymouth on your calendar. The 20th annual Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce event is 5-7:30 p.m. Monday at the Inn at St. John's.

The event will feature exhibitions representing nearly 100 area businesses and organizations, from automobile dealerships to landscaping firms to doggie day care, plus food and drink samples from about 20 restaurants and food vendors, and raffles for door prizes — all for \$10. A cash bar will be available.

"It's a great way to network" for local business people, said Wes Graff, the chamber of commerce's executive director. "You're getting about 98 different companies."

For those who don't run businesses, Graff added, the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth offer good value for \$10 — dinner, social time and a look at what the Plymouth area has to offer.

Taste of Plymouth participants include E.G. Nicks, Station 885, Toarmina's Pizza, Fiamma Grille, the Grand Traverse Pie Co., Panera and Leo's Coney Island. Central Distributors will be offering samples of beer, and Plymouth Township-based Absopure will be handing out its water.

"By the time you walk through the whole event, you are well fed," Graff said.

In addition, 20 area community service organizations will be honoring the volun-



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Hundreds of visitors are expected to take advantage of the annual Showcase Plymouth event at The Inn at St. John's Monday.

teers of the year, and five local high schoolers, chosen by the chamber's education committee, will be recognized as winners of college scholarships.

The event's sponsors, in addition to the chamber, are Hines Park Lincoln Mercury

and Community Financial Credit Union.

The Inn at St. John's is on Five Mile just east of Sheldon Road. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

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Area woman announces run for Congress

BY KURT KUBAN
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When Canton's Natalie Mosher attended Barack Obama's inauguration in January with millions of other Americans from across the country, she had a hard time finding words to describe the experience. Less than four months later, she says the emotional event was the catalyst for her to get more involved in helping the country make a change.

On Wednesday, the 65-year-old lifelong Democrat announced she is running for Congress and will challenge Republican Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia, who is currently in his fourth term representing Michigan's 11th District.

"Yes, the inauguration inspired me," said Mosher. "When you watch where we've been the last eight years, you realize how much work we have to do to get back on track."

Mosher, who has never held elected office before, calls herself a different kind of candidate who will "solve problems and get things done." She says her approach would include working with member of all parties.

"I believe that voters are sick of the finger pointing that is only compounding the hard work it takes to develop and implement solutions to the urgent issues of our time," Mosher said. "Whether it's job losses, the credit crunch, falling home prices, affordable healthcare or the myriad of other challenges facing us, Democrats, Republicans and Independents are looking for one thing — solutions. I'm running to offer solutions that get Michigan back to the prosperity that we enjoyed just a few years ago."

Mosher, who was born and grew up in Detroit, has worked as a public school teacher and in the field of non-profits. She worked for the American Cancer Society when she lived in Ohio, and



Mosher

more recently was the chief development officer for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. She has lived in Canton since 2004.

If elected, Mosher said she would make healthcare, developing alternative energies, and creating jobs her top priorities. A big proponent of the domestic

automotive industry (she says relatives, including her husband, have a total of 154 years experience with the auto companies), Mosher said she would work to stop bad trade deals like NAFTA and CAFTA (Central America Free Trade Agreement), which she believes have hurt American auto workers.

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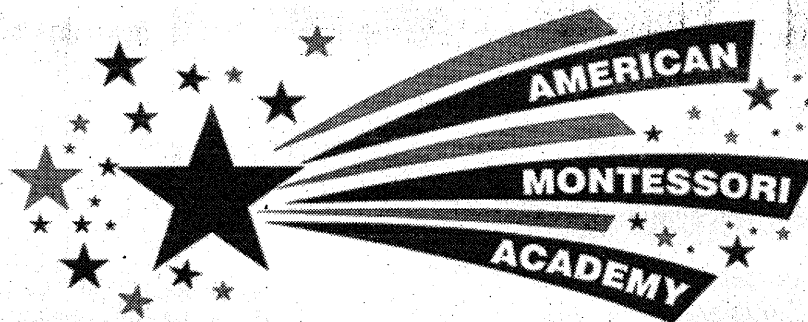
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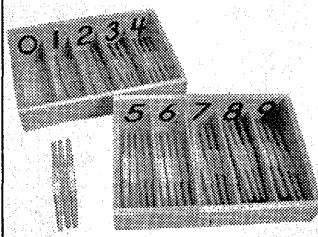
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Food drive

As part of the nationwide effort by the National Association of Letter Carriers, postal workers in Canton and Plymouth will be collecting non-perishable food from residents on their routes, which will be donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry.

On Saturday May 9, leave bags and boxes of food at the mail box, and they will be collected by the letter carriers.

Donations will also be collected at the post office and by carriers on their routes from those who can't participate May 9.

Dancin' Feet performances

Dancin' Feet, the longest operating dance studio in Canton, will host its annual year-end performance celebrating 35 years of providing quality dance instruction to the Plymouth-Canton community. Performances will be held: Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 10 at 5 p.m. in Salem High School's auditorium, located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Dancin' Feet provides dance instruction at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, under the direction of Cheryl Reitz. Classes for all-ages are offered six days a week in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, pointe, hip hop and cechetti, as well as adult tap classes. Dancin' Feet also offers a competition team and a selection of summer classes.

"We're very proud to be celebrating our 35th anniversary as a dedicated business in the Plymouth Canton community," said Cheryl Reitz, director, Dancin' Feet. "Our thanks go out to the thousands of families who have supported us over the 35 years and we look forward to being a part of their lives for thirty five more."

For more information about

Dancin' Feet's ongoing classes and upcoming performances, call (734) 394-5460.

Penn auction

The fourth annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn will take place Friday, May 8, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

This exciting evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entrée, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing. Tickets are \$85 and must be purchased in advance. Early Bird special - \$75 if purchased before April 15. For reservations, email tickets@friendsofthepenn.org; stop by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or call (734) 453-0870.

Children's sale

Calvary Baptist Church hosts its huge Children's Sale 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9. The sale is sponsored by the church's Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program. The church is located at 43065 Joy Road (Joy and Lilley) in Canton.

Vendor fair

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its first "Spring Fling Vendor Fair" during Plymouth Art Feast 2009.

On Friday, May 15th, visitors to Downtown Plymouth will be able to hop on the Art Feast Trolley and catch a ride to the PCAC. Proceeds from the event will go to supporting the upcoming Music in the Park summer concert season and future Saturdays @ the Penn season.

Over a dozen local and independent business owners will be displaying their goods and services for sale inside the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts located at 774 N. Sheldon. Admission is free. Some of the vendors to be attending include: QuixWorks Massage, Clearly You, Cookie Lee, Southern Living at Home and Tastefully Simple.

For more information, visit the PCAC's Web site at www.

plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Scrapbooking workshop

Are you looking for time to work on your scrapbook albums or crafting projects? Chrissy Detary hosts a workshop with fresh ideas, new techniques and tools available to use. The 12-hour workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Extended Stay America, 2000 Haggerty in Canton.

Cost is \$20 per person with lunch and dinner included; six-hour options with one meal are available for \$10 per person. Must be registered to attend.

Contact Chrissy Detary for more information at cldetary@hotmail.com or by calling (734) 546-5246.

Spanish camp

Children ages preschool through fifth grade will learn Spanish through immersion activities, large group games, crafts, performances, and more at a Spanish Camp for Kids sponsored by Bilingual Fun. Classes, day camps, and free events offered in Plymouth. Visit www.bilingualfun.com or call (877) 686-7399 for more information.

Garden Club election

Plymouth Garden Club Branch of the WNF&GA will conduct its annual meeting for election of officers 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main Street.

After the election, there will be a slide show presentation of the recent Philadelphia Flower Show that will include members personal photos. Light refreshments will be served. The general public is invited.

For more information, visit the group's Web site at plymouthwnfnga.googlepages.com

Career seminar

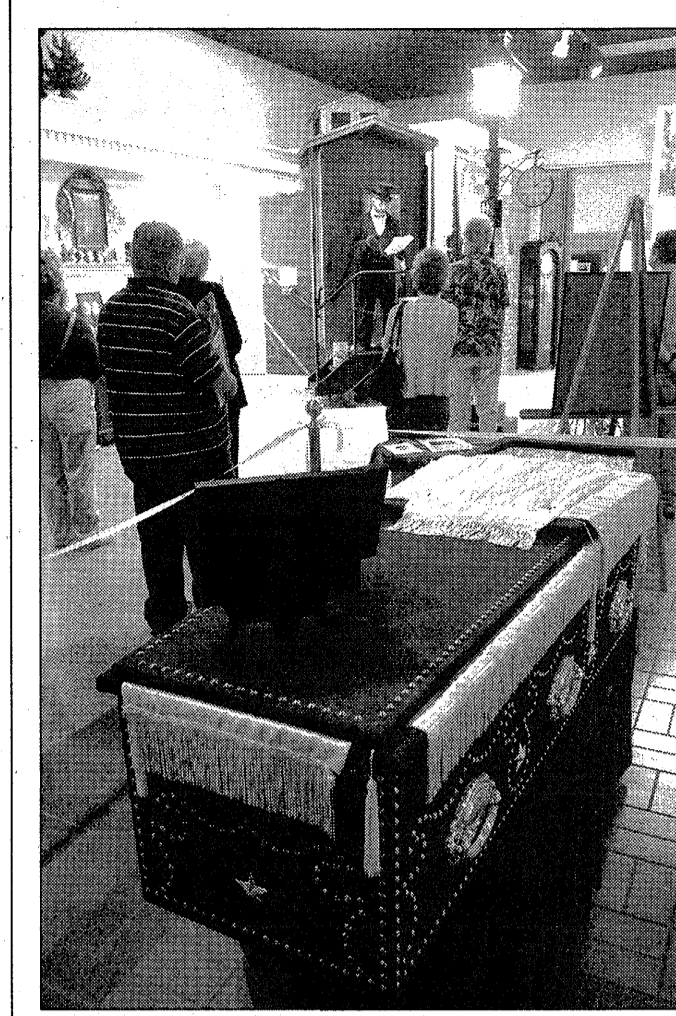
Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth hosts a 59-minute Career Seminar for anyone who's ever thought about a career in Real Estate.

The seminar is designed to show why now is a great time to get into real estate, with answers to questions about commissions, costs and what it takes and the potential to succeed. It takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

Garden walk

The 14th annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk in Plymouth takes place noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, rain or shine. Tickets cost pre-sale, \$8; and \$10 on the day of the walk. Tickets for children under 12 are half-price and there is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers are not permitted. The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden



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Burying Lincoln

President Abraham Lincoln's coffin, a reproduction by the Batesville Casket Company, was on display recently when the Plymouth Historical Museum presented an all-day event, "Burying Lincoln," during which they buried Lincoln again. Liz Kelley Kerstens, the museum's executive director, will present the lecture "Victorian Mourning Rituals." Senator Jacob Howard, portrayed by Museum volunteer Dave Tennes, gave an abbreviated version of the speech he gave in Detroit following the announcement of Lincoln's assassination on April 15, 1865. Jeff Bell, treasurer of the Plymouth Historical Society and a funeral director at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, presented the lecture "Burying Lincoln." Re-enactors from the 21st Michigan Infantry acted as bodyguards for Lincoln's coffin.

Association, is the sponsor. Tickets are available from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main Street, Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail, and Home Sweet Home on Ann Arbor Trail, all in Plymouth. Tickets will be available after June 1, 2009.

The gardens have a variety of features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to your own garden. Complimentary refreshments, raffle and perennial sale will be at one of the gardens.

For additional information, please contact Marilyn Detmer at 734-454-4625

Cheer tryouts

Tryouts for the 2009 Canton cheer teams takes place May 11-13 at Canton High School (Phase III building).

Tryouts are 6-8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, May 11-12, and 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. For more information visit the team's Web site at www.cantoncheerleading.webs.com or e-mail Coach Lewis at allikl@umich.edu

Cheerleading clinic - The Canton High School Summer "Kids Cheerleading Clinic"

takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, June 22, with check-in at 8:30 a.m. in the Canton cafeteria.

The clinic is open to kids ages kindergarten through eighth grade. Kids should wear comfortable shorts, gym shoes and sun screen and bring a water bottle. Cost is \$50, which includes clinic, lunch, snack/drink and a Canton Cheer sports bag.

Registration deadline is June 10. For information on the clinic and how to register, call (734) 765-1998 or e-mail carriers @comcast.net, or call (734) 397-3766 or e-mail cdruckenmiller@gpworldwide.com

Charity golf

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan hosts the second annual Team Michigan Golf Outing on Monday, May 11, at Fox Hills in Plymouth. Shot gun start at 9:30am.

The event is open to individual golfers or teams of four. Sign up to golf and you will receive a continental breakfast, lunch, two drink tickets on the course, 18 holes of scramble-style golf, cart, three hours of open pre-

mium bar, and buffet reception. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information or to sign up call (800) 482-1455, Ext. 206.

Hike for Hope

The New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts a Hike for Hope Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Maybury State Park (Eight Mile entrance, one mile west of Beck Road, car fee of \$6), 20145 Beck Road in Northville, a fun-filled family time walking or running and remembering loved ones.

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged prior to the event and \$20 per person or \$30 per family the day of the event; donations from sponsors can be obtained by walkers. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance," complimentary pre-race "fueling" of fruit, bagels, and juices.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The non-profit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to participate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, please call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115 or visit the center's Web site at www.newhopecenter.net

Veterans scholarship

The Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club is seeking women veterans who need education assistance in order to pursue a better job or new career in civilian life.

Veterans must be able to demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to women who are the primary supporter of their household. They must have a Plymouth address and be formally accepted into a college program or vocational/technical program. If already in college they must have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Chased by officer, man tosses suspected pot

Police arrested a 19-year-old Livonia man early Monday after he ran from an officer who was checking out a complaint about a suspicious pickup truck.

The suspect had discarded a plastic bag of suspected marijuana during a brief foot chase, police said.

A woman living on Sycamore Valley had called to report that an occupied pickup she didn't recognize was parked in front of her home, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. When a responding officer drove up shortly before 1 a.m., a man got out of the truck, ignored the officer's order to stop and ran, police said.

The officer caught up with him after a chase of about 40 yards, the report said, and the man stopped. But he had thrown down the suspected marijuana as well as a lighter, cigarettes and rolling papers, police said.

The suspect was arrested on charges of marijuana possession and obstructing police.

Police searched the pickup and found no other drugs, the report said. The two other people in the truck, a 17-year-old woman and a 20-year-old man, were released.

Headlight a giveaway

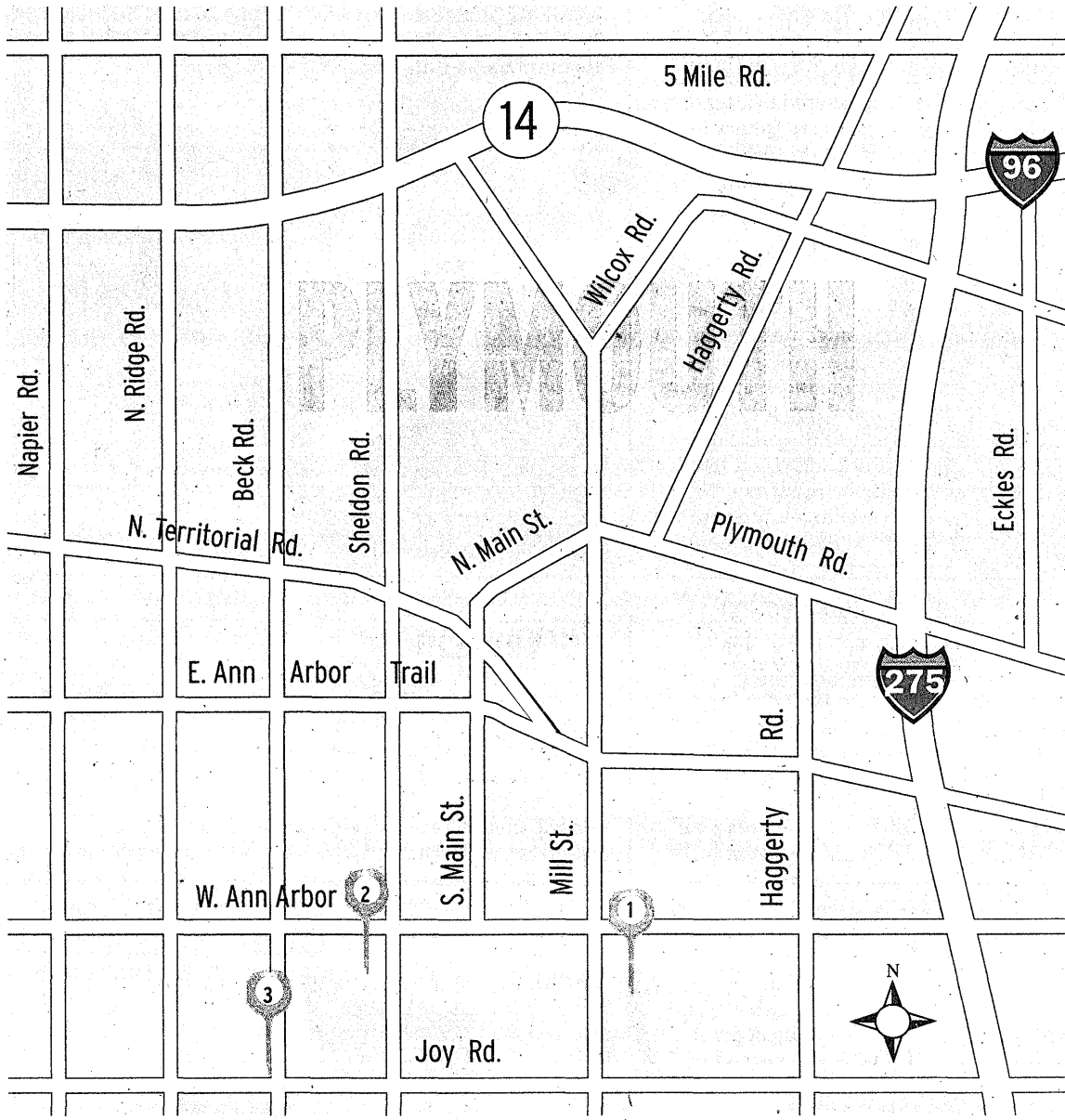
A 27-year-old Plymouth man surrendered a plastic bag of suspected marijuana during a traffic stop near Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads on the night of April 28.

A township police report said a patrolling officer pulled the driver over because of a defective headlight on his vehicle and, upon talking to him, noticed a smell of marijuana. The man initially answered "no" when the officer asked if there were drugs in the vehicle, but, asked again, indicated he was carrying some, police said.

The officer searched the man and found a plastic bag of suspected marijuana in the waistband of his underwear, police said. The man was arrested on a marijuana-possession charge and issued a warning about the defective headlight.

Another pot bust

An 18-year-old man from Livonia was arrested on a marijuana-possession charge on the night of April 29 after disregarding a four-way stop, police said. A township police report said it



POLICE BEAT

was shortly after 10 p.m. when a patrolling officer spotted the man driving through a flashing red light at Joy and Beck roads without stopping. The officer pulled the motorist over, police said, and asked if he had anything in the car that he shouldn't.

The suspect said he did, reached into a pants pocket and pulled out a plastic bag of suspected marijuana, police said. The substance tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Two passengers in the car were turned over to parents.

By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the fol-

lowing runs during the period April 29 through May 5:

- Tuesday, May 5 - Rescue run to public buildings on Five Mile and on Concept; vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Main; rescue run at Penniman and Evergreen; residential rescue run on Hammil.
- Monday, May 4 - Commercial rescue run on Sheldon; rescue runs to public buildings on Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on Aspen, on Sheridan and on Northville Road; rescue run on Sheldon.
- Sunday, May 3 - Residential rescue runs on Shearson Court, on Lorenzen Way, on Ridgewood, on Harvey and on LaFonde Court; rescue run on Forest.
- Saturday, May 2 - Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road; rescue runs to public buildings on

Haggerty; rescue run on Hines; residential rescue run on Northville Road.

- Friday, May 1 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Plymouth Heights; vehicle accident (with extrication and wash-down) at Ann Arbor Road and Main; vehicle accident at Schoolcraft and Wilcox; hazardous materials run on Keel; commercial rescue run on Liberty.
- Thursday, April 30 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Hamilton, on North Hampton and on Draper; vehicle accident on southbound I-275 at M-14.
- Wednesday, April 29 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Ann Arbor Road, on Brookline, on Linden and on F Drive; downed wires at Beech Court and Carol.

Don't let your home become a target of juvenile arsonists

BY TOM KIURSKI

Each May, Arson Awareness Week is recognized to remind us take a moment to think about reducing our risk of becoming a target of arsonists. Now I am fully aware that Livonia is not a hotbed of arson activity. We are fortunate to have a city that has very few abandoned homes and vehicles, although that may change in light of the economic times we are now facing. And if you think that arson is mainly caused by shady business owners looking to make a buck, then read on.



Tom Kiurski

Arson is described as the deliberate setting of a fire to damage property. While there can be many motives behind someone committing arson, one of the first thoughts that comes to mind is the arson-for-profit motive. This is when an individual sets fire to reduce financial loss, recoup initial investments and/or disposes of depreciated assets with the intent to defraud an insurance company. The National

Fire Protection Association compiles statistics on fire causes and has found that in 2005 alone, U.S. fire departments responded to more than 320,000 intentionally set fires, resulting in 490 civilian deaths, 1,500 civilian fire injuries and more than \$1 billion in property damage.

As I mentioned earlier, the people who commit arson may surprise you. More than half of the people arrested for arson are under the age of 18. This tells us that most arsonists live in the neighborhood where they set fires and that they usually have the easily obtained match or lighter on them, but are in search of a fuel supply. Don't give them the opportunity to make you their target. Look over the area outside your home and clean up any accumulated trash or materials. Remove dead branches, leaves, plants and vegetation, as this is a very common source of fuel.

Finally, install motion-sensor lighting outside of your home. Since most people set fires in their own neighborhood, they do not want to be seen. If your light comes on as they enter your yard, they will usually leave quickly. Don't give them places to hide, such as overgrown bushes and shrubs or hanging branches on trees.

By taking a few minutes to clean up your home, you can easily make it a home that is not appealing to juvenile arsonists. If we all did this, we could collectively reduce our risk of becoming arson targets, and it would also make our city look just a little nicer.

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The winner of this month's Dining with the Stars will lunch with Fox 2 News Weekend co-anchors Deena Centofanti and Jay Towers. Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with the Fox 2 personalities at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a make-over courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. In addition to her weekend role, Centofanti is also the Fox 2 Health Works editor.

She joined WJBK FOX 2 in April 1997. Centofanti balances a busy life as a journalist and mother. She and husband, Keith, are parents to three children: son Casey, born in 1999, daughter Ellie, born in 2002, and Sophie, born in 2005. Towers joined the Fox 2 weekend family as a features reporter. He was named co-anchor earlier this year. "I love my time with my

TV family Deena and Justin (Ryan, meteorologist)," said Towers, who spends his free time at the movies and with his daughter, 6. When not working weekends at Fox 2, Towers hosts mornings at 97.1 The Ticket on the Jay & Bill show. Buddy's Pizza will make a donation to the Ronald McDonald House and Special Olympics in recognition of this month's "dining stars."



Centofanti



Towers

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closing everything down and sanitizing everything. If they say it's OK then I believe them."

The three-high school park, as well as all the elementary and middle schools, were closed for two days after school officials were notified Saturday by the Wayne County Department of Public Health of the suspected case of the H1N1 virus contracted by a 16-year-old Canton High School female. Fiegel — flanked by two directors from the Wayne County Department of Public Health — announced Plymouth-Canton schools would resume classes, an hour after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new recommendations in response to the H1N1 flu.

"School closure is no longer advised for a suspected or confirmed case of novel influenza A and, in general, is not advised unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function," Fiegel said. "Schools that were closed based on previous interim CDC guidelines related to this outbreak may reopen."

Previously, the Centers for Disease Control recommended waiting 14 days from the last day of exposure before reopening schools, while the Michigan Department of Health recommended seven days. On those recommendations, Fiegel said Monday he was leaning toward resuming classes at elementary and middle schools on Wednesday, but considered keeping Plymouth-Canton Educational Park closed for the remainder of the week. The newest guidelines by the CDC allowed all 19,000 students back into the classroom Wednesday.

A half-dozen AP Calculus students met at the Canton Public Library Tuesday — before Fiegel's announcement — to study for a test on Wednesday, not knowing if it would happen or not.

"I was counting on Monday and Tuesday to ask a lot of questions (in class) and now I can't," said Amy Mathew, 16, a junior who lives in Salem Township. "I think everything is being hyped up more than it should be because more people die of the regular flu than this flu."

One of her study partners, 18-year-old Greg Reed of Canton, lamented the fact his senior year was coming to a close with the potential of missing several track and field meets.

"We had a meet scheduled for today (Tuesday) and tomorrow (Wednesday) and our conference meet is Friday," said Reed. "If we don't have school we can't have organized practices, either. A few of us ran this (Tuesday) morning, but our coaches couldn't be there."

"I think we should just have school and not worry about it," he said. "It's a little overkill shutting down the school."

As of Wednesday, Plymouth-Canton officials still had not heard from the CDC if the suspected case of H1N1 virus was a confirmed case. Fiegel said even if the CDC confirms the case as positive for H1N1 classes will continue.

"It's an influenza virus that stays alive for about two days," Fiegel said. "We went in and disinfected and wiped down all our common spaces as recommended, but truth was most of those spaces — after two to eight hours — no longer carry any disease."

Loretta Davis, director of the county's Department of Public Health, said the 16-year-old girl developed the virus after being with a friend who had been in Mexico, where the virus originated.

"From the beginning, the public health approach was to be very aggressive in order to get out in front of this particular infection," said Davis. "Of course, the final decision always rested with the school district. I ... commend Dr. Fiegel and all of his staff on collaborating with us, weighing all the issues and making the best possible decisions with the recommendations that were there at the time."

Fiegel said the two days off would not need to be made up because the district's academic schedule includes five days for emergencies, of which only two had been used for snow days before this week.

Other schools that followed Plymouth-Canton's lead by closing Monday and Tuesday also resumed classes Wednesday. They included Plymouth Christian Academy, All Saints Catholic School, St. Michael's Lutheran Church school and Crescent International Academy, all in Canton.

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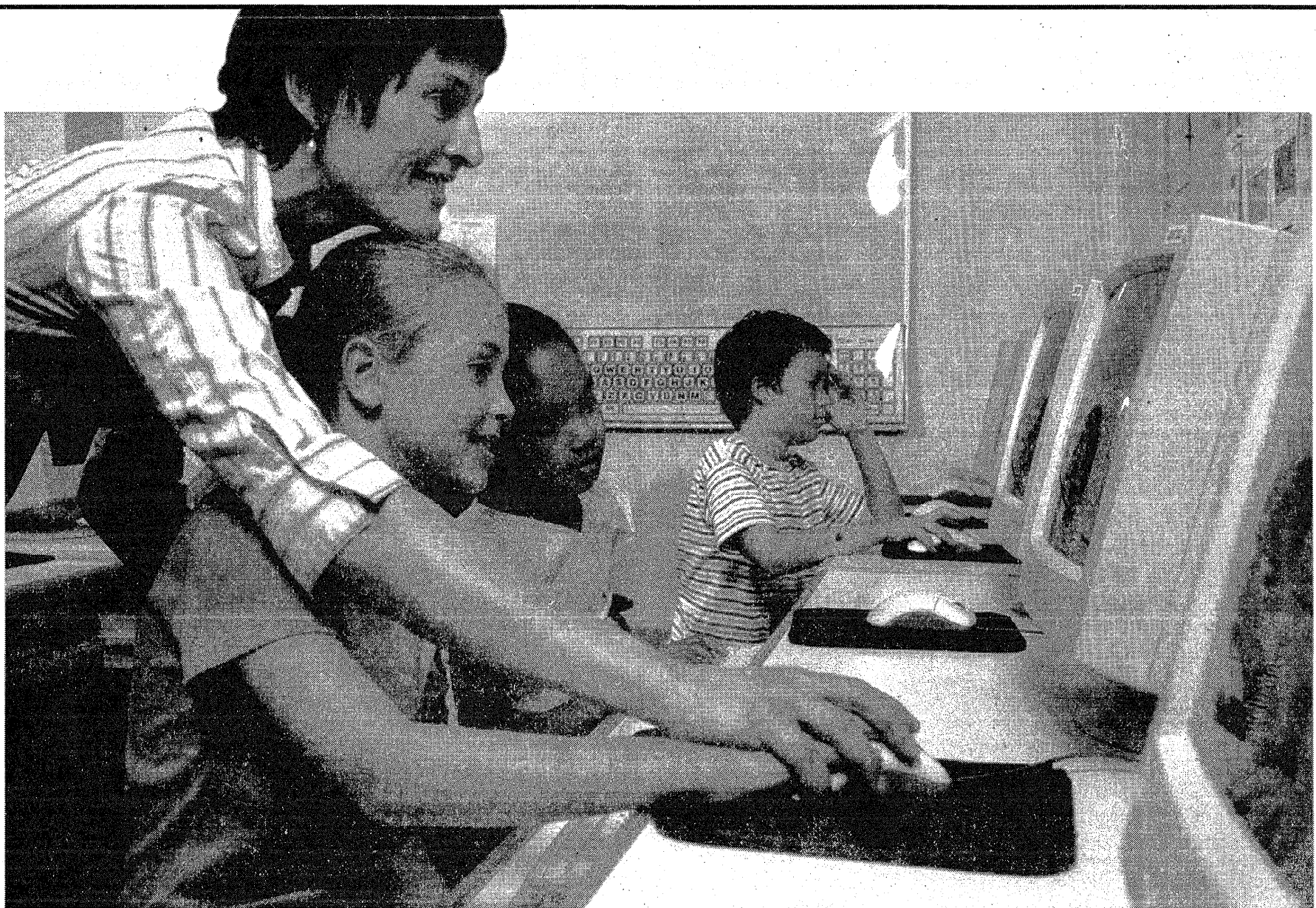
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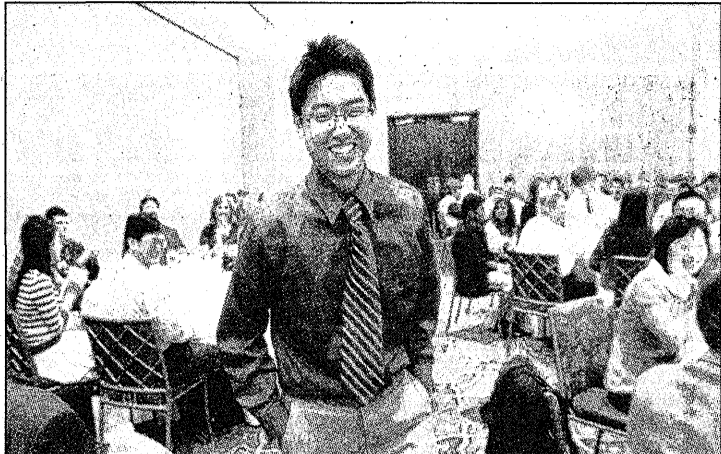
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ALL-STARS
FROM PAGE A1

Harvard to student business or journalism.

Plymouth seniors Laing and Tseng, both AP Scholars, will study engineering and science, respectively. Ding plans to study economics. He earned a first place in the state Science Olympiad. Also profiled are runners-up and Plymouth and Canton residents from Ladywood High School, Plymouth Christian Academy and Agape Christian.

These students shine in many ways and their futures are bright as they move on to study at colleges and universities close to home and far away.

A special thank you to Madonna University, our long-time partner and sponsor of the special section for more than 15 years. Take time to read about Madonna's new state-of-the-art science and media building that will open this fall. The environmentally-friendly building is Madonna's first stand-alone building in 40 years and Livonia's first "green" building to be certified in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The 60,000 square-foot structure is in the heart of Madonna's campus at Schoolcraft and Levan roads.

Madonna's commitment to honoring academic excellence is one reason the *Observer* is able to celebrate the All-Stars in this very public way. The All-Stars and their parents were honored May

1 at a special breakfast and awards ceremony hosted by the *Observer* Newspapers and the Townsend Hotel. The Townsend has been a partner the last several years in making sure the students are honored in an outstanding way. In addition, Huntington Bank, another long-time friend of the All-Star Program, provided each All-Star Team member with a U.S. Savings Bond.

The *Observer* takes great pride in honoring academic excellence in our communities for the last 24 years.

Enjoy today's special supplement.

As always, I welcome your comments.

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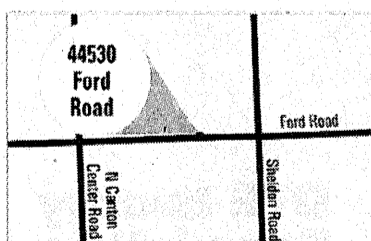
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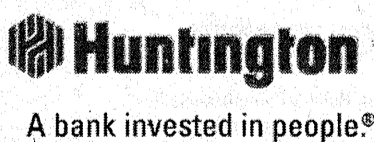
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Remember that not all creditors created equal

While Chrysler and General Motors are working out a variety of arrangements to stay in business, it is important to understand what is happening to unsecured bond holders. Many of the bonds issued by GM and Chrysler are held by individuals and they are going to take a substantial hit.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

It is important to understand that not all creditors are created equal. Creditors can be divided into two distinct areas: secured creditors and unsecured

It wasn't that long ago that investors thought of GM bonds as rock solid. I remember the saying, what's good for GM is good for America and visa versa. Unfortunately, those days are gone. In today's changing economy, it is necessary to invest without emotion and recognize that looking forward is much more important than looking in the rearview mirror.

get pennies on the dollar. Fixed-income security investments such as corporate bonds and government bonds are an important part of an overall portfolio. In the portfolios I manage, I always have a portion of the portfolio invested in fixed-income obligations in order to have a balanced and diversified portfolio. With regard to investing in fixed-income securities, investors should know, but unfortunately many do not, that not all fixed-income securities are the same. Too many investors will only look at the yield on the investment and use that to decide whether they should make an investment in that security or not. I believe when you buy fixed-income securities, you need to focus on two issues — maturity of the obligation and quality of the bond. Bonds can have durations from 90 days to 30 years. Generally, the longer the term of the bond, the greater the risk.

In today's economic environment with low interest rates and a potential for higher inflation, I generally recommend short- to intermediate-term bonds.

The higher the quality of bond, the better the chance of being repaid. If you buy a fixed-income security, you

must be sure to receive the interest due you as well as your principle upon maturity. The highest quality bond that one can buy is any bond that is backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. On the other hand, bonds issued by corporations that are rated as not investment grade have the greatest risk of default.

Non-investment grade bonds are also known as high-yield bonds and sometimes referred to as junk bonds.

When purchasing a fixed-income obligation, the primary focus must be the quality of the obligation. In today's turbulent times, with interest rates so low, many investors are purchasing more and more junk bonds in order to increase their yield. From a risk standpoint, not all junk bonds are the same. From a risk/reward standpoint, some junk bonds make sense, however, investors need to be cautious.

When you purchase a junk bond, you must recognize that there is substantial risk of default and that is the reason it pays higher rates of return. Having a small portion of your fixed-income investments in high yield or junk bonds can make sense. However, investing a large portion of your portfolio in these types of securities is not prudent.

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creditors. A secured creditor will typically have a security interest in an underlying asset that protects its debt. For example, when you and I purchase a home using a mortgage, the mortgage company (the lender) becomes a secured creditor. A secured creditor has the underlying asset to protect its loan. The mortgage company has the lien on the home. If the mortgage isn't paid, the company can sell your house and the proceeds are used to pay off your obligation to the mortgage company. Similarly, in business, secured creditors could sell a secured asset to discharge the debt. If the sale discharges the total amount owed, great; if not, the creditor becomes an unsecured creditor for the remaining balance owed.

Unsecured creditors are not as fortunate or protected as a secured creditor. Unsecured creditors have no security interest — no specific asset securing their obligation. In times of financial crisis such as a bankruptcy, once secured creditors are taken care of, unsecured creditors are paid only if there is money remaining. In most bankruptcies, unsecured creditors usually

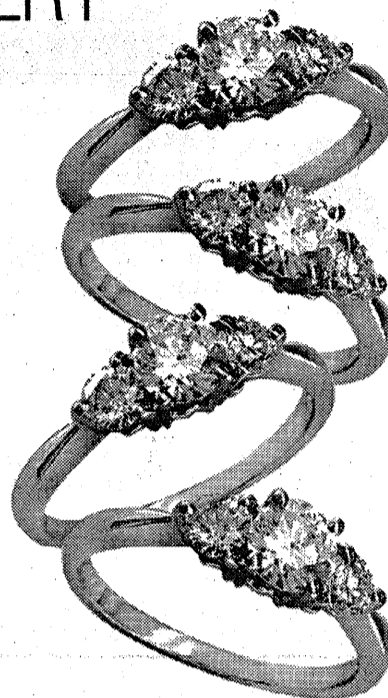
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Academic All-Stars represent the best and brightest

The *Observer Newspapers* presents the 2009 Academic All-Star Team, some of the most accomplished high school students in the Detroit metro area.

A special section inside today's *Plymouth Observer* profiles the team — 18 students from throughout our coverage area in western Wayne County and Farmington and Farmington Hills — and another 24 students who are runners-up and deserve applause, too.

This year's team is one of the strongest in the program's history. The Principals Committee comprised of Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Lara Dixon of Troy Athens, Carolyn Witte of Farmington Hills Mercy and Dan Willenborg of Livonia Franklin was awed by the academic success of the nominees. This year's high grade point averages in academic subjects and outstanding performance on the SAT and ACT make this one of the largest teams, too.

This newspaper started the Academic All-Stars program 24 years ago at the urging of Robert Schramke, who was principal at Redford Union High School in Redford Township. Schramke believed academic success should be honored and celebrated in a public way. We agreed and a tradition was born.

In recent years, the Townsend Hotel and Huntington Bank have also played a major role in honoring the best and brightest students.

Peter Wilde, managing director of the Townsend, and Rebecca Smith, regional president of Huntington, are committed to making sure the All-Stars are honored and rewarded for their outstanding academic success. We say thank you to them and salute their commitment to the program.

Take time to read the section inside today's newspaper or online at hometownlife.com and gaze into the future. We guarantee you'll like what you see. You will find future physicians, teachers, musicians, government officials, scientists, engineers and most likely world leaders. You will find people who continue to have great expectations for their generation. You will find young men and women who have contributed significantly to their communities and many who want to change the world. You will find students who are thankful to supportive parents and teachers who encouraged imagination and instilled a love of lifelong learning and helped them navigate their educational paths.

We congratulate and salute the 2009 Observer All-Star Team: Edward Tremel of Churchill High School, Willa Chen of Canton High School, Tejas Karnati of North Farmington High School, Nikita Cousel of Salem High School, Linda Ling of Salem High School, Mara Minasian of North Farmington High School, Joshua Corriveau of Belleville High School, Matthew Charnley of Churchill High School, Kevin Joseph of Farmington High School, Robert Klosek of Harrison High School, Ke Ding of Canton High School, Nandini Abburi of Farmington High School, Sarah Jaslow of Stevenson High School, Corey Lightner of Harrison High School, Kurt Tseng of Plymouth High School, Timothy Baker of Thurston High School, Matt Laing of Plymouth High School and Michelle A. Frazer of Stevenson High School.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem High School senior Nikita Cousel was one of the Academic All-Stars recognized Friday.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think there's been an overreaction to the so-called swine flu? We asked this question outside the U.S. post office in downtown Plymouth.



"Probably. I don't know ... it spreads really fast."

Brandon White
Salem High School student
Canton Township



"No, I don't think so. Erring on the side of caution is a good thing in this situation."

Laurie Glissman
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"I think so. Although it had the potential to be dangerous, it looks like it's not going to spread far."

Lois Norman
Plymouth Township



"I do. ... Everybody kind of panics ... it's just human nature. Drink lots of fluids and stay healthy."

Caroline Foster
Plymouth

LETTERS

Situation mishandled

I just want to express my intense disappointment with the situation at PCEP. I cannot believe the way that it has been handled, and the huge mess that has been created as a result. Even more disheartening is the fact that both sides are to blame for what is happening now.

First, the students deserve to be supported, no matter who is leading the band or what the administration decides to do with it. That being said, I wish Mr. Armbruster the best of luck in his first year at PCEP and I hope to see those Division 1 ratings again for all four bands.

I also want to give kudos to Mr. Montoya. He's basically losing his job and he knows it, but instead of giving up or becoming bitter he's already begun marching band rehearsals and is conducting his concert ensembles as if they're going to festival.

The main thing I don't understand is why the administration and the board have handled the situation in this manner. They have left the general public, students, alumni, and staff completely in the dark. There are not many possible reasons in my mind for them to need an overhaul of the program RIGHT NOW, especially with a concert coming up and the end of the year activities looming.

In fact, I don't really get this overhaul at all. I'd love to understand why this needs to be done, but I don't. And no one has tried clearing it up. It's all "confidential."

So we're left here with two excellent teachers losing their jobs for no reason. And if there is a legitimate reason, no one

What do you think?

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seems inclined to tell us what it is.

And then there's the politics. I have heard so much junk from both sides about who said this, who did that, why they're wrong, etc. At this point it's nearly impossible to figure out what really happened because of all the one-sided information and the silence of the board and administration.

I completely support Mrs. Boerma, but I think that the way some people are trying to help her case is simply making the situation worse. Bombarding the public with one-sided information is not going to help.

The most frustrating part of all of this for me is how the students are being ignored. Over 60 of them showed up for the school board meeting April 21, and they were hardly acknowledged. All of these students have no idea what is going on, and the administration is simply brushing off their requests for the truth.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge Mrs. Boerma. I'm sure it's very, very hard having to go through all of this and not being able to talk to anyone, which is what she has done. It's even harder sitting by and watching all of it happen and feeling as if you can't defend yourself. But there is an upside to this situation, however unfortunate it may be. There were 60 students at that board meeting.

The community and the students are clearly upset with this decision and are fighting back. Knowing I am not the only one who thinks this is unfair and unprecedented is a comfort. It makes me angry, however, seeing that no one is acknowledging this support, either positively or negatively.

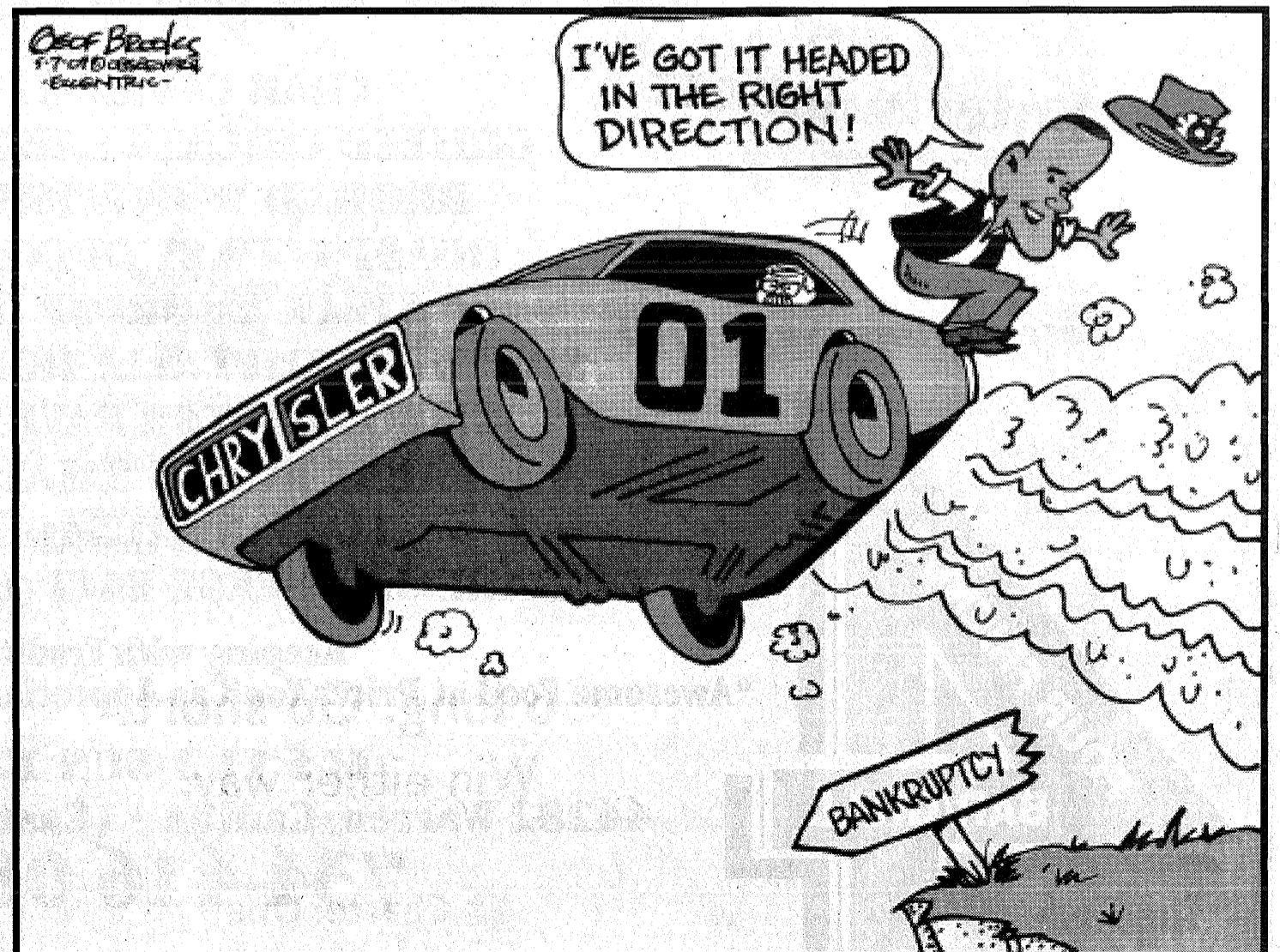
Sarah Hallinen
Canton

Listen to students

I, along with several of my peers, greatly disagree with the forced administrative leave of Amy Boerma. I was in her concert band class last year, and I can truly say she deeply cared about all her students and only ever did what was best for them. Her record is beyond what should be required of a director at Plymouth-Canton. She has received straight ones at festival for 14 straight years. However, her scores alone are not what made Mrs. Boerma a great director. She also has a true passion for music, and loves to help those who wish to be good at it. She made class fun, and exciting, as well as educational.

I do not see what is wrong with her. The school board has ignored all letters, e-mails, and speeches by parents and students alike, not only on the Mrs. Boerma issue, but the issue of the possible re-hiring of Mr. Montoya, as well. It seems as though they do not care what the students — the ones who have direct interaction with these people — think or who they would want to be their director.

Paul Shanks
Class of 2010



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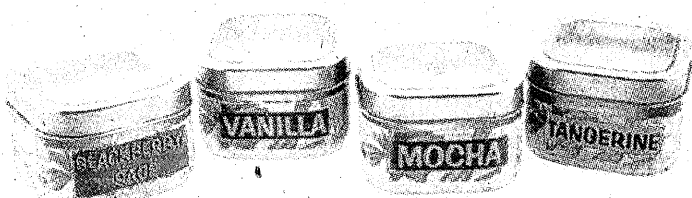


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Last-minute ideas for Mother's Day



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Mother's Day is an essential time to honor that special mom, whether yours or someone else's. Here's a quick roundup of ways to make her feel loved.

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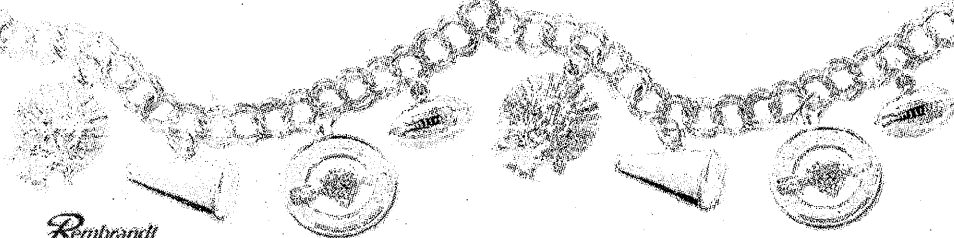
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With all the games canceled, I was an American 'idle'

Here are a few idle thoughts that came to mind on an all-the-high-school-sports-got-wiped-out-by-the-Swine-Flu Tuesday afternoon.

... During the summer of 2000, I coached a pretty good young player on my 10-and-under Canton Mets rec baseball team. He could really swing the bat and catch the ball. However, from what I can remember, he didn't have a real strong arm, thus, yours truly never let him pitch.



Ed Wright

Well, on Friday afternoon — almost nine years later — that same player threw a no-hitter for Canton's varsity baseball team. He did it with a fast ball that regularly crossed home plate at a mid-80s clip. Congratulations, Dane Staples, for showing

what can be accomplished with hard work and perseverance.

... Speaking of diamonds, I can't wait for the Division 1 District baseball and softball tournaments that will be hosted by Salem High School on May 30. It wouldn't be surprising if any of the three local teams won either the baseball or softball Districts.

I know this area has always had a wealth of diamond talent, but I'm not sure if the depth of that talent has ever exceeded where it's at now. This is a credit to the current coaching staffs at all three high schools and the youth programs that developed these players. Everyone involved should be proud.

... It was a little eerie driving past the "Park" Monday afternoon and seeing it deserted due to the probable case of

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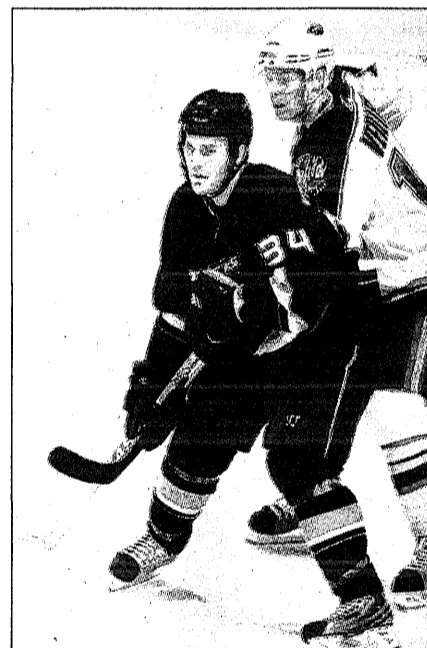


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Canton High School graduate James Wisniewski returned home this past weekend as a member of the Anaheim Ducks, who are facing off against the Detroit Red Wings in the second round of the NHL playoffs.



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Canton's Josh Hurst passes the baton to teammate Zack Spreitzer during the Chiefs' first-place performance in the distance medley relay at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

CC is relay, relay fast

Shamrocks outrun a strong field at Observerland



Salem's Matt Devey tries to pick up ground on Catholic Central's Alex Toloff during the 6,400-meter relay race at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Catholic Central boys track and field team has been traditionally known for its talented throwers and distance runners.

But on Saturday, the Shamrocks of Novi threw in some speedy sprinters, hurdlers and middle distance talent to earn its first Observerland Relays title since 1993 and fourth championship overall in the 39th annual event.

CC led the 17-school field with 83 points to win comfortably over runner-up Salem (61) and third-place finisher Livonia Churchill (52), the host team.

Two-time defending champion Livonia Stevenson was fourth with 49 and Farmington Hills Harrison took fifth with 42.

"It's been that long?" asked veteran CC coach Tony Magni referring to the 15-year Observerland drought. "That was a pretty good team in '93. We had Eric McKeon in the middle distance and Mark Eden in the hurdles, and a good distance team. We were second

in the state that year in cross country."

CC captured five of the 16 events to gobble up 50 of its points (10 for each first) in the predominantly relay format.

The Shamrocks produced a balanced attack by winning the shot put relay, 4 x 1,600 relay, 3,200 relay, 1,600 relay and individual 1,600 (sophomore John Paul Zembrowski in 4:29.65).

Junior Spencer Hall anchored the 4 x 800 relay in 8:19.63 along with the 4 x 400 relay in a blistering 3:23.89. J.P. Zembrowski's twin brother Austin also was a member of the victorious 6,400 and 3,200 relay teams.

CC added seconds in the distance medley and 800 relay.

"When you get good quarter-milers and good half-milers, you'll have a good track team," Magni said. "We knew if we could score 80 points we'd be in the hunt."

Meanwhile, Salem's second-place showing proved to be an encouraging sign for coach Kyle Meteyer.

His Rocks won the dis-

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GAME WRAPS

Lady Warriors win

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team doubled up Northville, 6-3, Friday afternoon.

The victory improved the Lady Warriors to 4-10.

"It was more of a defensive struggle than offensive performance," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "The muddy field probably had something to do with it, but it was also the best defensive performance we've had all season."

Sophomore goalie Lexie O'Connor anchored the winners' strong defensive effort by stopping 18 of 21 Mustang shots.

Medley gave a nod to Natalie Sitko, Emily Cox and Lauren Manner as players who played a role in helping O'Connor at the defensive end of the field.

PCS middies Edra Burris, Lauren Allard, Stephanie Pettovello and Chelsea Olson also played well, Medley said.

Scoring goals for PCS were Burris, Melissa Gianinni, Nicole Rottell (two) and Lauryn Ebersole (two).

"Because we are a unified team and Northville is our neighboring community, they are our lacrosse rival," said Medley. "Our team takes great pride in this win."

Canton boys LAX team wins on 'Senior Day'

Energized by a large "Senior Day" crowd, Canton's lacrosse team upended Ypsilanti Lincoln, 18-5, Saturday afternoon at the PCEP varsity stadium.

The Chiefs broke open a close game with 13 second-half goals.

Matt Rodgers (seven goals) and Jake Underwood (goal, seven assists) had monster games for the winners. Jordan Emery and Jason Avedesian scored two goals a piece for Canton.

Also scoring goals for Canton were Jordan Smith, Jon Rocheleau, Mike Clemens, Brett Phillips, Trevor Moore, Kyle Dunleavy and Riley Hoernschemeyer.

Hoernschemeyer also added three assists.

Sean Walsh sparkled in net for the Chiefs, stopping eight second-half shots.

Whalers draft has American flavor

The Plymouth Whalers went distinctly American in their early selections of Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Draft, which was held online through the 20 OHL cities.

After selecting dynamic Huron-Perth Lakers center Garrett Meurs with its first-round selection at 13th overall, Plymouth took four straight Americans through the fifth round: Monroe goaltender Matt Mahalak in the second round, Compuware Under-16 center Stefan Noesen (Northville) in the fourth round and Pittsburgh Hornets center Jonathon Miller and New Jersey Avalanche defenseman Nick Malysa in the fifth round.

According to Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci, the American content wasn't planned, but an acknowledgment of talent.

Whalers' Terry presented prestigious Renaud trophy

The Ontario Hockey League announced earlier this week that Plymouth Whalers captain Chris Terry has been named the inaugural recipient of the Mickey Renaud Captain's Trophy. Terry received the award at a press conference held at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.

The Mickey Renaud Captain's Trophy is awarded annually to the Ontario Hockey League member team captain that best exemplifies leadership on and off the ice as well as hard work, passion and dedication to the game of hockey and their community.

Terry also received the OHL's Dan Snyder Memorial Trophy as Humanitarian of the Year this season.

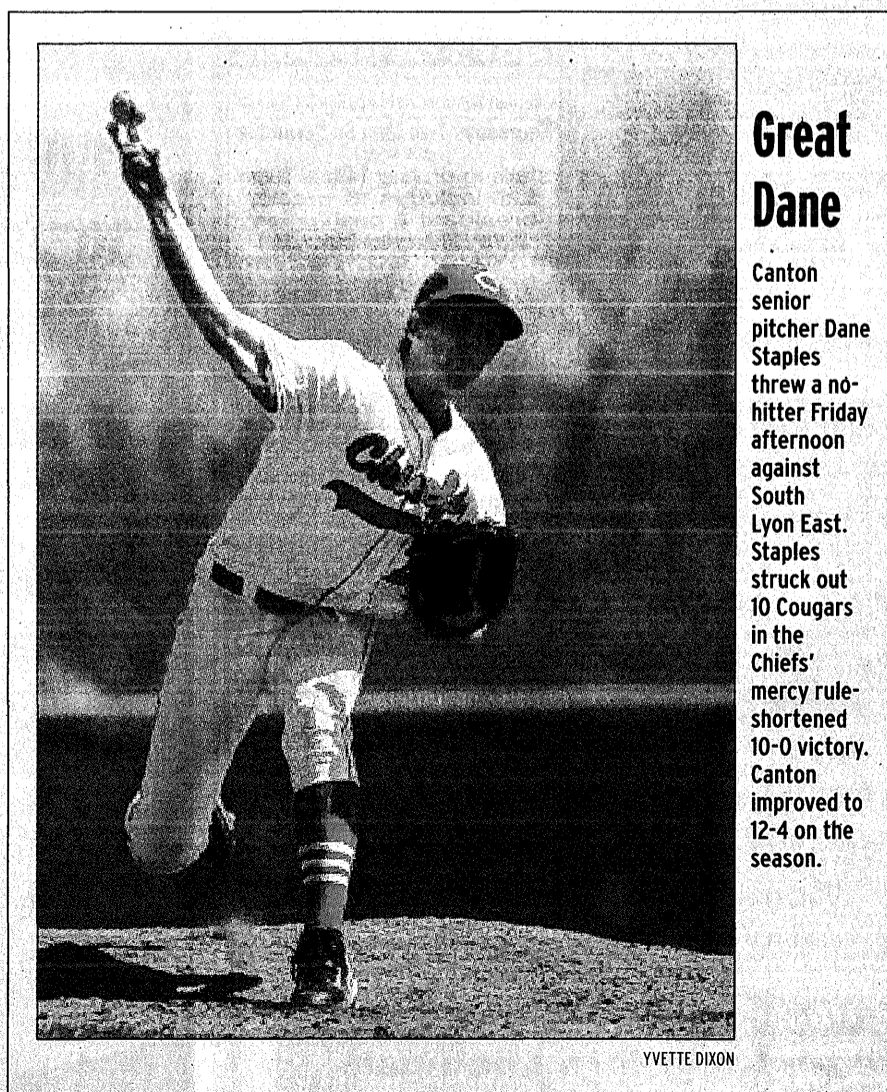
"There are a lot of other great captains and leaders in this league that are very deserving of this award," Terry said. "That's what makes this award a great honor and very special to me. Although this is an individual award, there's a lot of people I share this with. First, my teammates in Plymouth were great this year. I also share this award with (alternate cap-

tains) Joe Gaynor, Kaine Geldart, AJ Jenks and Michal Jordan. They were great captains in the locker room and they'll continue to be throughout their careers.

"I thank the Plymouth Whalers organization and in particular (President, Head Coach and General Manager) Mike Vellucci for giving me an opportunity at 16 to not only play in this league, but to have the opportunity to become a better person on and off the ice. Lastly, I'd like to thank my parents (John and Dianne) for their support, not only over the last four years in the OHL, but throughout my whole hockey career and instilling good leadership qualities.

"This award is a true honor to me because Mickey was a great player and a fierce competitor on the ice. Not only was he a good captain on the ice, but he was also a good captain within the city of Windsor. That's what makes this award special to me, to be the first recipient, and it's something I'll

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Great Dane

Canton senior pitcher Dane Staples threw a no-hitter Friday afternoon against South Lyon East. Staples struck out 10 Cougars in the Chiefs' mercy rule-shortened 10-0 victory. Canton improved to 12-4 on the season.

YVETTE DIXON

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cherish the rest of my life.”
A panel of OHL media members worked as a committee in examining the nominations of the 20 captains throughout the league this season.
“The spirit of this award is embodying what Mickey Renaud was all about — his presence, what he meant as a leader in the dressing room and in the community, and how he tried to live his life,” said Ontario Hockey League Commissioner David Branch. “It was interesting for me as a bystander to watch the process and see how quickly our committee came to a consensus on this year’s winner. That’s a tribute to Chris

and what he means on and off the ice.”
“I’m so proud of Chris,” said Vellucci. “He’s done so much for our community and our organization. I get a lot of credit for our turnaround (in 2008-09), but Chris had more to do with it than me. The captain is an extension of the coaching staff and when the change was made in coaching this season, Chris was remarkable. Not only did he make so many great plays on the ice, but he did so much off the ice as well — from curfew checks, to suggestions, to different things like leadership in the locker room. He was a leader in setting up school visits and hospital visits and all of those kinds of things. He’s just a remarkable kid.”
“When we talked about this award and the Humanitarian

Award, his teammates wanted to speak up on his behalf. We did a video on him and all his teammates lined up to talk about what a great person Chris is.”
“We are very pleased and honored that this award was created in Mickey’s name,” said Mark Renaud, Mickey’s father. “Mickey was a quality person and we are grateful that so many of his attributes are captured in this award. We are also very pleased that Chris Terry is the first recipient since he is such a terrific hockey player and a very special person. He is certainly a fine leader and a great captain,” added Renaud.
Terry will be formally presented with the Mickey Renaud Captain’s Trophy and the Dan Snyder Memorial Trophy at the OHL Awards Banquet on June 3.



Plymouth Whalers captain Chris Terry is pictured with the display at the Windsor Family Credit Union Centre that honors the Spitfires’ former captain Mickey Renaud.

DAVE PICKFORD

TEE TIME *Your local golf guide*

Great Expectations: Your golf game will change while you are pregnant

By Susan Smiley

When Michigan State University women’s golf coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll discovered she was pregnant six years ago, she visualized being able to propel the golf ball further down the fairway than she ever had before.
“So many people said they hit the ball farther when they were pregnant,” said Slobodnik-Stoll. “It did not work that way for me. I really struggled. I just felt like I could not get through the ball. But I didn’t want to give up playing, so I participated in all of the events I usually play in and just got used to hitting a little short.”
Women can expect to make adjustments to their game when they are pregnant, but just what those changes will be is tough to predict. Not only can it vary from golfer to golfer but from pregnancy to pregnancy as well.
Meredith Weaver is a mother of three and says she had to make new adjustments each time she was pregnant.
“With my daughter I felt like I gained weight all over where with my two boys the weight was all right out there in front,” Weaver said. “So it was completely different each time. I think you just have to adjust as you go along.”
For Weaver, one of the toughest things was getting used to having her hands so far away from her body when she gripped the club.
“People are probably different depending on what their swing plane is like to begin with,” Weaver said. “I think when you are pregnant you are more

likely to swing within yourself and you maybe have less of a tendency to over swing.”
Once she got her swing under control, it was a matter of dealing with her aching legs and first-trimester nausea.
“I always felt really crummy the first trimester so that it was harder for me to play than it was later in my pregnancies,” Weaver said. “I also had a problem with veins in my legs so my issues were more to do with walking than with my swing.”
Julie Massa, who is typically a walk-and-carry golfer, also remembers using the cart more when she was pregnant but for her the biggest issue was balance.
“I moved a little slower so I just had to tell myself that I wasn’t going to hit it as far and to just play with what I had and try to keep it down the middle and make it easy on myself,” Massa said. “My balance was different and it kept changing as I went along so that was an issue I didn’t think of. It was a constant state of adjustment.”
Massa found her putting was affected because she could not bend over as far as she was used to. She never changed putters but changed her stance to compensate for the lack of flexibility.
“I don’t know exactly where the point was in my pregnancy where I knew I had to do something different but I think you just know,” Massa said. “I just went with how I was feeling. I think you have to listen to your body — that’s what I did.”
Slobodnik-Stoll still remembers playing in a tournament in mid-July when she was seven months pregnant

with her daughter, Olivia. It was 95 degrees and humid and she remembers questioning her sanity for just a moment during the tournament.
“I just remember thinking ‘I’m huge and why am I doing this right now?’” Slobodnik-Stoll said. “My expectations were so high and I was not playing like I wanted to but I didn’t want to use the pregnancy as an excuse.”
Some golfers find their game improved after the baby is born. Both Weaver and Slobodnik-Stoll say they gained upper body strength and muscle after their babies were born just because they were carrying their children with them everywhere.
“I was happy because I had more arm strength,” Slobodnik-Stoll said. “It was a benefit for my game.”
No matter what losses or changes their games suffered during their pregnancies, the golfers all agree that once the baby arrives, you get a new and refreshing perspective on everything — including your game.
“You have something going on in your life that is so much bigger than golf,” Weaver said.
Slobodnik-Stoll agrees: “Competitive golf is something that we do because we love it. Know that when you are pregnant, your life is going to be changing in the best way possible and you are going to have something you love more than golf.”

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Swine Flu that forced the district’s schools to shut down for two days (I think I may have even seen a tumbleweed or two blowing across the soccer field).
The entrances were barricaded and a weird silence hovered over the empty fields, tracks and courts. It was a scene straight out of a Stephen King novel or an episode of the “Twilight Zone.” Thankfully, things returned to normal Wednesday.
...Speaking of swine, what ever happened to Arnold Ziffel, the greatest pig actor who ever lived? And I’ve always wondered: Was the former “Green Acres” star a member of the Screen Actors Guild or the Swine Actors Guild?
...I’d be a horrible movie critic because I’m, well, too critical of most movies. For example, I’m a huge baseball fan, but I didn’t think “Bull Durham” was all that great. And I thought one of the few sports-related movies to win “Best Picture” — “Chariots of Fire” — was probably the most boring two hours I’ve spent on this earth. That said, after watching “Slumdog Millionaire” last week, I gave it four stars and two thumbs up.
...I know he’s a member of the “enemy” as far as Detroit Red Wings fans are concerned, but it was pretty cool to see local hockey standout and all-around great person James Wisniewski playing a pivotal role for the Anaheim Ducks this past weekend at Joe Louis Arena.

Following a playoffs-less career in Chicago, Wisniewski was traded west this past winter and has found a home on the Ducks’ blue line. The Canton High School graduate and former Plymouth Whaler assisted on Anaheim’s game-winning goal Sunday, which must have been bittersweet for area fans who know Wisniewski but root for the Wings.
...Wisniewski hasn’t forgotten his roots. Last spring, once the NHL season was over, the former high school baseball standout not only attended a Canton High School baseball game, he coached first base for a few innings. Who wants to bet nobody missed a sign during those frames?
...You have to feel for the area’s high school athletic directors. Not only have they had to deal with an unusually rainy spring that has shuffled the spring sports schedules like a deck of cards, but now they have two full days of events they have to find make-up dates for in the wake of this week’s school closings.
...Speaking of jam-packed schedules, how does Kurt Britnell do it? He’s not only immersed in everything that comes with being Salem’s new football coach, but he’s coaching Plymouth’s boys and girls track-and-field teams this spring. I get fatigued thinking about it.

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cus and high jump relays as Cortney Frazier figured in both firsts. Salem also posted seconds in the shot put relay (school record), 6,400 relay, 3,200 relay and 1,600 relay (season-best 3:28.7 thanks to the efforts of Scott O'Connor, Dan Martin, Zack Gaskell and Dom Williams).

"We knew CC was strong in just about every event," Meteyer said. "They were good in the field events, sprints and distance - and we were, too. But they were just a little stronger. When you win five or six events, that's hard to compete against. But I'm really proud of them. We were in double digits - 14th place - two years ago, fifth last year, and then second. We're moving up the ranks and it's good to see. Our strongest class are the juniors and we look to be back next year."

Canton's lone first-place finish proved to be a school-record effort as the Chiefs' distance-medley relay foursome of Josh Hurst, Keith Zech, Sherif Hassanien and Zack Spreitzer's time of 10:47.9 eclipsed the previous-best time by close to 11 seconds.

Churchill coach Rick Austin was pleased with his team's third-place finish.

The Chargers, led by the state's top-ranked pole vaulter, senior Derik Peterman, took that highly specialized event.

But a big surprise came in the 4 x 100 relay as Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey and Devon Easterling took first in 43.26, the first time ever a Churchill team had won the event in the 39-year history of Observerland.

"Those kids are the hardest workers on the team and they deserve everything they get," Austin said. "And I thought our throwers did well, too. They're our hardest workers, too."



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Plymouth's Joe Porcari hands the baton to teammate Matt Neumann during the 6,400-meter relay race in Saturday's Observerland Relays.

"I'm very proud of the kids' performance. They've been growing all season. Third place makes me happy. It means we're headed in the right direction. But my hat's off to coach Magni and a CC team that had many outstanding performers."

Meanwhile, Observerland's fastest man title goes to Livonia Franklin senior Paul Voegele, who tied the school record with an official time of 10.86.

Voegele was able to hold off Westland John Glenn's Jeremy Langford,

Farmington's Charles Anthony and Stevenson's Nick Anagnostou - all clocking 10.9 - in a photo finish.

Officials deliberated for over five minutes before sorting out the finishers, but there was no question the Franklin senior crossed the line in first.

"It feels great," said pencil-thin Voegele, who stands just 5 feet, 7 inches, and weighs only 125 pounds. "I got a good block start and ran a pretty good time, a personal best."

"I knew I was first or second, but didn't know until I got the (placing) stick. I was

concerned, worried, anxious to know."

Another impressive individual performer was Wayne Memorial junior Renaldo Powell, who captured the 110 hurdles in 14.15. He finished just ahead of Vanier Joseph of Redford Thurston (14.41) and CC's Scott Sansovich (14.51).

Another highlight was Stevenson's 4 x 200 relay team of David Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Nate Sergison and Anagnostou, who took first in 1:28.89, breaking the school record set in 2007.

But the day overall

belonged to the Shamrocks, one of the few teams in the area who require mandatory workouts during spring break.

"If you go on spring break, you can't run," Magni said. "We lose a few, but our guys know that from Day One when they come in as freshmen. We can do it at CC and I realize some schools can't do it. You have to be here that week-and-a-half because I know they're not going to be training in Cancun."

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OBSERVERLAND TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

39th annual OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD RELAYS

May 2 at Livonia Churchill H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 83 points; 2. Salem, 61; 3. Livonia Churchill, 52; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 49; 5. Farmington Hills Harrison, 42; 6. Livonia Franklin, 40; 7. Northville, 35; 8. Canton, 32; 9. Farmington, 29; 10. Plymouth, 25; 11. Wayne Memorial, 24; 12. Westland John Glenn, 11; 13. Redford Thurston, 8; 14. Lutheran High Westland, 4; 15. Redford Union, 1; 16. (tie) Garden City and Livonia Clarenceville, 0 each.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (Jerry Yono, Jeff Sherman, Niko Palazeti), 142 feet, 4.25 inches; 2. Salem, 140-8; 3. Franklin, 136-0; 4. Churchill, 135-7; 5. Farmington, 125-7.5; 6. Stevenson, 124-1.5.

Discus: 1. Salem (Dana Baltazar, Ed Merhi, Cortney Frazier), 386-1; 2. Franklin, 377-3; 3. Northville, 372-5; 4. Churchill, 369-4; 5. Catholic Central, 367-11; 6. Plymouth, 357-2.

High jump: 1. Salem (Zack Gaskell, Andy Steinman, Frazier), 17-6; 2. Franklin, 17-5; 3. Northville, 17-5; 4. Canton, 17-0; 5. Catholic Central, 17-0; 6. Farmington, 16-9.

Long jump: 1. Stevenson (Nate Sergison, David Simor, Will Burek), 59-1; 2. Harrison, 58-1.25; 3. Wayne, 56-7.5; 4. Churchill, 56-4.5; 5. Catholic Central, 56-1.5; 6. Farmington, 54-7.5.

Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Derik Peterman, Chris Barnard, Joe Marlow), 38-6; 2. Canton, 35-0; 3. Stevenson, 33-6; 4. Northville, 32-6; 5. Salem, 32-0; 6. RU, 31-6.

6,400 meters: 1. Catholic Central (Alex Toloff, Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Ricardo Galindo, Austin Zembrowski), 18 minutes, 29.5 seconds; 2. Salem, 18:32.43; 3. Plymouth, 19:09.22; 4. Canton, 19:42.52; 5. Stevenson, 19:43.16; 6. Churchill, 19:43.2.

Distance medley: 1. Canton (Joshua Hurst, Keith Zech, Sherif Hassanien, Zach Spreitzer), 10:47.87; 2. Catholic Central, 10:53.64; 3. Northville, 10:59.73; 4. Churchill, 11:11.79; 5. Franklin, 11:21.5; 6. Farmington, 11:22.03.

800: 1. Stevenson (Simor, Jacob Gudeman, Sergison, Nick Anagnostou), 1:28.89; 2. Catholic Central, 1:29.88; 3. Wayne, 1:30.5; 4. Harrison, 1:30.6; 5. Churchill, 1:30.78; 6. John Glenn, 1:31.69.

3,200: 1. Catholic Central (Toloff, A. Zembrowski, Brandon Schneider, Spencer Hall), 8:19.63; 2. Salem, 8:22.01; 3. Plymouth, 8:23.7; 4. Canton, 8:25.24; 5. Stevenson, 8:33.12; 6. Churchill, 8:34.0.

Sprint medley: 1. Harrison (Christian Success, Aaron Burbridge, May Chapman, Darius Davis), 2:28.57; 2. Stevenson, 2:29.88; 3. Plymouth, 2:32.3; 4. Churchill, 2:34.26; 5. John Glenn, 2:35.27; 6. Salem, 2:36.04.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Farmington (Matt Craver, Mitch Sanders, Davis, Chris Rybal), 1:03.2; 2. Harrison, 1:03.91; 3. Churchill, 1:04.73; 4. Catholic Central, 1:05.09; 5. Franklin, 1:05.24; 6. Canton, 1:06.94.

400: 1. Churchill (Tony Frezzell, Scott Coppola, Travis Tomey, Devon Easterling), 43.26; 2. Harrison, 43.37; 3. Farmington, 43.76; 4. Stevenson, 43.84; 5. Franklin, 43.98; 6. Catholic Central, 44.03.

1,600: 1. Catholic Central (Brendan Curran, Schneider, Scott Sansovich, Hall), 3:32.89; 2. Northville, 3:28.08; 3. Salem, 3:28.74; 4. Harrison, 3:28.99; 5. Farmington, 3:32.11; 6. Canton, 3:32.54.

INDIVIDUAL OPEN EVENTS

110 hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.15; 2. Vanier Joseph (RT), 14.41; 3. Sansovich (CC), 14.51; 4. Ali Arastu (Nville), 14.69; 5. Cameron Widuyka (LF), 15.48; 6. Peterman (C), 15.6.

1,600 run: 1. John Paul Zembrowski (CC), 4:29.65; 2. Matt Devey (Salem), 4:31.16; 3. Warren Buzzard (PLY), 4:32.2; 4. Spencer Lyle (LW), 4:34.6; 5. Shawn Howse (LSO), 4:38.41; 6. Frank Griffiths (Nville), 4:45.28.

100 dash: 1. Paul Voegele (LF), 19.9; 2. Jeremy Langford (WJG), 19.9; 3. Charles Anthony (Farm.), 19.9; 4. Anagnostou (LS), 19.9; 5. Clayton Parish (WM), 11.3; 6. Easterling (LC), 11.3.

SPORTS BRIEFS

P-CEP girls hoop camps

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's girls basketball programs will be hosting a pair of hoop camps next month.

The first camp will be hosted by Canton coach Brian Samulski and his coaching staff from June 15-19. The camp, which is for girls in 7th through 9th grades, will run from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day at Pioneer Middle School. The cost is \$75, which includes a ball and T-shirt for each camper. The camp is No. 204 in the Community Education book. For more information, call (734) 416-2937.

The Plymouth, Canton and Salem coaching staffs will hold a camp for girls in 4th through 6th grades June 22-26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Salem High School. The registration fee is \$75, which includes a ball and T-shirt for each camper. The course number is 202. For more information, call (734) 416-2937.

Canton Chiefs baseball camp

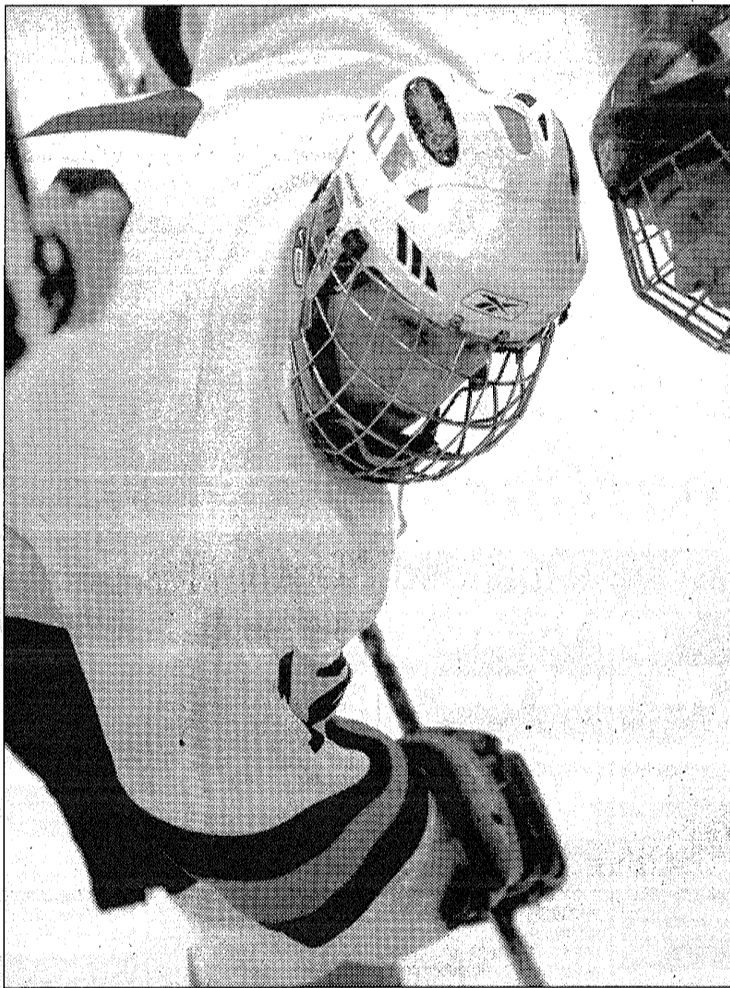
The 2009 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp will be held June 15-18 at the Canton High School baseball complex. The camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

The camp is designed for kids 7 to 14 years old. A limited number of openings exist, so interested campers are encouraged to register early.

All campers will receive a 2009 Canton Baseball Camp T-shirt and lunch each day.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the varsity coaching staff and players in all phases of the game, including throwing, fielding, hitting, pitching and base running.

The registration fee is \$120. For more information, call Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255.



AARON BELL | OHL IMAGES

Northville resident Stefan Noesen was drafted in the fourth round by the Plymouth Whalers in Saturday's Ontario Hockey League draft.

Area icer drafted by OHL's Whalers

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Considering the vast majority of Ontario Hockey League franchises are scattered across the Canadian province of Ontario, the odds were good heading into Saturday's OHL Draft that Stefan Noesen's new address would be a long bus ride away from his Northville home.

As it turned out, the Novi Catholic Central sophomore will be playing only a long slap shot from his current residence.

Noesen was selected in the fourth round of Saturday's draft by the Plymouth Whalers, who covet the native Texan's size and scoring ability.

A 6-foot-1, 195-pound center, Noesen has starred for the past two seasons for the Compuware U16 team. He moved to Northville from Plano, Texas, two years ago to enhance his hockey future.

"I'm anxious to get playing and to show them I can contribute right away," said Noesen. "I feel good about playing for the Whalers and know-

ing that I won't be the only American around."

Noesen has been skating since he was 4 thanks to some impromptu lessons he received from a relative.

"My great grandpa taught me how to skate backwards in my living room," Noesen said. "He was a pure Canadian and he loved hockey. I think he was a pretty good player, too."

Noesen was hooked on the sport immediately. The bigger he grew, the better he became. At the age of 12 he was a standout on the national title-winning Dallas Ice Jets team.

"Hockey was on the verge of getting really big down there when I moved up here," said Noesen. "There were about seven or eight really good teams starting up."

The Whalers are coming off a highly successful season during which they finished 37-26-5-0 before getting derailed in the second round of the OHL playoffs by Windsor.

The Spitfires have advanced to the OHL championship round.

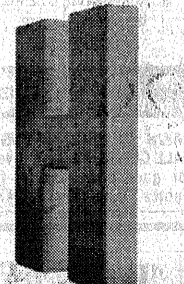
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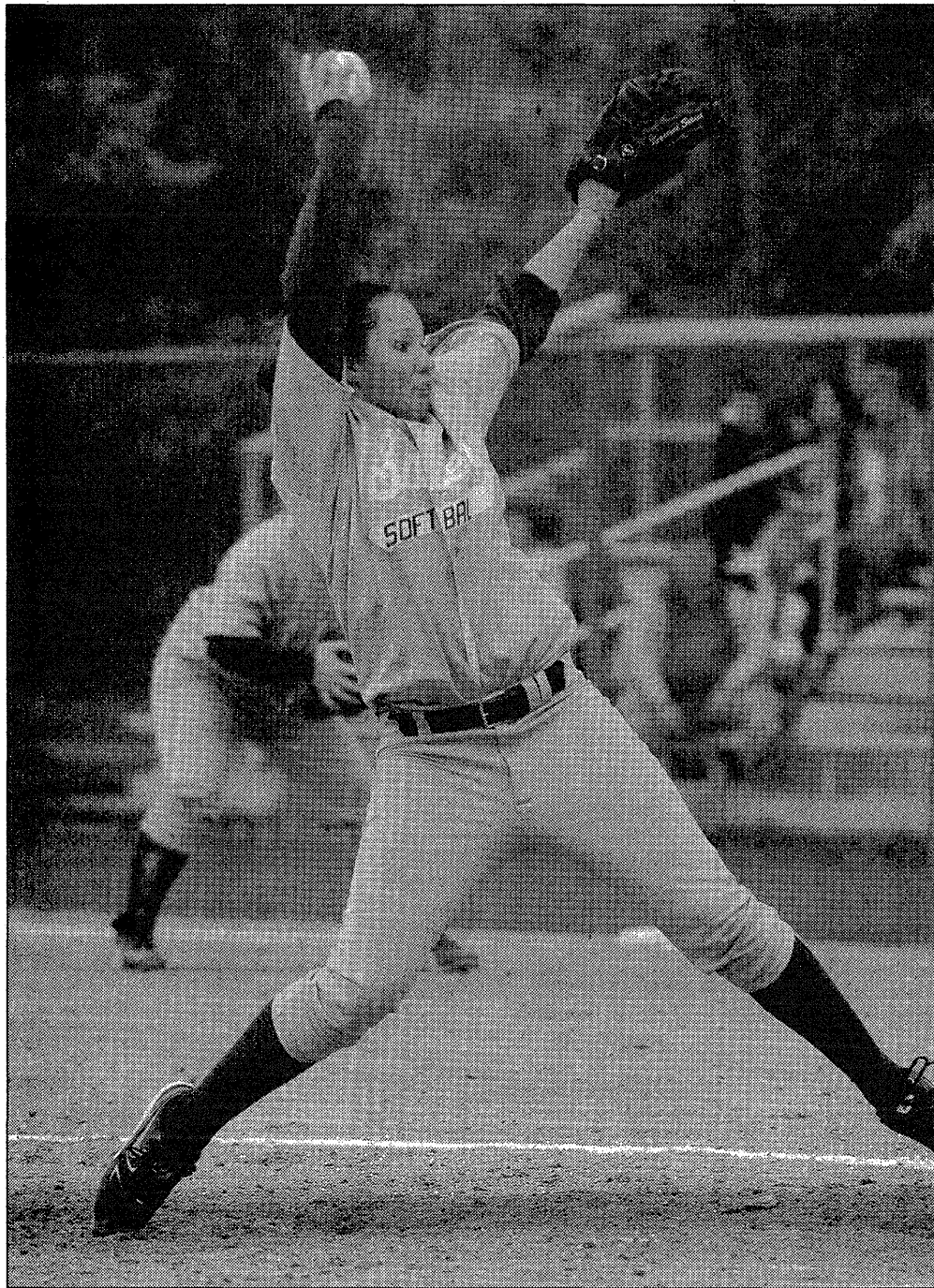
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Salem's Heidi Schmidt has teamed with fellow sophomore Briana Lee to give the Rocks' a potent one-two pitching punch this spring. Schmidt and Lee hurled the Rocks to first place in Saturday's Salem Invitational.

Hosts with the most

Salem wins own invitational for the fourth consecutive year

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They may want to think about re-naming the Salem Invitational softball tournament the Salem "Win"vitational.

For the fourth consecutive year, the host Rocks captured first place in their own tournament on Saturday when they went 4-0 in the 12th annual event.

"I'm very happy for my seniors and how they played," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland, whose team improved to 14-5. "They never lost a Salem Invite."

This year's title didn't come easy as Salem had to match up with state-ranked Livonia Franklin in the championship game. The Rocks prevailed, 4-2, as sophomore hurler Briana Lee limited a potent Franklin batting order to three hits.

The Rocks struck for two runs in the first inning. Christina Parsons and Mary Cox singled before Powell brought Parsons home with a sacrifice fly. Emily Pitcole then doubled in Cox.

Parsons expanded Salem's lead to 3-0 in the third with a solo home run. Her double in the fourth also led to a run to push the Rocks' advantage to 4-0.

The Patriots plated single runs in the first and the seventh.

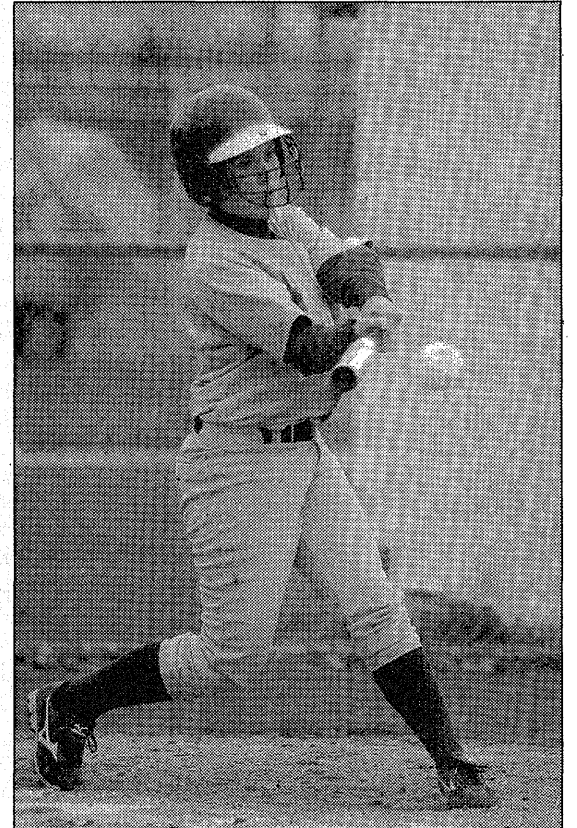
"This was a great win for us, beating Franklin, which is leading its division," said Southerland. "We hit the ball better this weekend than we have most of the season, so this was great to see."

"We are continuing to get ourselves prepared for what is to come, making great progress at the plate."

The Rocks rolled in the their three games leading up to the final. They smoked Dearborn, 10-0, in the opener before dismantling Holt, 7-1, and Flat Rock, 10-0.

The Patriots entered the tournament with just one loss, but they were no match for Lee, who yielded just one hit and no walks while striking out 10. Salem was in a groove at the plate, ripping 18 hits. Cox and Parsons both laced three hits while Heidi Schmidt, Lee and Mary Johnson chipped in with two safeties a piece.

Lee pitched the first four innings against Holt before giving way to Schmidt. The dynamic duo



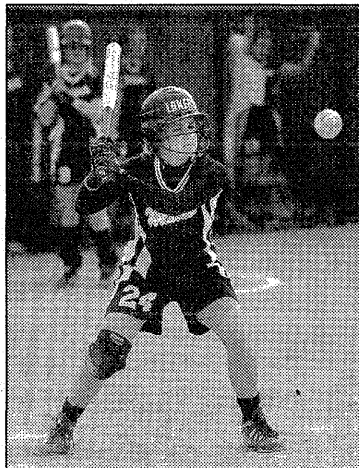
BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Emily Meade, pictured during a game last week, was instrumental in the Rocks' championship effort during Saturday's Salem Invitational.

surrendered just five hits while whiffing 13 batters. Highlighting the Rocks' nine-hit attack were first-inning back-to-back home runs off the bats of Pitcole and Lee. Parsons added a fourth-inning round-tripper.

Schmidt earned the mound win for the Rocks in game three as she gave up just one hit while striking out six. Cox paced the offensive attack with a home run and single. Pitcole, Schmidt and Lee contributed two hits a piece.

Plymouth's Erin Rodes, pictured eyeing a pitch during a game early last month, played a key role in the Wildcats' sweep of Livonia Stevenson Friday afternoon.



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Wildcats sweep Stevenson in twinbill

On Friday at Plymouth, the host Wildcats swept Livonia Stevenson 5-4 and 11-0 in a Kensington Lakes crossover softball double-header.

Plymouth improved to 11-1 overall and 7-1 in the conference while the Spartans slipped to 6-6 and 3-4, respectively.

Pitcher Lauren Smith scattered nine hits, fanned three and did not allow a walk to give Plymouth the narrow vic-

tory in the opener.

Laura Deacon went 3-for-4 with a double and triple in the loss. She relieved starter Emily Hollandsworth with one in the fourth inning.

The two Spartan pitchers combined to give up six hits on five walks and nine strikeouts.

In the nightcap, Plymouth scored six times in the sixth inning to mercy the Spartans, 11-0.

Beth Heldmeyer went 4-for-4 with two runs scored.

Winning pitcher Miranda Oliver allowed just five hits, walked one and fanned four.

Deacon gave up three earned runs on two hits and walked five in four innings before giving way to Shannen Serlyo.

Hollandsworth went 2-for-2 in the setback.

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Candy coming

A true confectionary is steadily growing around the country as Kilwin's Chocolates and Ice Cream grows its network of chocolates, fudge and ice cream stores. The newest Kilwin's store will open in Plymouth, Michigan. Nationally, Kilwin's is a franchise of 72 retail confectionery stores located throughout the country. Each store shares the traditional values of quality, service and enjoyment. Linda Luhtanen, Beverly Luhtanen and Krista Diamond will open their Kilwin's store at 298 South Main Street in Plymouth. The opening is slated for May 13 with a Grand Opening planned for the weekend of June 14. Kilwin's Moose, the fun mascot, will be on site to entertain children and the entire family. The store is located in a historic building that was built in 1897 by the Conner family and was originally a hardware store. The Luhtanens have exposed the original brick walls and restored the tin ceiling to create that old-time ice cream parlor feeling. "We hope to blend into the historic community that downtown Plymouth has successfully preserved", said Linda Luhtanen. Linda would like to invite

everyone to the Grand Opening celebration on May 13. Founded in 1947, Kilwin's franchise headquarters is located in Petoskey, Mich. All the chocolates and ice cream are manufactured in Michigan. "Kilwin's is in a growth mode, but we are still very selective of where our stores are located", said President Don McCarty. "We are more interested in developing quality stores that will provide opportunities for owners to give an extraordinary confectionery experience to their customers and community. The Plymouth Kilwin's will bring a high quality, old fashioned confectionery store to the downtown business and historic area."

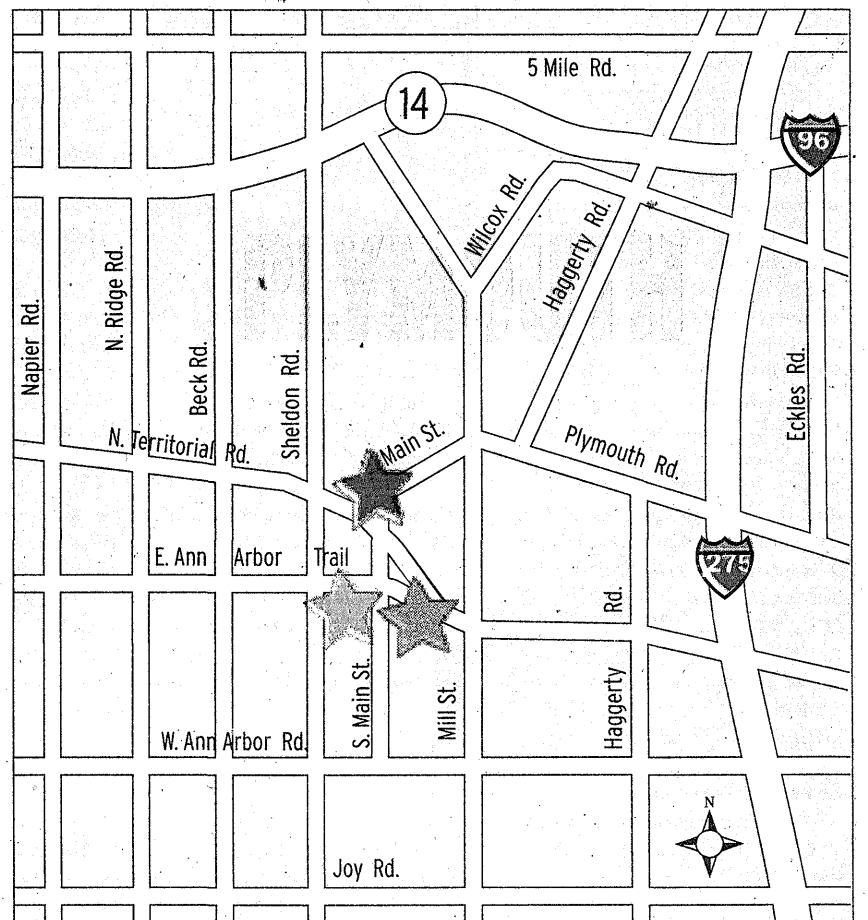
New Roose

Roose Animal Hospital cut the ribbon on its new location Sunday, May 3. While the majority of their patients are cats and dogs they also cater to exotic pets like birds, lizards and rodents. They have even cared for a turkey and currently have a baby swan in their office. The clinic is unique since all three of their doctors can handle exotic pets. Roose Animal Hospital is located at 509 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Business update

From the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Avenue Market - Interior work continues. The owners will be going through the permitting process with the Health Department and FDA in the next few weeks. The market is expected to open in June.
- E.G. Nick's - Contractors are working to finish the new outside patio and Forest Avenue entrance to the restaurant. Frank Agostini expects the patio to be open by the end of May.
- Candylicious - The owner of the new candy store to be located on Main Street in the Mayflower complex met with contractors to discuss build-out. The candy store is expected to open this summer.
- Ironwood Grille - Demolition of the space formerly occupied by the Book Cellar continues. Construction permits have not been issued yet for the build-out.
- Central parking deck - The rehabilitation/construction for the deck has been put out for bid. Bids will be opened in mid-May; construction should start in June.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Enjoy Mom's home cooking at Steve's Family Dining

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Steve's: We serve delicious homemade Polish and American food. We serve breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. We are a family-run business.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Steve's: We serve generous portions of quality homemade food. Using recipes handed down in the family, Mrs. Nedanovski arrives early each day to the restaurant to start the soups and sauces. While diners are eating their bacon and eggs, she is starting the slow-cooked stuffed cabbage and sauerkraut. My sons and I understand that "Mom controls the kitchen." In the afternoon, she makes her pierogi from scratch.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?

Steve's: I came to the United States and started immediately working in restaurants. While still learning English, I also learned the restaurant business hoping one day to own my own restaurant. In 1996, I opened the original Steve's Family Dining on Five Mile in Plymouth. In 2005 I opened my second restaurant in Livonia.

Observer: Why open the second location?

Steve's: Our Plymouth location wasn't large enough to easily handle our daily diners and our catering. We wanted to stay in the neighborhood. Steve's Family Dining not only serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, we cater all occasions. The bigger kitchen gave us the space we needed to handle our eat-in, carry-out and catering customers.

STEVE'S FAMILY DINING

- Business name: Steve's Family Dining
- Business address, including city:
- Your name and title: Steve Nedanovski
- Number of employees: 10-12
- Your business specialty: Home-cooked Polish and American food
- Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Business phone: (734) 420-1500

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Staffer Jane Palmer of Livonia, one of 30 employees: I have worked for Steve for about six years. For one, they are super employers. They treat all who work for them like family. They also treat their customers the same. I remember last year when the power went out in Livonia, people in the neighborhood went to Steve's to eat. Well, Steve also had lost power but managed to feed all who were there with the cooks working with flashlights until it became dark and we had to close. This restaurant makes you feel like you are part of their family. We have customers who come in twice, sometimes three times a day! It takes Steve about two weeks to decorate the inside and out for Christmas! It always looks beautiful. Steve's is a great place to eat, as well as a great place to work.



Steve and Julie Nedanovski with sons Danny and David serve their customers heaping portions of home-cooked Polish and American food like the dishes shown.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CHAMBER CHAT

Showcase/Taste of Plymouth

This annual event takes place 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, at The Inn at St. John's at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

For only \$10 you can enjoy selections from almost 20 local restaurants, meet another 70 businesses that exhibit and network with other attendees. Chamber members who attend will be given special decorative name badges to identify each other. Members can also purchase five or more tickets at one time for a discount of \$2 per ticket. To RSVP for the event, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org.

Golf outing

The Chamber's annual Golf Classic takes place July 13 at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Business News

If you are looking to improve your business through increased marketing and cross promotions then the new ATM group is for you. This is a group made up of local businesses, including

many Chamber members, who directly provide goods and services to consumers. At their monthly meetings they will be developing cross promotions between businesses, provide marketing tips and do brainstorming for other great ideas that help participants gain business. The group is meant for people aggressively marketing their consumer-oriented business that are willing to commit to partnering with other like-minded people.

Business News

• New "Plymouth Rocks" static window clings are available: Help us promote the new community-marketing theme, "Plymouth Rocks", with static window clings. At 4" x 4" they fit nicely on the glass front door of businesses, in windows or even on cars. Our goal with these clings and other marketing items is to create a familiarity with the logo that will give us an easily recognizable platform to effectively market why this community is a great place to live, work, visit and shop. When you are downtown stop by our office at 850 West Ann Arbor Trail to pick up a cling for your location.

• Plymouth Rocked this weekend on WCSX: This weekend at the Green Street Fair, the Chamber hosted WCSX, the classic Rock sta-

tion, to broadcast in front of the Chamber office. In exchange for use of our facility, the station mentioned the Chamber and our community-marketing theme, "Plymouth Rocks", at least once each hour. They even held a Plymouth Rocks contest at their tent and displayed promotional material on our community.

• Date for small group networking changed to May 22nd-Only 12 reservations available. Call today to reserve your seat at the table for the 6 on 6 Small Group Networking session on May 22. The date for the event is changed due to a conflict with other Chamber meetings. At typical networking events you often briefly meet to exchange cards and then do a follow up later. This event eliminates the need for follow up, since you have time to get to know the other people participating in this intimate network setting. To avoid overlap, the 12 participating members are each from a different industry.

To sign up for this session on May 22 from 8-9 a.m. reply to this email or call Wes Graff (734) 453-1540. You also can put your name on the list for a future session. The event is held at the Chamber office, 850 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

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NEW PATIENTS

Students give youth minister a new 'do'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Jason Nelson was smiling all the while his hair was turning purple. The new "do" was just one of the ways the youth minister reaches out to middle and high school students at Farmington Hills Church of God. Nelson had his hair dyed and part of his head shaved after kids in the church's youth group met his challenge to increase attendance. Three years ago about 18 youth came for the Wednesday evening meetings with Nelson and nine adult volunteers who work with him in the program.

"We have seen such growth," said Nelson, the church's associate pastor. "We had 32 kids at the beginning of 2009. Currently 32 is our low. We're averaging 40 now. The youth are excited. We have a different event every Wednesday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. We're going to Tigers or Pistons games, pool parties, barbecues. We address issues they deal with on a daily basis. Currently we're on sex.

"Kids are always welcome to come. We have a 'pray for' list. After three weeks they get a T-shirt and the counselors and student leadership team pray for them. I hear stories of people seeing those shirts in the community. One kid was in gym class and a friend



The Rev. Jason Nelson has his hair dyed purple by Sharon Gates, a local hair stylist and member of Farmington Hills Church of God. The new look was the result of a challenge the minister gave students in the church's youth group.

said 'can I be prayed for?' He prayed right there for the other kid."

Nelson knows firsthand the difficulties of growing up. He is the third generation of pastors in his family but at one point wasn't sure about following the path of his father Ed and grandfather H.L.

On April 5, Nelson celebrated his pastoral ordination, officially becoming a reverend in front of friends and family including wife Anne. His father and mother Sheri traveled from Colorado

for the ordination at which Ed preached and H.L. gave the dedication prayer. After the service the church threw a party attended by 230 people.

"At an early age I felt the call then saw how Christians act the way they are not supposed to act. It turned me away from church. In college I reaccepted the call to the ministry," said Nelson, who earned a bachelor's degree at Asbury College in Kentucky and master's at Anderson University School of Theology, Indiana. "I worked as a camp counselor one summer for the Salvation Army. The junior high camp drew me in the most. Because of my experiences as a teen I feel I'm able to relate to kids, to teach them to live and love as the Bible tells them. I went through some rebellion, the party scene, tried some things. I'm able to relate to kids as they struggle with things today."

Nelson's goal as a pastor is to be an example of God's love.

"Nobody's perfect so we're going to mess up," said Nelson, "but God loves us and forgives us."

Nelson's positive influence on Linda Cook's daughter is the reason the single mother applauds the program. Cook has been attending Farmington Hills Church of God since her daughter was two years old. Victoria

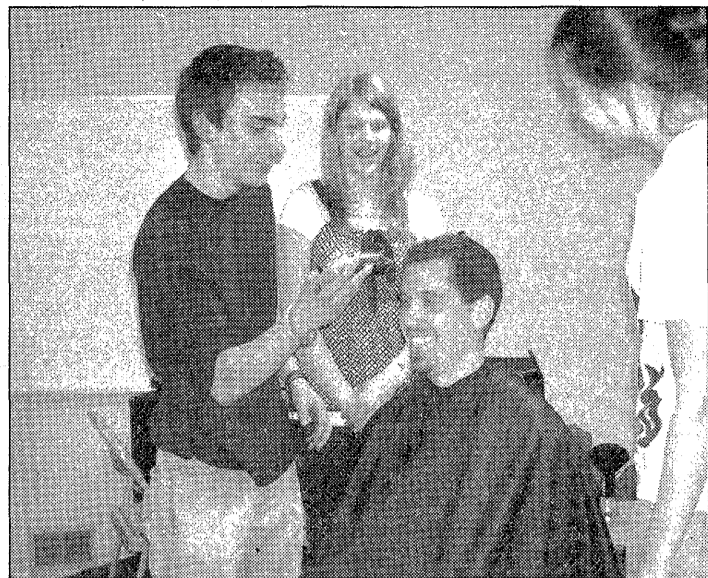
Stafford is now 12 and a seventh grade student at East Middle School.

Youth in the group primarily attend sixth through 12th grade at Power and East Middle schools and Harrison and Farmington high schools. Nelson helps coach girls soccer at Harrison.

"She never misses a meeting," said Cook of Farmington. "We have 150 some people. We're not a huge congregation. He's really grown the youth group. He's invited children of different faiths or who don't know God at all. I've really seen the change and the growth for the kids. For my daughter, her father is nonexistent in her life and lives out of state. It's critical for a man to have an impact in her life, to surround my daughter with good role models. He's more of a cool guy cause he's younger. I think he's more on their level. Jason is very direct, tells it like it is."

At age 30, Nelson still knows how to have fun. He came up with the challenge to increase attendance by telling the kids that if they were ever to assemble 60 or more youth for the Wednesday meeting "they could do whatever they wanted" to him. Nelson kept his promise even though his ordination was a little more than two weeks away.

"The kids were calling their



PHOTOS BY ANNE NELSON

Davey Hicks (left) shaves the top of the Rev. Jason Nelson's head as Autumn Kearney and Carrie Steinke look on. The three youth are part of a group Nelson leads at Farmington Hills Church of God.

friends and ended up having 61," said Nelson. "They voted and decided to dye my hair purple and give me an old man haircut by shaving the top and left the sides. We had a good time. The following week we had 50 something youth show up that day and I promised the kids I'd keep it through worship on Sunday. The challenge is for 100 kids next time. We've had other adults step up and offer to have their head shaved."

Victoria Stafford is looking forward to growing the youth group to 100. She joined a couple of years ago for the activities and camaraderie.

"It's so much fun going, so much to do. My friends are all there," said Stafford. "It's

real informal. Jason is a real nice person, unique. It was very fun. We're trying to get bigger. We go to a lot of different places, to camp over the weekend for group building activities. There's so much to do. Everybody's so friendly there from middle school to seniors. Everyone knows each other real well."

Farmington Hills Church of God is at 25717 Power Road at 11 Mile. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod.org. The church is affiliated with Church of God, a non-denominational Christian movement with offices in Anderson, Ind.

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Celebration features conductors with local ties

A 200th birthday celebration for Abraham Lincoln takes place at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, when St. Paul's Reunion Choir and the Livonia Youth Choir present a concert of songs, readings, and pictures commemorating the 16th president of the United States, at the church, 27475 Five Mile in Livonia. The concert includes a collection of patriotic favorites, familiar thoughts, and American folk music from Lincoln's lifetime. Seating is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 students under 18. Call (734) 422-1470 to reserve tickets.

St. Paul's has recruited a 60 member choir of current and alumni members which will be conducted by a California conductor with strong roots in Livonia. Andrew Aron grew up with his parents Rich and Elaine Aron and his brother, Matthew, and all were actively involved in the community. As a student at Stevenson High School, Andy divided his time between serving as drum major in the band, vocal student in the choir, and a leading man in the musical theatre program. He also was part of St. Paul's youth choir program for 13 years. Aron went on from there to Western Michigan University where he earned a music education degree in choral and instrumental music and then to San Jose State University where he was awarded a master's degree.

Aron currently resides with his wife, Mary, and sons, Adam and Sam, in San Jose, California where he serves as director of music at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church and as choral director at Cupertino High School in Cupertino, Calif.

Ariel Toews-Ricotta, conductor of the Livonia Youth Choir, traveled from the University of Colorado to the Ann Arbor area as a University of Michigan grad school student. She currently serves as assistant conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton, conductor of the Detroit Civic Youth Ensemble, director of choirs at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti, and conductor of the Ypsilanti Community Choir.

Former St. Paul's choir members who still wish to sing, but have not registered, may do so by calling (734) 422-1470.



Andrew Aron conducts a choral program in celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday Saturday, May 9, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Ariel Toews-Ricotta, conductor of the Livonia Youth Choir, takes part in a concert to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday Saturday, May 9.



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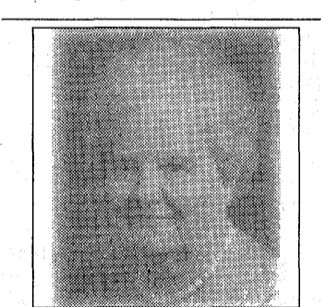


MARY CHRISTINE (McCLURE) DRAKE

Age 84. Of Traverse City, formerly of Birmingham. Died Monday, May 4, 2009 at Munson Hospice House after the challenge of pulmonary fibrosis. She was born on Dec. 25, 1924, to John Brooks McClure and Nellie Sophia (Dunsby) McClure. After supporting the war effort with her employment, she married her high school sweetheart, Walter Drake, in 1944. They retired to Traverse City. Mary once said, "I have too many interests." First, she devoted herself to making a home for her family. Other interests included antiques, foods, crafts and writing poetry. She was proud of her family's role in the American Revolution when a distant grandmother, Sarah Pardon Brooks, translated from French to English for Gen. Washington. She valued citizenship and her association with the D.A.R., as well as community service through Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Mary and Walter occupied their retirement following their grandchildren's activities and enjoying Traverse City. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter Jennifer, her brother John and sister Julia. She is survived by daughter Penelope (Charles) Drake Curry of Apple Valley, MN; sons Erick (Anne) Drake, Brian Drake, Tim (Jill) Drake Sr., all of Traverse City and grandchildren Craig Drake, Matthew Curry, Leah Curry, Allan Drake, Laura Drake, Tim Drake Jr., Ryan Drake and Mary Drake; cousins, several nieces and nephews and special neighbors. Visitation took place Wed., May 6, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. Funeral services will be at Central United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 7th at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Dale Ostema will officiate. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Women's Resource Center, Central United Methodist Church's Radio Ministry and the Boy Scout Scenic Trails Summer Camp Fund. The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home of Traverse City. Visit the family's online guest book at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

ALICE M. HAMELE
Of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on May 1, 2009, after a long and courageous battle with doctors. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Irene (Jones) Hamele, and by her sisters Barbara Kirsh, Doris Downing, and Mary Muetzel Gray. She is survived by her life partner, Bruce Tobis, of Farmington Hills; brothers Alvin, Jr., of Portage, Wisconsin, and John, of Minden, Nevada; and by many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research, University of Wisconsin, 1400 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53706-1599. A funeral Mass will be said from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portage, Wisconsin, followed by burial at Silver Lake Cemetery.

WILLIAM M. KELLY
Age 88. Life-time area resident. Private services 4-28-09. Memorial gifts to Kidney Foundation or St. James Episcopal Church.



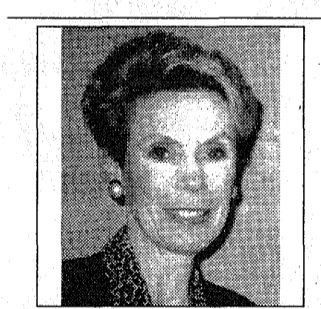
HELEN KAINO LAMPI

Age 91. May 4, 2009. Beloved wife of the late John I. Lampi. Loving mother of David (Deanna) Lampi, Arlene (Jeffrey) Bidigare and Richard (Debra) Lampi. Cherished grandmother of Heidi, Kevin, Wendy, Kathryn and Joe; great-grandmother of Jake, Alex and Amelia. Dear sister of Raymond Lindeman. Funeral service Thursday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Finnish Center Association. www.thayer-rock.com



ANN E. OPPERTHAUSER

Of Farmington Hills. Passed away at the age of 79. Beloved wife of the late Earl C. Oppert Hauser and devoted mother of four children, Denise (Michael), Kathy, Steven, and Scott (Sheryl), and loving grandmother of nine grandchildren, Jason, Joe, Chrissy, C.J., Chloe, Megan, Brandon, Alex and Heather. Visitation at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington May 7, 4-8 p.m. Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills May 8, 11 a.m. You will be deeply missed.



CYNTHIA ANN SAVELL

Age 67, passed away peacefully in her Birmingham home of almost 40 years on Monday, May 4, 2009. Cynthia Ann, known simply as Ann to most of her friends, leaves behind her son, Doug Savell, her daughter-in-law Stephanie Savell, and her beloved granddaughter Hunter Savell. Cynthia Ann was a Spanish teacher in Clarkston at both the Junior High and High School but was known to most as an artist and local business owner whose spirit for adventure and culture was second only to her outgoing and friendly personality. Cynthia Ann was a graduate of Dominican High School and received her Bachelor's Degree and her Master's Degrees in Education from the University of Detroit. In addition to her love of culture and travel, Cynthia Ann was a naturally gifted pilot who loved flying and sailing. She will not only be remembered for her unique organizational skills, but as the special teacher who made a difference and the nice lady on Westchester who loved dogs. A memorial service will be held Friday, May 9, 10 am, at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon Street, Birmingham. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30 am and will be invited to her home after the service for a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48076.



GLADYS V. SCOTT

Age 92, of Northville, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2009 in Novi. She was born May 6, 1916 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Chester V. Mallison and Florence Alice Meyers. She was the oldest child of three. Her brothers Robert and Chester preceded her in death. She held a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan and a Bachelors degree from Wayne State University. She was a member of the Teachers Society - Alpha Delta Kappa, and the Northville Genealogical Society. She was also a member of many patriotic societies, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Founders and Patriots, US Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the Union, The Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland, the Plantagenet Society, the Colonial Order of the Crown, National Huguenot Society, The Huguenot Society of Michigan, National Society of Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, National Society of New England Women, National Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars, Inc, Daughters of the American Colonists, National Society Descendants of Early Quakers, Dames of the Court of Honor, Daughters of the Union, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, and the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century. She served as Regent on many of these societies and was always well liked by all of the members. She was a dear friend to all. She was married to Herman G. Scott on October 24, 1955 in Detroit. Herman preceded her in death. Gladys taught school at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia for many years. She loved working on her genealogy and has accumulated records on her family that dates back to the early settlers of our country. Her contributions of forty eight books to the Northville Public Library's genealogical room are a fitting memorial to Gladys. She will be dearly missed. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 11 am until 1 pm, with the service beginning at 1 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.



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Livonia Community Prayer Day
7:15 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Special guest speaker is Dr. David Rawson, former U.S. Ambassador to Republics of Mali and Rwanda. Music will be provided by Classical Bells. Tickets are \$15, adults, \$10 K-12 students. Call (248) 476-9427.

National day of prayer
The sanctuary is open for prayer 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty, Northville. Two services focus on prayer for our nation at noon and 7 p.m. in Hess Chapel. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

National prayer day
Kenwood Church of Christ will be holding a National Day of Prayer event May 7, focusing upon the economic, family, and marriage issues of our community. The prayer service begins at 7 p.m. with opportunities for personal and confidential prayer with a prayer partner between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Kenwood Church of Christ is at 20200 Merriman, south of 8 Mile on east side of Merriman, Livonia. Call (248) 476-8222.

Spring Fling
Emmanuel Lutheran Church and their Special Needs Ministry Team invite everyone with special needs to a Spring Fling Dance 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The event is designed for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities, other special needs, and caretakers. Come and enjoy an evening of music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and beverages served. Space limited, reservations required. Call Judy Cook at (248)

442-8822 or e-mail elc-ed@around-detroit.biz no later than Friday, May 8.

Tattered and worn
St. John Neumann Catholic Church presents An Eccentric Look at the Good Book, a Ted & Company TheaterWorks Production Friday-Wednesday, May 8-13, at the church, 44800 Warren, Canton. Guests of all ages and faiths are invited to meet Bible characters and enjoy Scripture like never before. Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught combine music, theater, and comedy in the retelling of favorite Bible stories. Sunday performance begins with refreshments at 2 p.m. and the performance starting at 2:30 p.m.. Performances on Friday-Saturday, and Monday-Wednesday begin with refreshments at 6 p.m. followed by performances at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 adults, \$6 children. Call ahead for ticket information at (734) 455-5986 or (734) 455-5910.

Lincoln tribute
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Bloom conference
Family Victory Fellowship presents the Bloom Conference 09 for girls ages 11-17 and their mothers 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, Family Victory Fellowship, 19421 W. Ten Mile, Southfield. The theme of the conference is "Make a Date to Communicate." Created in 2007, the Bloom conference was created to help girls blossom into womanhood. This year's conference plans to instill leadership, confidence and a positive self image to its participants. In



So happy together

On Sunday, April 26, 34 couples celebrated a total of 1,290 years of marriage at the first annual Jubilarian Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. Pastor Kevin Thomas led the group in the renewal of their wedding vows. The couples were Lee and Ed Barann, 55 years; Pat and Jim Bardel, 50; Diane and Bill Bencik, 45; Carolyn and Ronald Briggs, 45; Mary Anne and Dan Churan, 40; Flo and Jack Clement, 55; Mary Pat and Ron Edwards, 30; Julie and Rich Esker, 15; Maureen and Dr. Steve Harris, 25; Cecelia and Dale Hartssock, 35; Julie and Brady Kalem, 25; Connie and Conrad Kanclerz, 35; Pat and Bob Kemp, 55; Cheryl and Harold Klee, 40; Vicky and Mike Kowalski, 25; Isolina and Mario Leopardi, 50; Mary Jo and Mike Lipon, 35; Janine and Daniel Louzon, 20; Sue and Tom Lyman, 40; Marta and Joe Maceri, 40; Diane and Tim Mann, 30; Marcia and John Miller, 20; Patricia and Joseph Mitchell, 25; Margaret and Arthur Nelson, 60; Helen and Tom Oppat, 55; Andrea and Larry Patris, 30; Jane and Theodore Potok, 55; Mary Sharon and Jerry Schlaff, 50; Joan and Michael Serge, 35; Gail and Ed Shymanski, 40; Amalia and Francisco Villarruel, 55; Michelle and Ken Way, 15; Joan and Ed Zamenski, 40; and Cari and Tom Zupko, 20.

In addition, the conference will focus on improving the mother-daughter bond, a critical support necessary for girls as they transition into womanhood. Workshops include How to Communicate with Your Mother/ How to Communicate with a Teen, What Do Your Clothes Say About You, The Cross vs. The Crowd, Dating and Relationships with Boys, Social Networking: How Important is Technology, and Building a Mother-Daughter Covenant. The cost is \$15 per person. For information, contact Pastor Sylvia Jordan at (248) 799-0066 or Tonya Allen (313) 399-5272 at Family Victory Fellowship Church.

Sisterhood Shabbat
Shabbat morning, Saturday, May 9, has been designated Sisterhood Shabbat at Congregation Beth Ahm in West Bloomfield. The shul takes this opportunity to celebrate the vibrant role the Sisterhood has historically played in the synagogue and its continuing leadership in Beth Ahm's future. Members of Beth Ahm Sisterhood will lead Hebrew prayers, read from the Torah portion of the week, chant the haftarah (the assigned scriptural reading for Shabbat Emor taken from the writings of the biblical prophet Ezekiel, lead English readings, deliver the D'var Torah, open the ark, and share other Torah honors. Rabbi Steven Rubenstein leads an informal Torah

study group at 9 a.m. in the Beth Ahm lobby. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. Following services, there will be a special Kiddush luncheon. All are welcome. For information, contact Sisterhood President Jody Superstine Grossman at (248) 851-7643 or e-mail jsg12345@aol.com.
Mother's Day brunch
11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 adults, \$12 children ages 4-12, free children ages 1-3. Reservations required. Call Dianne at (734) 522-3166.
Ladies night out
Deadline is May 10 for reservations for St. Michael the Archangel Parish's

2nd Annual Ladies Night Out 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Italian American Banquet Center of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile. The evening will feature Jackie Gordon of Livonia sharing her conversion story as part of the on-going series, Women of Faith Sharing their Journey. Gordon, a wife and mother of 4, was raised in the Methodist faith, became a long-time member of NorthRidge Church and then converted to Catholicism a few years ago along with her parents, husband and children. Tickets are \$25 per person, includes family-style dinner and dessert. For reservations, visit www.livoniastmichael.org. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@livoniastmichael.org. Tickets will be mailed to you or held at the door according to your instructions, time permitting. If you would like to reserve an entire table, you may do so by indicating the name of your parish and the names of other women who will be joining your table.

Sharing made simple
Is Mary really contrary to the teachings of scripture? Is the topic of the Apologetics for Beginners lecture by nationally-acclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south Plymouth Rd, between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org. All are welcome. Michuta's presentation will focus on the scriptural rationale for Marion doctrine and the reasons behind the reverence in which Catholics hold Christ's earthly Mother.

Landscape project
Trinity Church of Livonia is holding a planting day May 16, on the grounds of the church, 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. They have been working with the City of Livonia and the Friends of the Rouge at ways to be good stewards of God's creation. Goals include reducing air and water pollution, embracing a sustainable aesthetic, and building community. All are welcome. The church is also hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6. Call (734) 425-2800 for additional information.

Your Invitation to Worship

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<p>St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church St. Genevieve School - PreK-8 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries) MASS: Tues. 7 p, Wed., Thurs. 9 a, Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616 (between Merriman & Farmington roads) MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a, Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a CE08062644</p>	<p>Redford Aldersgate 2 blocks South of Plymouth United Methodist 10000 Beech Daly 313-937-3170 9:30 - Trad. Worship & Sun. Sch. 11:00 - Contemp. Family Worship www.redfordaldersgate.org CE08062647</p>	<p>NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH "Open Hearts, Minds & Doors" 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne & Newburgh Rds. 734-422-0149 Worship Service and Sunday School 9:15 am & 11:00 am Rev. Marsha M. Woolley Visit our website: www.newburgumc.org CE08062628</p>	<p>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD 25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY 313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP. Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Nursery Provided, The Rev. Timothy R. Halboth, Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor CE08062617</p>
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<p>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 8:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196 CE08062638</p>	<p>Timothy Lutheran Church A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. (Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290 Jill Heather, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available) CE08062655</p>	<p>St. James Presbyterian Church, USA 25350 West Six Mile Rd. Redford (313) 534-7730 Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat. 10am-2pm Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquette CE08062646</p>	<p>ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9801 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.) (734) 422-0494 www.rosedalegardens.org Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am WE WELCOME YOU TO A FULL SERVICE CHURCH CE08062623</p>
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<p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia • Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan & Schoolcraft Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org CE08062611</p>	<p>Parkview Baptist Church Presents: God & Country Sunday To honor all those who have served Sunday May 17, 2009 at 10:30AM (Luncheon to follow) Speaker: Sergeant Viril Stalnakier U.S.Army 9355 Stark Rd. Livonia, MI (734) 261-6180 - www.pbc-livonia.com CE08062625</p>	<p>GREEK ORTHODOX STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 36375 Joy Rd., Westland Sunday Services: Matins 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am Rev. Fr. Theodor Petrucci Parish Office: 734-525-6789 www.stcons.org Hellenic Cultural Center Banquet Hall 734-525-3550 CE08062616</p>	

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ART

Ariana Gallery: "Playing with Fire" lampwork, through May 24, 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810, www.arianagallery.com. Birmingham Art Festival: May 9-10, Shain Park. College for Creative Studies: Annual Student Exhibition, May 15-29, collector's preview, 5:30-10 p.m. May 15, \$350; opening reception general admission, 7-10 p.m., \$50, (313) 664-7464, www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/seo. CPop Gallery: CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About @," through May, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com. Farmington Artists Club: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28660 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Fine Art at the Village: May 16-17, Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 689-8734, www.fineartatthevillage.com. Gallery@V: Allen Brooks Photography, through May 24, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.cantonmi.org/villageheater. Janice Charach Gallery: Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5579, www.jccdet.org. Lemberg Gallery: James Stephens Short Stories, through June 6, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com. Lotus Arts Gallery: Kathleen Graf, through May 27, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com. Next Step Studios & Gallery: Featuring glass works by Kaiser Suidan, Craig Paul Nowak, John Gargano, Susan Beiner and many others, 530 Hilton, Ferndale, (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com. Northville Art House: "Saints & Angels: Colonial Arts of Latin America," through May; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org. Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools,



Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.hotworks.com. Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Amy Sacksteder: Still," through June 13, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org. Plymouth's Annual Art Feast: May 15-16, Downtown Plymouth. Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park. Plymouth Community Arts Council: Emerging Artists Exhibit, through May 26; Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com. Print Gallery: Announcing Must Have Sweets, with cake, candy, cookies and sorbet, inside the gallery, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.monalisa.com, www.everythingart.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Anne Lise Coste, through May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com. Visual Arts Association of Livonia: "Artistic Expressions" through May 29, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, www.vaalart.org. BENEFITS Detroit Opera House: BravoBravol, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$95, Jazz Sophisticate attire, www.bravobravo.org, (313) 961-3500. Detroit Athletic Club: Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Bacchanalia, 6 p.m. May 13, wines, strolling dinner, live auction, \$95-\$175, benefits DSO, 241 Madison Avenue, Detroit, (313) 576-5154 or visit www.detroit-symphony.com. Meadow Brook Hall: Promenade of Hope, 6:30 p.m. May 7, \$200 benefit HAVEN, on the



Prescription: Murder

Jon Wenstrom of Livonia is Columbo, Steve White of Livonia is Roy Flemming and Carol Lipinski of Garden City is Claire Flemming as Barefoot Productions of Plymouth presents "Prescription: Murder," a clever cat-and-mouse murder mystery, April 30-May 10. Shows will take place over dinner at Ernesto's, Station 885 and The Plymouth Crossing. The cost, \$70 (\$60 for seniors), includes two tickets and a \$40 gift card toward meal. Curtain is 8 p.m. at all shows, except May 3 and 10, with curtain at 2 p.m. Call Ernesto's, (734) 453-3002; Plymouth Crossing (734) 455-3700; or Station 885, (734) 459-0885.

campus of Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 322-3703, www.promenadeofhope.org. Penn Theatre: "PENndemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn, 6-11 p.m. May 8, hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing, Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth, \$75-\$85, (734) 453-0870, tickets@friendsofthepenn.org. St. John's Golf & Conference Center: Art Dash, May 21, \$275 per couple includes dinner and one dash for your choice of artwork, May 21, benefits Arbor Hospice Foundation, (734) 794-5152, www.arborhospice.org.

Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org. Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30; 2009-10 series announced: American String Quartet with Lynn Harrell, cello, Sept. 12; Tokyo String Quartet, Oct. 3; Vladimir Feltsman, piano, Nov. 14; James Ehnes, violin with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, Dec. 5; Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet, Jan. 30, 2010; Shanghai Quartet with Yuja Wang, piano, Feb. 13, 2010; Arnold Steinhardt, violin with Alan Alda, Actor, March 20, 2010; The Celebration of the Bach Chaconne, Steven Isserlis, cello with Dénés Várjon, piano, March 27, 2010; Parker Quartet, May 22, 2010; Emanuel Ax, piano, Feb. 6, 2010; Richard Goode, piano, April 10, 2010; Yuja Wang, piano, May 15, 2010, deadline for subscription renewals, May 1, all concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org. Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org. Fox Theatre: Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra, May 19, (800) 745-3000, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Hagogian World of Rugs: Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. May 8, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org. Oakland Brass Band: Gone Fishin', 8 p.m. June 12, Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, (248) 931-5169, www.oaklandbrassband.com. Max M. Fisher Music Center: Pro Musica Society of Detroit presents violinist Jennifer Frautschi, May 8; Barbara Cook with the DSO, May 9; Star Trek Meets Star Wars, A John Williams Adventure, May 14-17; A Musical Collaboration, May 21-23; Beethoven & Tchaikovsky, May 29-31; Season Finale, June 4-6; A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 13; 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitstringsymphony.com. Schoolcraft College: Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

Styx with 38 Special, July 9; Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10; Judas Priest w/Whitesnake, July 15; Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins, July 19; YES/Asia, July 20; Smokey Robinson, July 23; Def Leppard and Poison w/Cheap Trick, July 24; Big & Rich w/Cowboy Troy, July 25; Incubus, July 26; Dave Matthews Band, July 28; Anita Baker, July 31; Travis Tritt, Aug. 1; Mayhem Festival, Aug. 2; The Temptations/The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Moody Blues, Aug. 9; Nickelback, Aug. 12; Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, Aug. 13; Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2," Aug. 15; Demi Lovato w/David Archuleta, Aug. 18; B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19; Jeff Foxworthy, Aug. 21; Kenny G, Aug. 23; Creed, Aug. 25. Fillmore: Buckcherry, May 13; Tragically Hip, May 29-30; Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666. Fox Theatre: Leonard Cohen, May 9; Il Divo, May 17; Unwiggled & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29; Aretha Franklin, July 11, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Magic Bag: Charlie Hunter, May 7; Bruce in the USA, May 8; Vast, May 15; The Mega 80s, May 16; The Sounds of Seattle Tour, May 30; Neil Innes, June 7; Backyard Tire Fire, June 11; The Tennessee Three, June 19; The Lemonheads, June 21; Taylor Hicks, June 22; The Cliks, June 23; The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; A.J.A., Aug. 21, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com. Meadow Brook Music Festival: The Rat Pack Is Back!, May 15; John Fogerty, May 29; Crosby, Stills & Nash, June 6; "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows w/Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16; Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17; Chris Isaak, July 19; Gordon Lightfoot, July 23; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2; Jackson Browne, July 27; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4. Magic Stick: The Kills, May 8; Rodriguez, May 9; The Dears, May 11; King Khan & The Shriners, May 13; Pewter Cub, May 14; Black Milk, May 15; Bump, May 16; Sierra Leone, May 17; Toadies, May 21; Mae, May 22; Ghosthouse, May 22; Ghostly International 10 year anniversary, May 23; Motor City Breakdown, May 24; Gourmet Detroit Sounds presents Twilight Unity 09, May 25; Holy F*ck, May 29; Prolyphic, May 30; Meat Puppets, June 4; Dillinger Four, June 5; Detroit Wig Out, June 6; Mr. Lif, June 10; Dusty Rhodes, June 11; Volcanos, June 12; Waylon Birthday Tribute, June 13; The Homosexuals, June 18; Propagandhi, June 19; The Detroit Cobras, June 20; The Germs, June 25; Thunderheist, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright, June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Moth Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.majesticdetroit.com. JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com. Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursday of every month, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com. Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Mike Veneman, through May 9; Erik Blake, May 13-15; Colin Moulton, May 20-23; Jimmy Dore Special Engagement, May 27-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com. Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: John Pinette, May 14-16; Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com. Royal Oak Music Theatre: Comedy Central Live Mike Birbiglia-I'm in the Future Also, Sept. 27; Norm MacDonald, Oct. 2, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980, www.royalokmusictheatre.com. The Second City: "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May 31, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS Dutch Cargo: Taking Back Sunday, May 17; Framing Hanley and Red, July 2, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666. Comerica Park: Kid Rock with Lynyrd Skynyrd, July 17-18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; tickets on sale 10 a.m. April 17, 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com. DTE Energy Music Theatre: Korn/Avenged Sevenfold, May 15; Eddie Money, May 22; John Michael Montgomery, May 30; Nine Inch Nails/Jane's Addiction, May 31; Coldplay, June 2; Credence Clearwater Revisited, June 12; Clay Walker, June 13; The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, June 20; The Legends of Motown, June 21; Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, June 24; New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Bad Company/Doobie Brothers, July 1; Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8; REO Speedwagon/

CLUBS Eclipse Lounge: DJ AMF, May 9; DJ Chill Will, May 15; Hoedown After Party with Jyl Forsyth, May 16; Motown Party, May 23; DJ RC, May 30, free, 21 and over, inside Greektown Casino-Hotel, Detroit, www.greektowncasino.com/Dining/Eclipse+Lounge. Soundboard: Samantha Ronson, May 9; Boz Scaggs, June 17; Sinbad, July 25; Melissa Etheridge, June 26; Gary Allan, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3, Motor City Casino Hotel, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com, www.motorcitycasino.com. 513-5030.

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DANCE Detroit Opera House: Pilobolus, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; The Cincinnati Ballet presents "The Nutcracker," Dec. 3-6; Ballet Hispanico, Feb. 13-14, 2010; Tchaikovsky Ballet presents "Sleeping Beauty," March 26-28, 2010, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org. University Musical Society: Compagnie Heddy

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Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, www.uims.org.

FAMILY

Canton Cinema: 4355 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, www.GOTI.com.

Bakers Keyboard Lounge: Jazz for Kids Program, 2-5 p.m. Sundays, 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances and more starting at 2 p.m. every Sunday, free with admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Fox Theatre: Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, A Circus Comes To Town, June 13-14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Marquis Theatre: "Rumpelstiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Maybury Farm: inside Maybury State Park, Beck Road and Eight Mile, Northville, (248) 374-0200, www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

Meadow Brook Theatre: "Charlotte's Web," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 9; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbttheatre.com.

Northville Tunes on Tuesday: Park Ranger Boy, June 16; Tom Hodgson, June 23; Rick Kelley, June 30; Gemini, July 7; The Music Lady, July 14; Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, July 21; Palamazo, July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Town Square, (248) 349-0203, www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live," Aug. 14, (800) 745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com.

FESTIVALS

99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown: Willie Nelson, Rodney Atkins, Lee Ann Womack and more, May 15-17, Hart Plaza, Detroit, www.wycd.com.

Comerica Cityfest: Featuring De La Soul, Buddy Guy local acts, tastings and 2nd Avenue Street Market, July 1-5, free, \$10 tasting coupons, New Center area, Detroit,

(313) 872-0188, www.comericacityfest.com.
Movement 2009: May 23-25, Hart Plaza, Detroit, Opening party featuring The Prodigy, May 22, www.paxahau.com.
St. Mary's Polish Country Fair: 50 carnival rides (including a spinning roller coaster), expansive KidZone, Vegas and Bingo tents, live music and dancing, authentic Polish food and all-American favorites, May 22-25, 3535 Indian Trail in Orchard Lake, at the intersection of Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads, free, parking, \$7; all-day ride passes, \$22, \$19 in advance at Meijer, (248) 706-6775, www.stmaryspolishcountryfair.com.

FILM

Detroit Shorts: A festival of 60 short films presented by Detroit Film Center, May 28-31, Broadway District, Detroit, panels, workshops and filmmaker roundtables also offered; four awards will recognize Best Local, Best Student, Best International and Best Overall films, www.detroitfilm.org/detroitshorts.

Detroit Film Theatre: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/dft or (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Historical Museum: "Who Killed Vincent Chin?" 1 p.m. May 9-10, at 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7937, www.detroithistorical.org.

Henry Ford IMAX: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.

Magic Bag: Brew & View, "Adventureland," May 13; "Gran Torino," May 14; "It Came From Detroit," music documentary, May 20-21, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, www.themagicbag.com.

Penn Theatre: "Unsinkable Molly Brown," May 7; "Pal Joey," May 14; "Lili," May 21; "Grease," May 28, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

Redford Theatre: "The Terminator," May 15-16; "Mutiny on the Bounty," May 29-30; "Labyrinth," June 12-13; "Mary Poppins," June 26-27; Charlie Chan double feature, July 10-11; "Laura," July 24-25; "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.

JAZZ

Cliff Bell's: 2030 Park Avenue, Detroit, (313) 961-2543, www.cliffbells.com.

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Mingus Dynasty Band, May 7, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Allan Holdsworth, May 11-12; Ralph Peterson and his Sextet, May 15-16; Zhebin, master violinist, May 27, 350

Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.

Penn Theatre: Blue Steel Jazz Band, May 4, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

MORE MUSIC

Detroit Institute of Arts: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900 or see the website at www.dia.org.

Palmer Woods Music in Homes: Violinist Gabriel Bolkosky and pianist Sarah Bob play Beethoven sonatas and other memorable gems, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30; Detroit-born violinist Jason Amos, and New York violinist Jannina Barefield, who grew up in Palmer Woods, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20, (313) 891-2514, palmerwoods.org.

Plymouth Coffee Bean Co.: The Bobby Penneck Band, w/ The Good Fight, May 9, 884 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 454-0178.

Trinity House Theatre: Matt Watroba, May 7; Barbara Payton, May 8; Common Room Variety Show, May 29-30; Rachael Davis and May Erlewine, June 5; The Laws w/ Bill Bynum and Co., June 6; Jason Harrod, June 12; Neil Woodward, June 13; Jennifer Daniels, June 19; Black Jake and the Carnies and Orpheum Bell, June 20; Chrome Folk BBO, June 26; Edie Carey, June 27; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

Village Theatre at Cherry Hill: elmoTHUMM, May 23, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/village-theater.

MUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright Museum: 315 East Warren Ave., Detroit, (313) 494-5800, www.maah-detroit.org.

Cranbrook Art Museum: Forum Gallery openings, student work, 5-9 p.m. Fridays, each week of the academic year; 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

Cranbrook Institute of Science: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.

Detroit Institute of Arts: "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Gusk," through July 12; "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," through May 31; "Learning by Line: The Role and Purpose of Drawing in the 18th Century," through June 15; "Re-presenting the Black Male Body in Art," artist's talk by Kehinde Wiley, 2 p.m. March 29, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, Call (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Historical Museum: "Detroit's Chinatown: Works in Progress" through July 4; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6, Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.

Detroit Science Center: "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R., (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: "Black Is, Black Ain't," "I Repeat Myself When Under Stress," through May 3, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Plymouth Historical Museum: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission, \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Now open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday; at Livernois and Wattles, Troy, Call (248) 524-3570.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House: "Carmen," May 9-17; "Nabucco," Oct. 17-24; "A Little Night Music," Nov. 14-21; "Don Giovanni," April 17-24, 2010; "Tosca," May 8-15, 2010, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, www.michiganopera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Spring Horse Show: Free family event featuring American Saddlebreds, Arabians, Carriage Driving, Friesians, Hackneys, Morgans, Paso Finos and open breed classes, shown Saddle seat Hunt Seat, Western and Driving, May 14-17, State Fair Coliseum, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward south of Eight Mile, Detroit, www.michiganhorseshow.com.

Powwow: North American Indian Association of Detroit presents "Teaching Our Traditions Powwow" May 30-31, Bishop State Park, Brighton, rustic camping available, (810) 229-8977, www.naiavets.org.

Rock Financial Showplace: Motor City Comic Con, May 15-17, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Barefoot Productions: "Prescription: Murder," through May 10, (734) 560-1493, www.ticketleap.com, www.justgobarefoot.com.

The Farmington Players: "Sweet Charity," through May 16; 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.



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Star-studded lineups slated for summer concerts

Concert-goers will have even more reasons to "Love It Live" in 2009 when DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival, along with sister venue The Palace, combine to host more than 100 shows featuring the top acts on tour this summer and an overall schedule full of more value-oriented ticket pricing than ever before.

More than 70 percent of the summer events include \$10 or \$15 lawn tickets or will offer specially discounted four-packs of lawn tickets. Additional shows will be announced as tour plans develop.

DTE Energy Music Theatre, the nation's most-attended amphitheatre for 18 consecutive years, will host such high-profile performers as Nine Inch Nails/Jane's Addiction, Coldplay, Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins, Dave Matthews Band, Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band and Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2."

Meadow Brook Music Festival's 2009 schedule might be its most star-studded ever, highlighted by such notable artists as John Fogerty, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, and Chris Isaak.

"Coming off a tough Michigan winter, we are pleased to provide the biggest and most diverse schedule of shows in the country again this summer, including the top concerts and festivals on tour along with traditional favorites," said Tom Wilson, PS&E President and CEO. "To continue to host this quantity of events during these trying times with our current economy, we had to emphasize offering affordable tickets even more this summer so our guests can continue to

enjoy shows at our venues."

Cost-conscious concert-goers can find more than 50 shows with \$10 or \$15 lawn tickets for such well-known acts at DTE Energy Music Theatre as traditional opener Eddie Money, Anita Baker, Travis Tritt, and B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band.

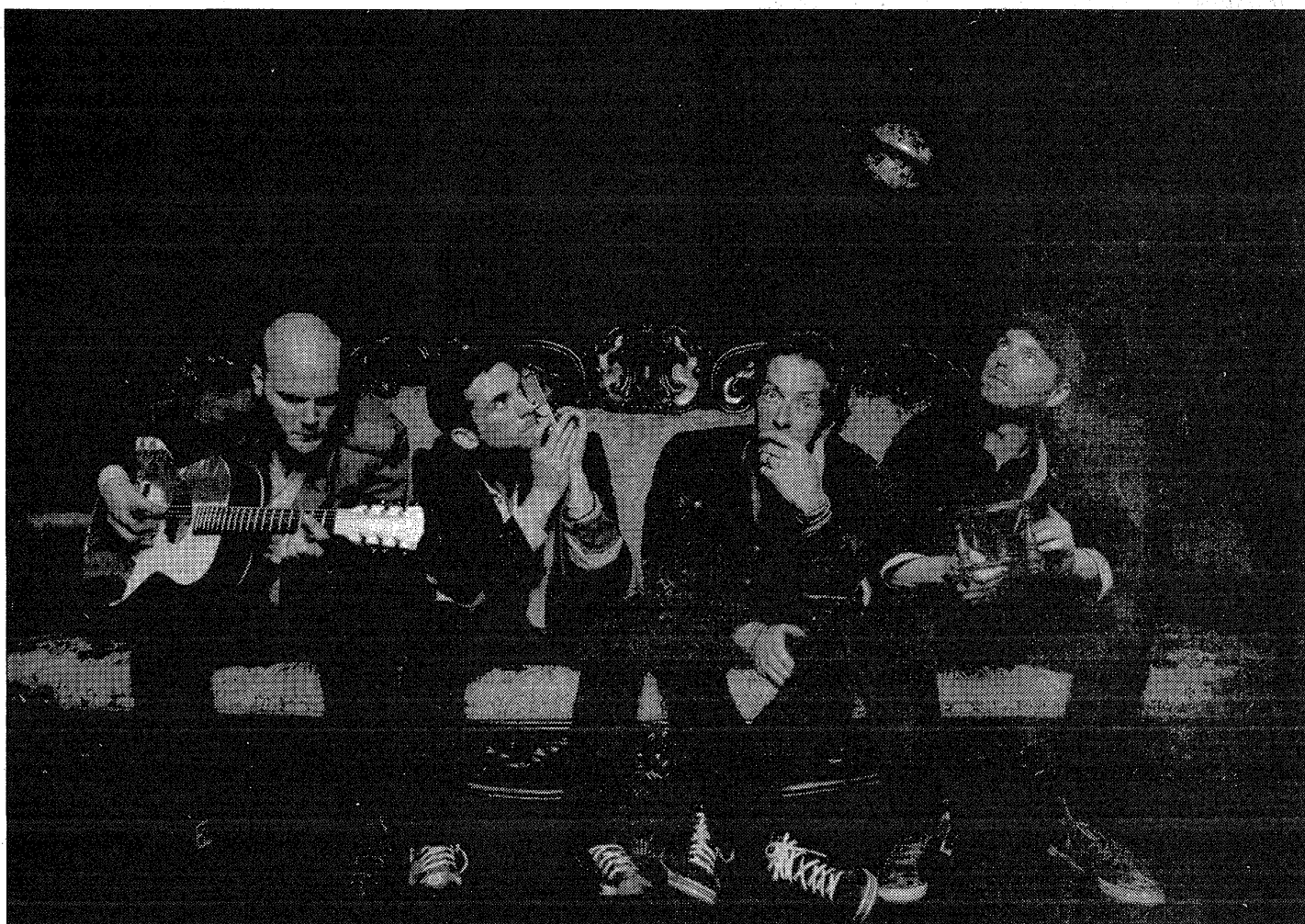
Meadow Brook events offering the special \$10 or \$15 lawn price include John Fogerty, "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, comedian David Alan Grier, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

In addition, PS&E has more shows than ever providing special discounts on four-packs of lawn tickets.

Belle Tire is returning in 2009 for its fourth summer to sponsor the concert series of DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival. Michigan's largest independent tire retailer will continue to support the schedules with in-store promotions and giveaways.

PS&E ownership includes The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre, as well as the management of Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University. Combined, PS&E's Michigan venues average 300 events and 3.5 million guests annually.

The Palace has been voted Arena of the Year eight times by Performance magazine, twice by Pollstar magazine and is listed annually among North America's top-grossing arenas. Voted "Best Outdoor Concert Venue" in Pollstar's 2000 Readers' Poll, DTE Energy Music Theatre has been listed as the nation's most attended amphitheater by Amusement Business/Billboard each of the 18 years of PS&E ownership.

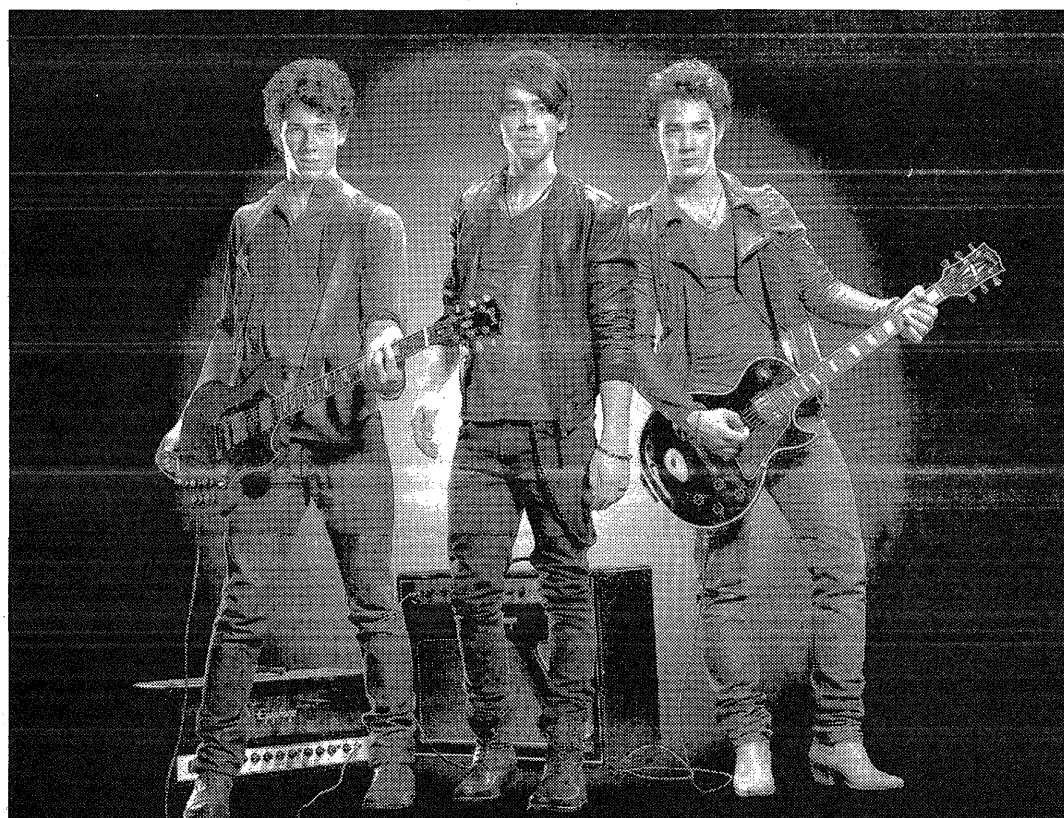


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Coldplay will rock DTE Energy Music Festival on June 2.



As is tradition, Eddie Money will kick off summer concert season at DTE Energy on May 22.



The Jonas Brothers, with special guests Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, play at the Palace of Auburn Hills on July 26.



AC/DC will play the Palace of Auburn Hills on Aug. 16.



No Doubt will take the stage at the Palace of Auburn Hills with special guests Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash on July 3.



Detroit's Anita Baker will play DTE Energy Music Festival July 31.



Beyoncé will visit the Palace of Auburn Hills on July 18.

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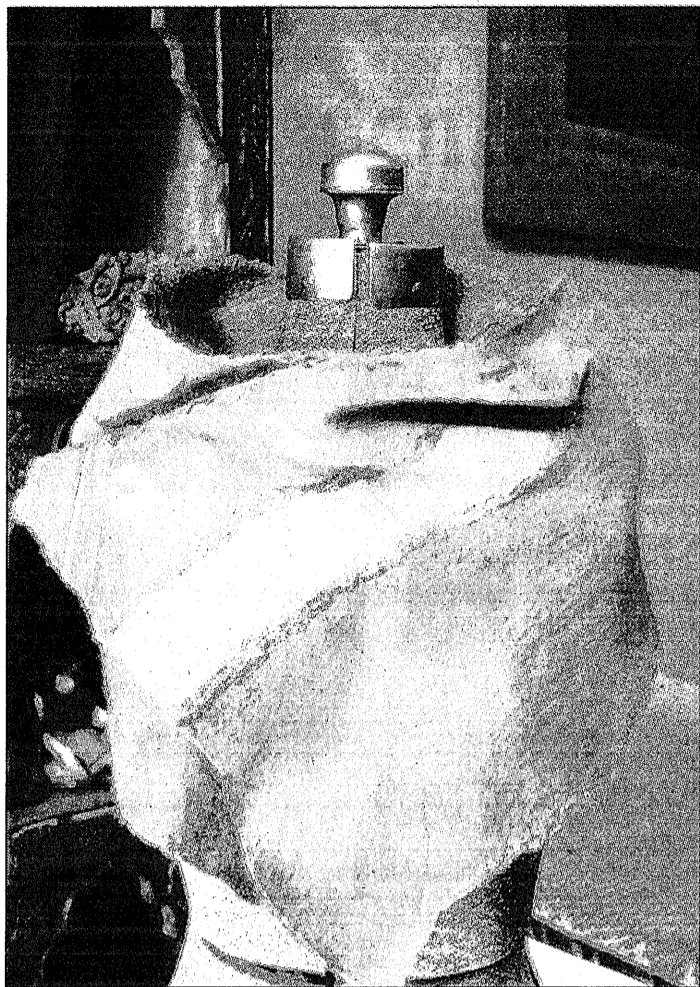
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SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

<p>Palace of Auburn Hills</p> <p>Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21</p> <p>Yanni, June 5</p> <p>Keith Urban w/Taylor Swift, June 6</p> <p>Dane Cook, June 12</p> <p>No Doubt w/Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash, July 3</p> <p>Beyoncé, July 18</p> <p>Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26</p> <p>The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16</p> <p>Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16</p>	<p>July 1</p> <p>Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8</p> <p>Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10</p> <p>Toby Keith w/Trace Adkins, July 19</p> <p>YES/Asia, July 20</p> <p>Smokey Robinson, July 23</p> <p>Def Leppard and Poison w/Cheap Trick, July 24</p> <p>Big & Rich w/Cowboy Troy, July 25</p> <p>Dave Matthews Band, July 28</p> <p>Anita Baker, July 31</p> <p>Travis Tritt, Aug. 1</p> <p>Mayhem Festival, Aug. 2</p> <p>Moody Blues, Aug. 9</p> <p>Nickelback, Aug. 12</p> <p>Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, Aug. 13</p> <p>Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2," Aug. 15</p> <p>Demi Lovato w/David Archuleta, Aug. 18</p> <p>B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19</p> <p>Jeff Foxworthy, Aug. 21</p>	<p>Meadow Brook Music Festival</p> <p>The Rat Pack Is Back, May 15</p> <p>John Fogerty, May 29</p> <p>Crosby, Stills & Nash, June 6</p> <p>"Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27</p> <p>Counting Crows w/ Augustana, July 8</p> <p>1964 The Tribute, July 9</p> <p>Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11</p> <p>ABBA The Tour, July 16</p> <p>Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17</p> <p>Chris Isaak, July 19</p> <p>Gordon Lightfoot, July 23</p> <p>Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2</p> <p>Jackson Browne, July 27</p> <p>Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7</p> <p>George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16</p> <p>Peter Frampton, Aug. 22</p> <p>O.A.R. w/Brett Dennen, Sept. 4</p>
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Art Birmingham features live music and 180 vendors



Shop for quality art at all price points, like this scarf by Yvonne Stefani, during Art Birmingham May 9-10, presented by the BBAC.

National City Art Birmingham transforms Shain Park into an art gallery Mother's Day weekend with 180 artists from all over the U.S. in a variety of media. In addition to art for purchase, the event features hands-on family art activities and artist demonstrations. This year two performers who are newcomers to the Detroit music scene, Parisian Michelet Innocent and Mystic Warriors, will perform for free at Art Birmingham both Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10.

The free festival runs Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center produces the festival with support from community partner, the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber. It attracts nearly 80,000 during the weekend.

Parisian musician Michelet Innocent is always fast-paced, humorous, and never predictable. He may be right in the middle of one of the funniest songs or stories you've ever heard, and launch right into a show-stopping production number. What

makes his performance so smooth is that Michelet artfully weaves his show from splash, to nostalgia, to humor, to wondrous excitement, building up to a rousing grand finale that always leaves his audience wanting more. www.micheletinno-cent.com.

The Mystic Warriors believe their music is a fusion that crosses over many genres without leaving the boundaries of Andean music. More important than categorizing their style is their ability to deliver a message of universal peace and harmony transmitted by the combination of Andean ancient flutes and panpipes with contemporary instruments. Joining the ancestral sounds of the Incas with today's newest sounds, Mystic Warriors will transport you to places and times long forgotten, but yet

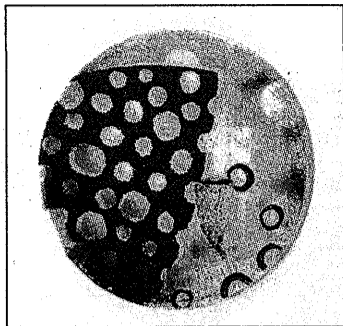
to come. www.mysticwarriors.com.

The 2009 Art Birmingham title sponsor is National City, now part of PNC. Additional support for the event comes from Health Alliance Plan, Renewal by Andersen, Infinity Windows, The New York Times, Bruce White Galleries, Dynamic Life Chiropractic, and 1-800-Mini-Storage as well as Costco and The Henry Ford. Promotional support is provided by Hour Detroit, MetroAlive.com, WWJ-AM, and WDET-FM.

ABOUT THE BBAC

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center is a regional non-profit art center committed to promoting the visual arts with classes for all ages and abilities.

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Janelle Songer, creator of this ceramic platter, is among 180 artists expected at Art Birmingham, May 9-10 in Shain Park.

including year round classes and art camps, as well as a dynamic, growing outreach program. The BBAC campus features nine classroom studios, four galleries with free exhibits open to the public, art camps, special events, and a retail gallery shop. For more about the BBAC: BBACenter.org.

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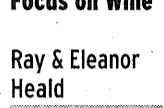
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FOOD & WINE

Loire Valley of France sets standards for white wines

Producers in the Loire Valley of France set the standards for three white wines: sauvignon blanc, chenin blanc and muscadet.



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Here's why. The Loire, France's longest river, 600 miles long, and the last "wild river" in Europe, rises in the region known as the Massif Central and flows north through the heart of France. Appellations such as Sancerre, Pouilly-Fume, Menetou-Salon, Quincy and Touraine are lauded for sauvignon blanc. Influence of climate, soil and regional winemaking traditions allow each region's interpretation of the grape to be different. These are decidedly wines of a place and epitomize the French concept of terroir. They do have a commonality in high-toned aromatics, crisp acidity and a minerality not found in sauvignon blanc from anywhere else on the planet.

WORLD'S BEST

For U.S. wine producers, chenin blanc has not been a primary focus. Perhaps it's because the wines can't compete with the excellence of chenin blanc from the Loire. In the hundred miles of the Loire River between the towns of Tours and Angers, chenin blanc achieves an unmatched level that ranges from crisp and dry to luscious dessert style. Slate and schist soil closer to Angers, is the origin of Anjou Blanc and Savennieres, leaner and more mineral wines that make any fish dish sing. On the Loire River around the port city of Nantes, the Atlantic Ocean is the most influential geographical factor responsible for the characteristics of muscadet.

The grape is melon de Bourgogne or simply melon.

Don't question the ancient Burgundy origin - just focus on the name muscadet. If you like seriously dry white wine with citrus aromas, this is your wine. Many versions even have a sea spray salty-like tang that make it a perfect pairing with oysters on the half shell, fried clams, lobster rolls and fish tacos.

OUR LOIRE FAVORITES

- The following Loire wines are available at the Holiday Market, Royal Oak, 1203 S. Main St. (248) 541-1414. Holiday Market is one of the area's best Loire wine sources.
- Reverdy 2007 Sancerre, Domaine Hippolyte, \$24
- Joseph Mellot 2007 Le Chatellenie Sancerre, \$27
- Michel Picard 2006 Vouvray, \$13 (off-dry)
- Vouvray Champalou 2007, \$20
- Domaine Pierre de la Grange 2006 Muscadet Vieilles Vignes, \$14
- Chateau de la Cariziere 2007 Muscadet, \$12 (certified organic)
- Domaine Francois Cazin 2007 Le Petit Chambord, \$18 (sauvignon blanc-chardonnay blend)

FOCUS ON WINE GOES INDEPENDENT

Beginning June 4, 2009, Focus on Wine will go independent. If you'd like to continue receiving our top wine recommendations, send your name and e-mail address to focusonwine@aol.com and you'll be added to the blind copy blast e-mail list of recipients. We hope to hear from you.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing Editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Mother's Day on the menu at many local restaurants

No matter what your budget, you can treat mom to a special meal on her special day. Here's a roundup of some Mother's Day Brunches offered at local hot-spots on Sunday, May 10:



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Matt Prentice has moved his No.VI Chophouse westward across Novi Road to the Crowne Plaza Hotel and is offering a special Mother's Day menu on May 10.

MATT PRENTICE GROUP

METRO DETROIT — Matt Prentice Restaurant Group is offering brunches Sunday at Coach Insignia, Northern Lakes Seafood, Shiraz and No.VI Chophouse. Each brunch includes: Carved Prime Rib & Honey Baked Ham, Made to Order Omelet Bar, Breakfast Station, Signature Entrée Station, Peel & Eat Shrimp & Lox Station, and Chef Tiffany's Fabulous Sweet Table.

Seatings are available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults, \$29.95; children 12 and under, \$15.95; children under 5, free. Call Coach Insignia, GM Renaissance Center, 71st & 72nd Floor,

Detroit, (313) 567-2622; Northern Lakes Seafood, 39495 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 646-7900; No.VI Chophouse, Crown Plaza Novi, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi, (248) 305-5210 (new location); or Shiraz, 30100 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, (248) 645-5289.

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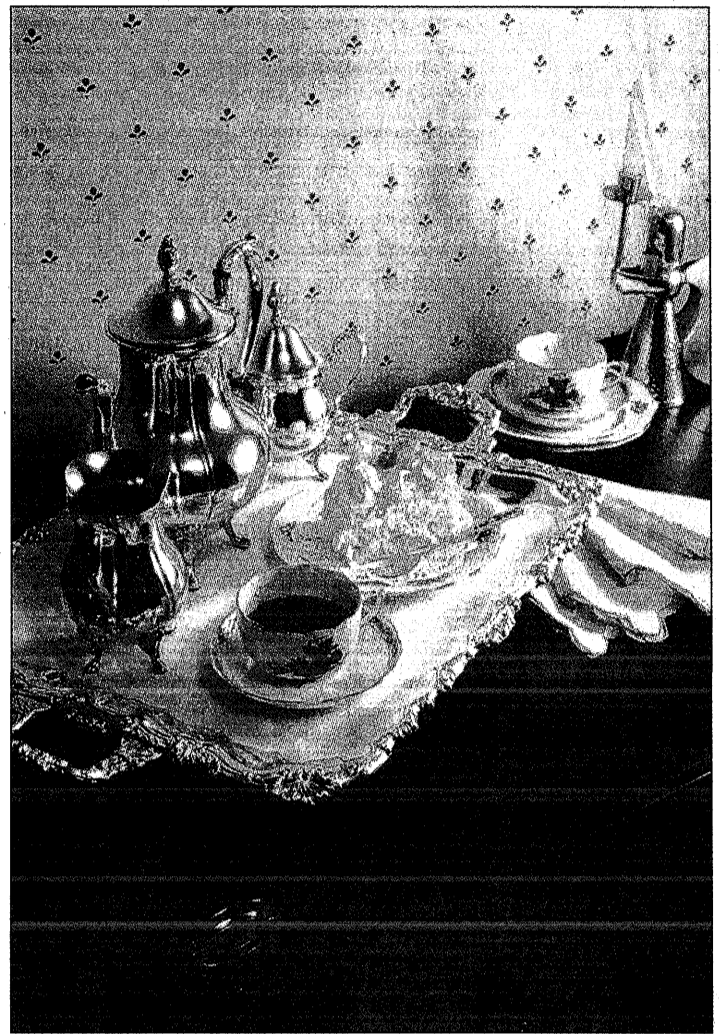
PLYMOUTH — Ernesto's Italian Garden is serving Mother's Day Brunch 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Ernesto's is located at 41661 Plymouth Road. Call (734) 453-2002 or visit www.ernestos1.com for complete menu and details.

1 UNDER

LIVONIA — Mother's Day Brunch at 1 Under Banquet Facility and Catering will seat at 11 a.m. and 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Sunday. The menu includes a carving station with turkey, prime rib and pork tenderloin, and a made-to-order omelet bar. Other offerings include Parmesan Crusted Whitefish, Portabella Ravioli, Smoked Salmon, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Basmati Rice, Lyonnaise Potatoes, New Zealand Green Tip Mussels, Shrimp Cocktail, assorted salads, and a pastry and dessert table. Kid's choices include pizza, tater tots, mac and cheese, chicken tenders and more. Prices are \$17.99, adults; \$12.99, seniors; and \$7.99, children. 1 Under is located at 35780 Five Mile Road. Call (734) 464-5555.

SACRED HEART

LIVONIA — Sacred Heart Banquet Center will offer Mother's Day Brunch 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. The menu includes Assorted Breakfast Quiche, Hashbrown Casserole, Apple Raisin French Toast, Apple Smoked Bacon, Sausage Links, Baked Ham, Beef Tips over Noodles, Garlic Sage Oven Roasted Chicken, Roasted Seasoned Redskin Potatoes, Mixed Green Salad with Dressings, Assorted Muffins, Euro style Baked rolls, assorted scones, danish and pastries, and a fresh cut fruit tray. Prices are \$25, adults; \$12, children 4-12; free, children 1-3. Sacred Heart is located at 29125 W. Six Mile Road. Call (734) 522-3166.



BUDDY'S PIZZA

METRO DETROIT — Treat Mom to pizza on Mother's Day. All moms who dine at Buddy's on May 10th will receive a complimentary dessert, special gifts and a chance to win a day at the spa. Buddy's Restaurant Pizzeria has locations throughout Metro Detroit, including Farmington Hills, (248) 855-4600; Livonia, (734) 261-3550; Bloomfield, (248) 645-0300; and Royal Oak, (248) 549-8000.

GEORGE MURPHY'S

LIVONIA — George Murphy's at the Creek, boasting the best view in Livonia, will host a Mother's Day Celebration Buffet Sunday with seatings at 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m. The outdoor patio is now open. The restaurant is located at 36000 Seven Mile Road, in the clubhouse at Fox Creek Golf Course between Newburgh and Farmington roads. Call (248) 473-1300 or visit www.georgemurphys.com.

FOUR FRIENDS

CANTON — Four Friends Bar and Grill will offer Mother's Day Dinner Specials on Sunday. Choose from Crab Cakes, \$13.95; Grilled Chicken Kebobs, \$10.95; Broiled Whitefish, \$11.95; Roast Turkey Dinner, \$11.95; Steak and Shrimp, \$15.95; Shrimp Scampi Alla Romano, \$11.95; Jumbo Lobster Ravioli, \$11.95; Aunt Ruby's Salad, \$7.95; or Italian Sausage and Mozzarella Cheese Baci (Mama Kisses), \$9.95. Four Friends Bar and Grill is located at 44282 Warren, east of Sheldon Road. Call (734) 416-0880.

FIAMMA GRILL

PLYMOUTH — Fiamma Grille unveils its new summer menu, and opens its outdoor patio, just in time for Mother's Day. Choose from Lobster Mac, Piedmontese Filet Mignon, Lake Superior Walleye, or Tofu, Vegetable and Cashew Stir Fry among many other favorite and new dishes. Fiamma is located at 380 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 416-9340.

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Equine know-how helps Groat build to perfection

Jim Groat is proud of his Mystic Meadows Construction LLC in South Lyon.

The business will hold a Spring Open House 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16. "The horse facilities are the thrust of what we do," said Groat, who lives in Salem Township with a South Lyon address. His business serves Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

He represents Wick Buildings (www.wickbarns.com) post-frame construction, as the builder for this region. He and his crews do work including design and quoting.

The local Wick National Spring Open House put on by Mystic Meadows Construction will take place at Charlemagne Farm, 4630 Seven Mile, South Lyon. That's on Seven Mile just west of Dixboro Road.

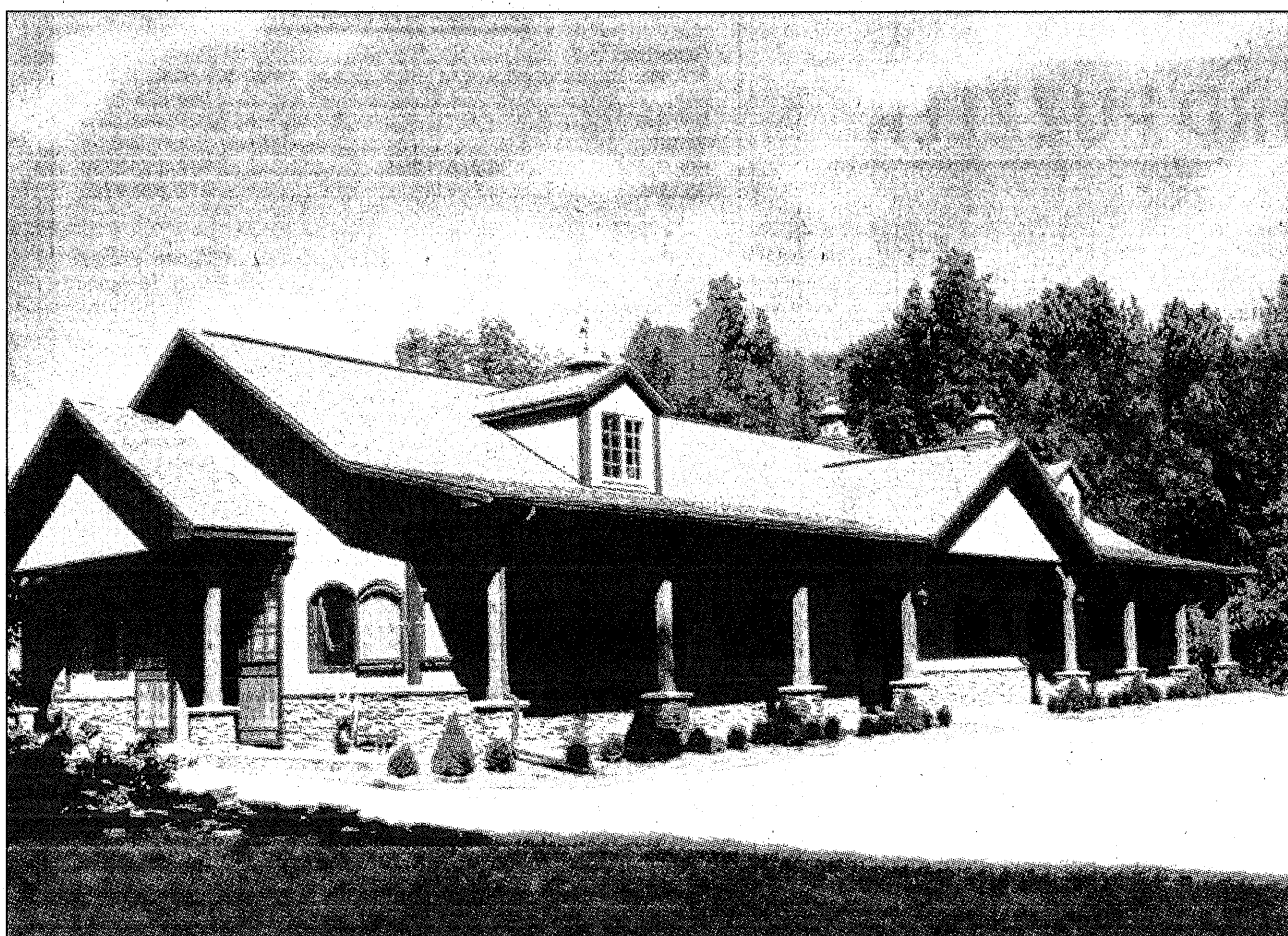
Experienced businessman Groat raises and trains horses at Mystic Meadows Farms, and his equine knowledge comes in handy. He joins that knowledge with building know-how "which gives a more complete construction for equine facilities."

He's also able to build for storage of RVs and boats, and garages as well. He and his crew build storage sheds and specialty buildings such as those used by hobbyists.

Groat, who rides horses, noted there's plenty of horse-related work in such communities as Plymouth, where he lived for 24 years.

"You'd be surprised how many horse facilities there are." Plymouth Township along North Territorial has horse facilities, as does western Canton.

Groat's proud of a Manchester building (shown in photo) that won several awards: National Frame Builders Association — Building of the Year, Equine over 10,000 Square Feet,



This Manchester building garnered several awards for Jim Groat's business.

Wick Building Systems Building of the Year, Equine over 10,000 Square Feet, and Michigan Frame Builder's Association — Building of the Year Overall.

Groat is owner with his wife, Janice, of Mystic Meadows Farm Riding Academy in South Lyon. Daughter Suzy Wyckoff is also an instructor and trainer specializing in Tennessee Walking Horses.

The Manchester building is a private facility over 22,000 square feet. The arena is 72 feet by 200 feet with mirrors around the entire perimeter above the 5-foot high stirrup guarding.

Stalls iron work is imported from Holland as well as the Indonesian hardwood for the stalls and interior of the stable area. There is an observation room with fireplace and one-way

glass viewing the arena and stalls.

"We build small and very large," Groat said. His Web site notes they've built airplane hangars.

His business can be reached at (248) 921-6601, fax (248) 782-5580, jim@wickbarns.com.

— By Julie Brown

Be very cautious on use of timeshare

Q: My friend put me down as a referral for a timeshare in the Los Cabos area. He warned me, however, that you have to say certain things at the timeshare presentation in order to qualify for the gifts. What has been your experience?

A: The people that are promoting the timeshares and the so-called gifts that you are to receive expect you to be interested in buying a timeshare. If you do not answer their preliminary questions

correctly, they may well escort you out of the timeshare presentation before you even have breakfast. Many of these timeshare operators are ruthless and you should be

prepared to express interest in buying a timeshare if you expect to get the benefits or perks of the presentation. Some people offer timeshares in the form of simply buying a membership in a club and others are selling timeshare condominiums. Many of these people, frequently, don't understand the difference as they are only interested in getting you to sign on the dotted line. Be careful.

Q: I have considered staying in a hotel in the San Jose/Los Cabos, Mexico, area but have been approached by representatives of a timeshare wanting to provide me with free lodging and other amenities. What's the catch?

A: Please keep in mind that there are no free lunches and you may well be subjecting yourself to an inundation of presentations and high pressure tactics. Many times there are multiple proposals which are available to you and the more you turn down their offers, the more creative the timeshare operator or "closer" will be in terms of giving you alternative programs and/or proposals. Be a hard bargainer and the longer you say no, the better deal you may receive if, in fact, you are interested in buying any type of property or timeshare arrangement in Mexico. Beware, however, of the fact that there may not be all that is being promised to you and you should consult with a financial adviser and/or legal counsel before signing any agreement and make sure that when you do sign, that you have an adequate rescission period to get out of the deal when you "cool off."

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Winning home designs highlight local architecture

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) announced the winners of its 20th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 27 new model homes and condominiums, 26 inventory homes and a number of lots for sale, all located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place May 1 to May 31. BIA and Bank of America sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in six categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price.

"The smartest and safest time to buy a new home is now," said Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Homes Building Co., LLC and president of BIA. "We know that interest rates are low today. We know that

home prices are down. We know that there are plenty of homes on the market and we know that builders are willing to offer attractive incentives to get your business."

- The blue ribbon homes are:
- Attached Condominiums Base Priced Under \$200,000 — Arlington II in Shelby Township by MJC Companies
 - Attached Condominiums Base Priced Over \$200,000 — Ashford/Hampton II in Clinton Township by Arteva Homes
 - Homes Base Priced Under \$180,000 — Kennedy II in Berlin Township by Sherr Development Corp.
 - Homes Base Priced \$180,000 to \$280,000 — Heritage II in White Lake by Heritage Nosan Homes, LLC
 - Homes Base Priced Over \$280,000 to \$600,000 — Woodberry in Macomb Township by GTR Companies
 - Homes Base Priced Over \$600,000

— Strathmore in Oakland Township by MacLeish Building Inc.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Marty Peltier, vice president and branch manager, Bank of America; Ben Tiseo, A.I.A., Tiseo Architects, Inc.; and Lonny Zimmerman, A.I.A., STA Architects.

The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours, or online at www.biaparadeofhomes.com.

Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in base price from \$95,900 to \$3,899,000. For additional information on the Parade of Homes, please call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.biaparadeofhomes.com. Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America locations.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 19-23, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
45895 Baywood Blvd	\$227,000
41638 Bedford Dr	\$53,000
804 Buchanan St	\$227,000
50268 Colonial St	\$245,000
7073 Copper Creek Cir	\$75,000
4218 Elizabeth Ave	\$98,000
48557 Greenwich Cir	\$230,000
49978 Jackson Ln	\$219,000
45195 Middlebury Ln	\$272,000

246 Robert Ct		\$229,000
Farmington		
34136 Freedom Rd		\$118,000
32065 Grand River Ave		\$375,000
Farmington Hills		
37533 Avon Ln		\$150,000
31065 Evergreen Ct		\$285,000
39294 Kennedy Dr		\$265,000
30251 Kimberly Ct		\$235,000
21372 Mulberry Ct		\$118,000
21442 Riverwalk Ct		\$353,000
21591 Riverwalk Ct		\$307,000
23609 Springbrook Dr		\$137,000
28418 W Eight Mile Rd		\$45,000
29200 W Nine Mile Rd		\$115,000
Garden City		
31464 Cherry Hill Rd		\$45,000
Livonia		
28848 Five Mile Rd		\$77,000

12300 Cavell St		\$63,000
10056 Dearmy St		\$50,000
14144 Fairway St		\$193,000
18979 Glengarry Dr		\$200,000
31029 Mason St		\$128,000
36021 Perth St		\$158,000
32487 Scone St		\$185,000
14654 Stonehouse Ave		\$132,000
Millford		
845 Annie Lang Dr		\$373,000
770 Knolls Landing Dr		\$234,000
Northville		
42716 Lyric Ct		\$118,000
20992 Maybury		\$1,240,000
49650 S Glacier		\$290,000
Novi		
45107 Bartlett Dr		\$123,000
25731 Glamorgan		\$190,000
44735 Gwinnett Loop		\$77,000

24584 Kings Pointe		\$185,000
23530 N Rockledge		\$37,000
41583 Sleepy Hollow Dr		\$183,000
41689 Sleepy Hollow Dr		\$160,000
44830 Stockton Dr		\$325,000
Plymouth		
13215 Drury Ln		\$325,000
9062 Hackberry Ave		\$160,000
40135 Newport Dr		\$67,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd # 2A		\$56,000
12374 Wendover Dr		\$340,000
Redford		
16654 Beech Daly Rd		\$59,000
14406 Seminole		\$30,000
14406 Seminole		\$136,000
Westland		
1535 Northgate St		\$112,000

BRIEFS

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council will sponsor Certified Aging-in-Place (CAPS) seminars: "CAPS I: Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility" on Wednesday, May 11, and "CAPS II: Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility" on Tuesday, May 12. The two seminars will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of Wake-Pratt Construction will teach strategies and techniques for marketing, designing and building aesthetically enriching, barrier-free living environments. After completing these courses and CAPS III being held on May 18, participants must complete and submit a graduation application to the NAHB University of Housing. Upon approval, graduates may use the CAPS designation.

Registration fees are \$155 per course for NAHBR members, \$200

for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$250 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers presents 45 Tips In 45 Minutes on Wednesday, May 13, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Brad Hinkson of Hinkson Construction Inc. and NABHR chair, will moderate the presentation. There is no charge for council members and \$15 for guests. Advance payment is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 10th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards on Wednesday, May 13, from 6-9:30 p.m. at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates St., in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstand-

ing achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, nonmembers and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a two-day "Green Building for Building Professionals" course on Thursday and Friday, May 14-15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate Course. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better

indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$200 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler Council members, \$225 for BIA members and \$300 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Business Management for Building Professionals" course on Monday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course, also known as "CAPS III" is part of the National Association of Home Builders' Certified Graduate Course.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach management skills. Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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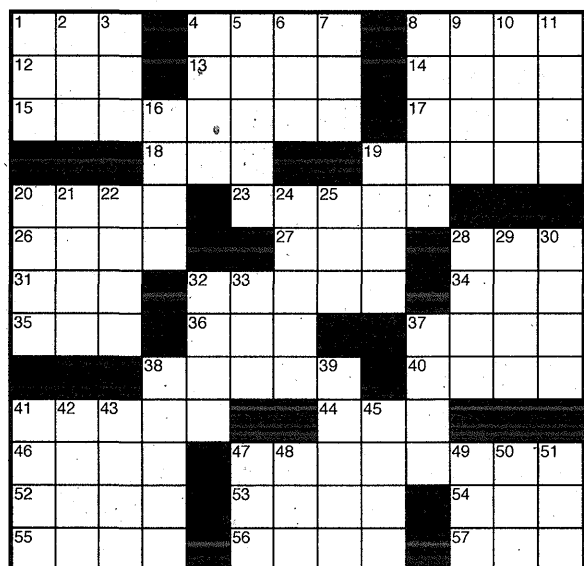
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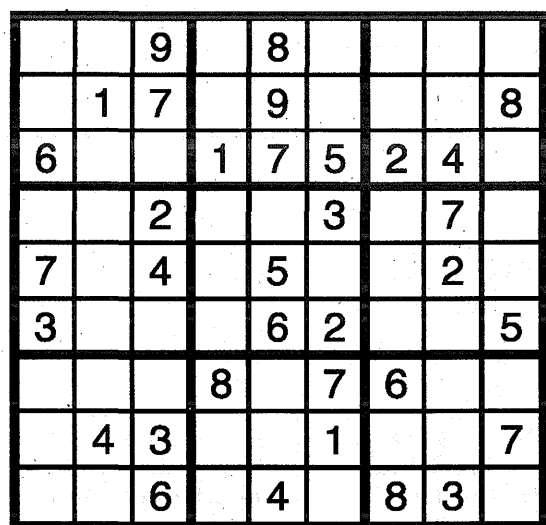
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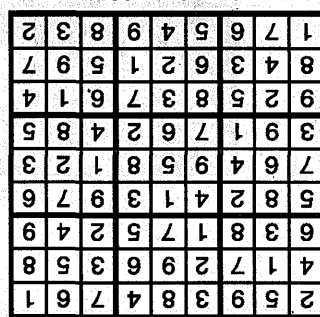
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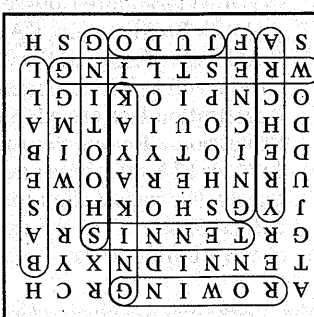
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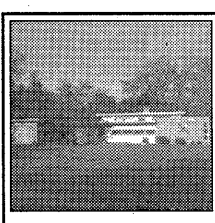
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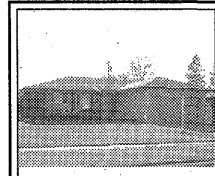


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By Owner

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Livonia 3250



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Ameriplus Mortgage Corp. (248) 740-2323	4.875	0	4.5	0.25	J/A
BRINKS Financial (800) 785-4755	4.625	0.75	4.375	0.25	J/A/V/F
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Co-op Services Credit Union (734) 466-6113	5	0	4.75	0	J
Cornerstone Community Financial (800) 777-6728	5	0	4.25	1	J/A/F
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Golden Rule Mortgage (800) 991-9922	4.625	0.75	4.375	0.375	J/A/V/F
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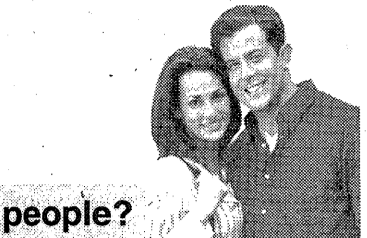
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ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBM, 58-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **☎269770**

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **☎283845**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, outgoing, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **☎310247**

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KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBHM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **☎287598**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **☎287187**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD
SWF, 21, red hair, big blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **☎292913**

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBW/M, 19-30, who shares my lust for life. **☎300110**

SEEKING SBM COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. **☎302311**

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SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, N/S, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **☎282618**

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is it you? Call me! **☎311724**

HOPING WE CLICK!
SBF, 23, 5'1", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. **☎307550**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **☎113198**

MUST LOVE THE LORD
SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SBHM, 18-27, for possible relationship. **☎311174**

LOOK NO FURTHER
SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet the SM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. **☎311011**

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8326 Ferraina, Westhaven Estates, E. of Wayne, off Hunter. May 7-9, 9-4pm. Furniture, tools, household items & lots more!

Garage Sales 7110
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BEVERLY HILLS 3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Cherry china cabinet, kitchen table, baby gear: changing table, glider/ottoman, strollers, highchair, etc. May 7-9 (9am - 3pm) at 18990 Bedford.

BEVERLY HILLS MOVING SALE! Furniture, dining set w/china cabinet, twin bed, TV's, clothing, kids' toys, Fire Truck seats 2, cars, HD Sportster, sporting goods, games, books, etc. Fri/Sat., 9am-6pm. 16255 Amherst.

BEVERLY HILLS Washer, dryer, freezer, small refrigerator, antiques, stuff! ONLY 9-4pm Sat. 15991 Lauderdale, N of 13 Mile, E off Pierce.

BIRMINGHAM GARAGE SALE Kid's toys, cribs, strollers, clothes, new PBK rug, oak entertainment unit, household items & more. May 7-8, 9-4pm, 859 Lakeview Ave, S of Oak, W of Old Woodward.

BLOOMFIELD 4-FAMILY SALE - Furniture, art, glassware, picture frames, CDs, books & more. 4011 Blackthorn Ct. May 8 & 9, 9am-5pm. CASH ONLY!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Huge Garage Sale - May 8-9, 9am-3pm, Fri-Sat. Adult & children clothing, furniture, hard cover books, blankets, toys, linens, housewares & much more priced to sell! 845 Lone Pine Rd. (btwn Lasher & Telegraph-park on Pon Valley Rd.)

BLOOMFIELD TWPS Bellini baby/child bedroom set Stereo cabinet, kitchen, household items, silk plants (4). 3776 Shellmarr Ln., NW corner of Quanton and Lahser in Bloomfield Township. Saturday, May 9th, 9am-1pm.

BRIGHTON-MOVING/ESTATE Former decorator. May 14-16, 9-3. Antiques, collectibles & tons more! Dealers welcome. For list: irbeeb@comcast.net. (810) 227-7293

CANTON - HUGE CHILDREN'S SALE Clothes, toys, baby equip., Sat. May 9, 8:30am-2pm. Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd., Joy & Lilley.

CANTON Garage/Estate Sale! Fri-Sat, May 8-9, 8-5 pm. Lots of items, Cherry Grove Condo Community, 350 Cherry Grove Rd, South side of Cherry Hill between Lilley and Sheldon roads.

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GARDEN CITY - HUGE SALE Lots of furniture, household misc., hunting/fishing. 3225 Sheridan, btwn Venoy & Merriman. May 7-10, 8:30-8.

GARDEN CITY 3 Family Sale Dishes, clothes, misc. Sat. May 9, 9a-4p. 6616 Sunset, E. of Merriman, S of Warren.

GARDEN CITY Thurs-Sat, May 7-9, 8:30am-5:30pm. Misc. items. 33442 Kathryn, btwn Ford & Cherry Hill, off Farmington.

LIVONIA BIG GARAGE SALE! May 7, 8, 9, 9-4pm. 8982 Fremont, N of Joy, W of Middlebelt. A lot of everything!

LIVONIA - 2 FAMILY 17282 Francavilla, N of 6, W of Farmington Rd. Fri May 8 - Sat May 9, 9-4pm. Furniture, household, clothes & misc.

Garage Sales 7110
LIVONIA - 2 Family. May 7-9, 9-5p. Top brand teen clothes, women's plus size, wood desk, purses, books, toys, household, DVD, VHS, PC games. 32445 Hees, Joy & Hubbard.

MILFORD - Designer purses, shoes, clothing. Juicy, Marc Jacobs, Prada, etc. Britax, Peg strollers, gear, toys, baby boy clothing, bedding, lamps, desk, bed, stainless baker's rack, rugs, Ikea stuff, and more - not to miss!! 354 Heritage - Heritage Hills sub off Milford Road. Thurs.-Sat., May 14-16.

MILFORD Big Barn Sale - Antiques, furniture & good stuff! 3725 S. Hill Rd., N of I-96, E of Milford Rd. Friday Only, May 8th, 9am-3pm

NORTHVILLE 855 McDonald, 48167; North off 8 Mile, east of Beck. May 8-9th, Fri.-Sat., 8:30am-4pm. Wine making equip, tools & air tools, camping equip, kid's bikes, 2 Kyrco scooters (50cc), books, linens, household, Little Tykes toys.

PLYMOUTH - Westbriar II Sub Sale, many homes. Sat May 9, 9am-4pm. Off McClumpha. btwn Ann Arbor Rd & Joy. Rain or shine!

PLYMOUTH 4 Family Garage Sale - 1302 Maple St. Fri, May 8th, 9am-7 Furniture, Longaberger baskets, Rowe pottery, household items, etc.

PLYMOUTH May 8-9, 9am-4pm. 41078 Greystone, N of Ann Arbor Rd, W of Haggerty. PROCEEDS GO TO 3-DAY BREAST CANCER WALK.

PLYMOUTH Sat., May 9, 9am-6pm. 41150 Greenbrook Lane, Schoolcraft & Haggerty. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society Relay for Life

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SOUTH LYON Fri-Sat, May 8-9, 10-5pm. 58250 11 Mile, W of Milford Rd. Lots of good household items, tools, Harley parts, & misc items.

SOUTHFIELD YARD SALE 25175 Farmbrook, N of 12, off Telegraph. Custom frames, framed art, craft items, misc. household. May 9-10, 10-5pm.

TROY 10+ HOMES SUB GARAGE SALE - May 7-9, 9am-4pm. N/Wattles, btwn Crooks & Coolidge. No Early Birds! Cash only!

WEST BLOOMFIELD 4894 Walnut Creek, Dr., N of Maple, W of Orchard Lk. May 8, 10-4pm. May 9, 10-6pm, & May 10, 11-6pm. Great Buys!

WESTLAND Awesome 5 family garage sale 1710 Selma, N. of Palmer, btwn Wayne & Newburgh. May 7, 8 & 9, Thu-Sat, 9am-5pm. Rain or Shine.

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Moving Sales 7130

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Academic All-Stars set standard of excellence

Principals select brightest and best students

The *Observer Newspapers* presents the 2009 Academic All-Star Team — the brightest and best of local public, private and parochial high school students.

Eighteen students named to the all-star team and 27 others who received honorable mention shine in many ways — test scores, academic honors and grades, extracurricular activities and community work.

Academic All-Stars is made possible by the *Observer Newspapers* in cooperation with Madonna University, the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham and Huntington Bank.

The students were honored at a special awards breakfast courtesy of the Townsend Hotel. They received awards and gifts courtesy of the *Observer* and a U.S. Savings Bond from Huntington Bank.

The 24th annual team was selected in cooperation with high school principals from Oakland and Wayne counties.

This year's committee included Lara Dixon of Troy Athens High School, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm High School, Dan

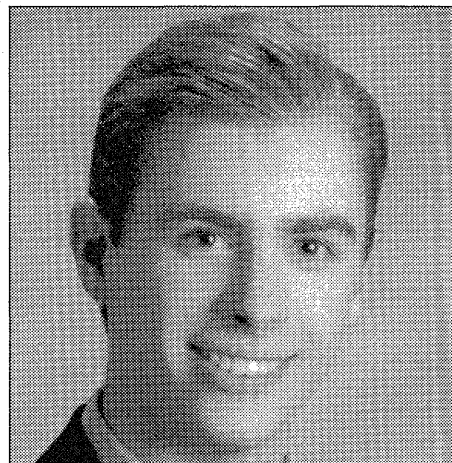
Willenborg of Livonia Franklin High School and Carolyn Witte of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

The committee examined grade-point averages (academic subjects only) and test scores (SAT, ACT) and reviewed transcripts.

The principals were awed by the outstanding group of students nominated for this year's all-star honor. This year's team was expanded from those in previous years because of the outstanding test scores and high GPAs of this year's nominees.

As one principal said: "The teams are simply outstanding."

Here are the 2009 *Observer Newspapers* Academic All-Stars in order of ranking: Edward Tremel, Willa Chen and Tejas Karnati (tied for top ranking), Nikita Consul and Linda Ling. Followed by (tied ranking) Mara Minasian, Joshua Corriveau, Matthew Charnley, Kevin Joseph and Robert Klosek. Also Ke Ding, Nandini Abburi, followed by Sarah Jaslow and Corey Lightner (tied). Rounding out the team are Kurt Tseng, Timothy Baker, Matt Laing and Michelle Frazer.



Edward Tremel
Churchill High School

Edward Tremel plans to attend Brown University to major in computer science and minor in French.

His career goals include "computer science researcher at a university or research and development at a software company."

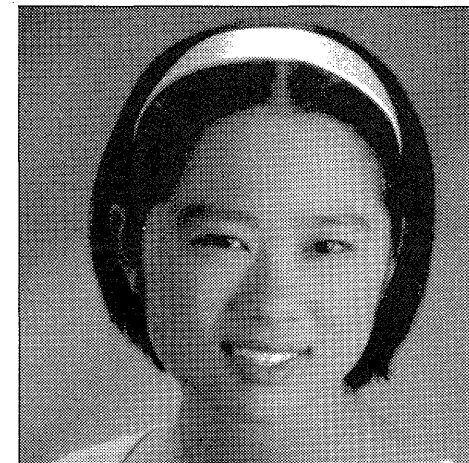
An AP Scholar with Honor, and a semifinalist for the Presidential Scholars Award, Tremel won Outstanding Achievement awards in all math, science and computer classes since ninth grade. He has been recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in 2006 and 2007. In addition, he was a member of Johns Hopkins University's Study of Exceptional Talent (must score over 700 on one section of SAT before age 13 to qualify). His other honors include multiple awards for the project he entered in the Detroit Science Fair in eighth grade and ninth grade.

Tremel's extra-curricular activities include four years on the cross country team. He created and managed a Web site for the team since 10th grade. He's a National Honor Society member, a student representative on District School Improvement Team and a Churchill Student Council representative.

He's active in after-school tutoring, Read Across America, Relay for Life and Project NOAH. A poet, he has published his work in the Churchill literary magazine and wrote a fan fiction novella based on *The Incredibles*. He has played piano since elementary school, studied martial arts since 10th grade, and participated in summer programs at Case Western and Lake Superior State for creative writing and robotics.

Tremel said Carim Calkins, MACAT science teacher at Frost Middle School, "supported and encouraged me in learning beyond the limits of the middle school science curriculum" and Joel Meloche, MSC AP Biology teacher, "because he taught me more about biology than I thought it was possible to learn," are teachers who most influenced him.

He is the son of Mark and Celeste Tremel. He has one brother, Patrick, 16.



Willa Chen
Canton High School

Willa Chen of Canton plans to study applied mathematics and computers at Princeton.

"I hope to use math to solve real-world problems. For example, analyzing the economy or improving computer security. I would also like to help more girls become interested in these traditionally male-dominated subjects of math and computers," Chen wrote.

Her academic honors include 2400 SAT score and 36 ACT score. In 2009, she was a Presidential Scholar Program candidate and National Merit finalist.

In 2008, she earned the National Center for Women & Information Technology Award, was first runner-up at Michigan's Junior Miss program, Gold Medalist in Michigan Math Prize Competition, won the Women and Mathematics Award, earned gold in the USA Mathematical Talent Search, was a USA Biology Olympiad semifinalist, a National AP Scholar, won the Madame Curie award, and was a finalist in the River of Words International Poetry & Art Contest.

In 2007, Chen earned first place with a perfect score with the Michigan Math League and was the Detroit region runner-up in the National Vocabulary Championship.

Her extracurricular activities include dance, piano, Math Olympiad, Student Congress, Quiz Bowl and National Honor Society.

Chen has also been active with Michigan Autism Society fund raising, Canton's Liberty Fest, Relay for Life, and she plays piano for senior citizens and hospital patients.

The teachers who most influenced Chen are Karen Ludema (AP calculus) and Richard Mui (AP U.S. history and psychology). Ludema "introduced me to the magic of calculus, and I've loved the subject ever since."

Mui "made me realize that history is neither boring nor useless. His sense of humor and clever examples made every lesson come alive!"

She is the daughter of Kevin and Ling Chen, and the sister of Bryant, 13.



Terry Piper
Seaholm



Lara Dixon
Athens



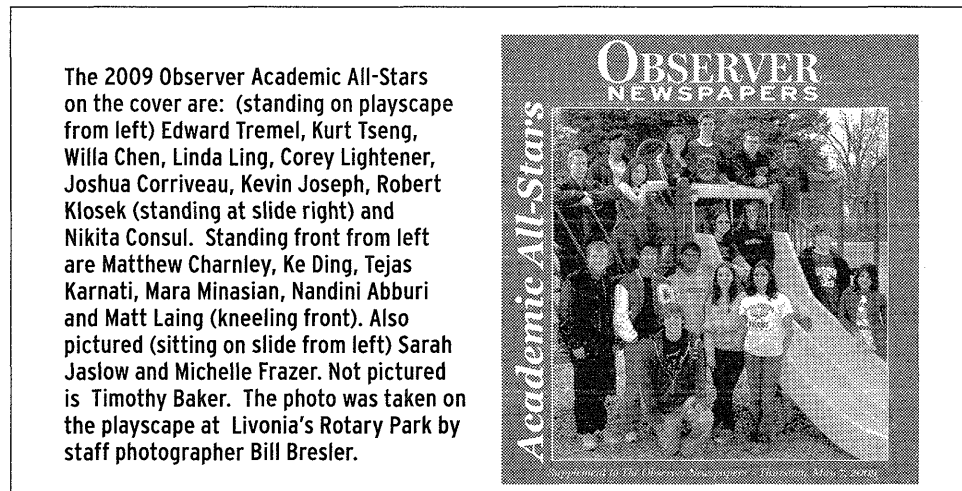
Charlie Hollerith
Lahser



Daniel Willenborg
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Carolyn Witte
Mercy



The 2009 *Observer* Academic All-Stars on the cover are: (standing on playscape from left) Edward Tremel, Kurt Tseng, Willa Chen, Linda Ling, Corey Lightner, Joshua Corriveau, Kevin Joseph, Robert Klosek (standing at slide right) and Nikita Consul. Standing front from left are Matthew Charnley, Ke Ding, Tejas Karnati, Mara Minasian, Nandini Abburi and Matt Laing (kneeling front). Also pictured (sitting on slide from left) Sarah Jaslow and Michelle Frazer. Not pictured is Timothy Baker. The photo was taken on the playscape at Livonia's Rotary Park by staff photographer Bill Bresler.



Tejas Karnati
North Farmington High School

Tejas Karnati of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Michigan or Yale University to become a cognitive scientist, physicist or neurobiologist.

Karnati is a National Merit Finalist, U.S. Biology Olympiad Semifinalist and National AP Scholar. He earned a spot among the top 100 in the Michigan Math Prize Competition, in grades 9-11.

He qualified for AIME 2006-08 — the only student at his school to qualify. He has received numerous math and science awards throughout his high school career.

Karnati is involved with vocal music, winning awards in Carnatic and Hindustani singing; and can play piano, harmonium, flute, sitar and tabla. Raised in a rural village in India (he lived in a mud house until he was 6) Karnati moved to New Zealand for two years before arriving in the U.S. in 2000. He speaks four languages fluently.

Karnati is founder and president of the NFHS Math Club, and member of National Honor Society, Model United Nations and NFHS Robotics Club.

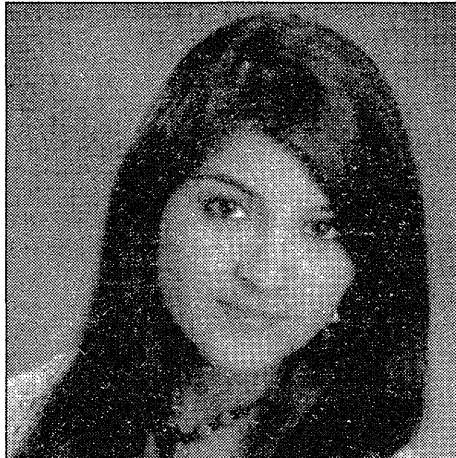
Since 2004, Karnati has volunteered with SAI, working on humanitarian efforts in India, Nepal, Zambia, Mali, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, helping with vaccination drives, literacy campaigns and building homes. Karnati has traveled to locations in the U.S. to help with disaster relief after floods, wildfires and natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina.

Karnati also has volunteered with SPREAD India, Hindu Temple Youth Group Service, Sisters of Charity Soup Kitchen and Alpha House.

He works as an SAT/ACT tutor and Kumon math and reading instructor.

He cites Kathleen Stasys (English) and Susan Szegedi (chemistry) as his most influential teachers.

Karnati is the son of Mallesham Karnati and Umarani Komatireddy.



Nikita Consul
Salem High School

Nikita Consul of Canton plans to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study chemical biomedical engineering and applied international relations.

"I want to become a doctor and treat patients," she said. "I aim to research alongside, so that I can discover new things for myself and apply my knowledge in innovative ways."

Consul has been a member of Science Olympiad since seventh grade (captain in 11th, 12th grades). She's been in Math Club since ninth grade, serving as president as a senior. She has also been involved with Model United Nations, Mock Trial, Quiz Bowl and girls tennis.

Consul learned *Bharat Natyam* Indian classical dance and is a member of Chinmaya Mission Ann Arbor, this year helping teach Balavihar students. She has volunteered at the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center and the Canton Treasurer's office.

She has been a part of the Michigan All-Stars American Regional Mathematics League team. She attended Oakland University Summer Mathematics Institute and the High School Honors Science Program at Michigan State University. At American Legion Auxiliary Girls State 2008, she was elected president of Bar Association and a State Supreme Court Justice and received the Dorothy Pearl Award as "Most All-Around Girls State."

Her academic honors include Advanced Placement National Scholar after 10th grade; Advanced Placement State Scholar after 11th grade; Advanced Placement State Siemens Scholar after 11th grade; National Merit Finalist; U.S. Presidential Scholars Semifinalist; Science Olympiad medals; semifinalist in USA Biology Olympiad; honorable mention Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition in ninth, bronze in 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

She said Richard Mui, (AP U.S. history/psychology) "taught me to see my role in the world from a new perspective."

Consul is the daughter of Peeyush and Mamta Consul of Canton. She has a sister, Natasha, 14.



Linda Ling
Salem High School

Linda Ling of Canton will attend Harvard University. She's considering careers in business or journalism.

"I'd like to become involved in a job where I can travel the world," she said.

Her academic honors include National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholar semifinalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Honor Society member for two years (including president), member of Student Congress for four years (treasurer 11th grade and vice president 12th grade); a four-year member of Student Council; played four years of varsity tennis, including two as a singles player and being named captain, as well as being an all-area player twice.

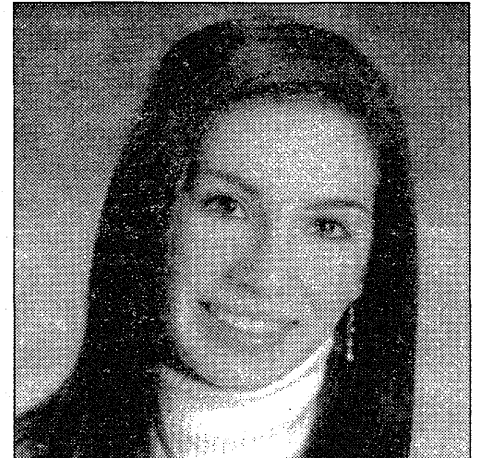
Ling ran cross country for two years on the varsity, where she was an assistant captain, Rookie of the Year and recognized as a KLAA Scholar Athlete; she ran for three years on the varsity track and field team, and won the Freshman of the Year award; she competed for five years in National History Day, came in first place at the state competition in 2007 and 2008, competed at the national competition in Washington, D.C., placing in the top 15 in 2007 and 2008, created documentaries that focused on the Soweto uprising (2007) and *Brown vs. Board* (2008), was interviewed on the History Channel and won Best Use of Primary Resources award.

She was a Mock Trial team member for three years, volunteered more than 200 hours for the Special Olympics program, and organized a Valentine's Day dance this year for the athletes.

Math teacher Michael Guinta and English/social studies teacher Susan Welker are among the teachers who most influenced Ling. "Mr. Guinta is so effective at getting the material across that almost all his students understand exactly what is going on in a subject as difficult as calculus," Ling said.

"Ms. Welker goes above and beyond. She willingly takes outside student projects (college essays, scholarships) home to look over them, sacrificing her family and sleep time to help us."

Ling is the daughter of Jing Ling and Zhe Ning. She has a brother, Richard Ling, 9.



Mara Minasian
North Farmington High School

Mara Minasian of Farmington Hills plans to study life sciences in order to pursue a career in medicine, biomedical engineering, cognitive science or biogenetics.

She has been accepted to the University of Michigan and Northwestern University.

Minasian is active in National Honor Society (vice president), student government, and Michigan Math League. She has also participated in the American Mathematics Contest and attended medical-related leadership conferences at Georgetown University and Columbia University.

She is a National Merit Finalist, Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Finalist, and has earned high school department awards in math, chemistry, physics, economics, social studies, English and Spanish.

Her community service includes work at Farmington Hills Community Library and Providence Hospital, where she volunteered in the emergency room, pediatrics and surgical sterile processing.

She also has worked with Project Discovery, which funds archaeological research to preserve Armenian heritage, and Focus Armenia, which sends medical supplies to Armenia.

Involved in figure skating for 10 years, Minasian has competed in team and solo exhibitions up to the national level.

Her most influential teachers are: Kevin Ozar (novels) "Mr. Ozar introduced me to my favorite book, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer. His passion for teaching serves as a daily inspiration for me."; Phillip Pittman (AP English Language/Composition) "Mr. Pittman helped me become the writer I am today; he devoted countless hours to helping me prepare for the AP English test."; and Jeff Simpson (Honors Analysis/AP Calculus) "Mr. Simpson breaks complex math problems down into simple steps, making even the most difficult problems seem straightforward."

Minasian is the daughter of Linda and Ted Minasian; and sister of Alexander, 14.



Joshua Corriveau
Belleville High School

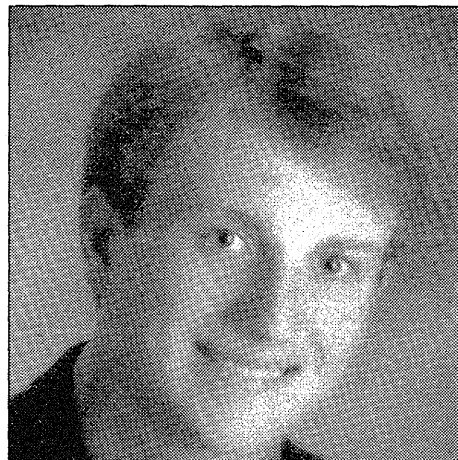
Joshua Corriveau of Belleville plans to attend the University of Michigan to study the trombone as well as mathematics. He is unsure of his ultimate career goals, but is interested in pursuing a professional music career.

Corriveau's academic achievements include being named salutatorian for having the second highest academic rank in his class. He will graduate summa cum laude. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Math Club.

He participated in many extracurricular activities, including music and sports. He was the drum major of the marching band, principal trombone in the symphony band, and piano in the jazz band. He also earned three varsity letters in swimming, and was named captain of the team. In addition, he served as assistant coach for the USS swim team.

Corriveau says the teacher who has influenced him most is Mr. Nicholas Taylor "because he is incredibly passionate about what he does and strives to make music everyday."

He is the son of Ruth and Michael Corriveau, and the brother of Amanda, 14.



Matthew Charnley
Churchill High School

Matthew Charnley of Livonia will attend the University of Notre Dame.

He has "a passion for math and science" so he is undecided between a degree in engineering or mathematics.

"I will either be a math teacher or professor, or go into the workplace an engineer," wrote Charnley in his all-star application.

Charnley has been awarded several academic honors at the Math, Science and Computer Program Honors Night for all of his MSC classes, including AP Calculus, AP Biology and AP Computer Science. In ninth grade, he placed 88th in the state in the Michigan Math Prize Competition, earning an honorable mention. In 11th grade, Charnley placed 37th on the same two-part exam and was awarded a scholarship. He was also nominated as an outstanding youth for the 2009 Livonia PTSA Founders' Day Celebration.

Charnley is the captain of Churchill's Quiz Bowl team. He serves as the all-school secretary for Student Council and member of National Honor Society. He has participated in Relay for Life, Project NOAH and Read Across America. He participated in Future Problem Solving since seventh grade. He ran cross country for two years and is in his third year of varsity golf this spring.

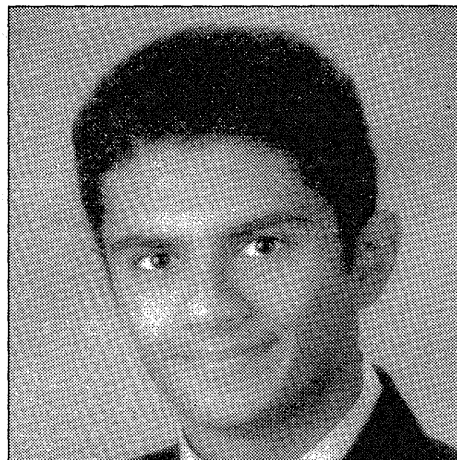
Playing piano for over 10 years, Charnley performs as part of St. Edith Catholic Church Music Ensemble.

"It allows me to do something I love and share my talents with the community at the same time," Charnley said.

Teachers Andrew Wood (accelerated English 11), Joel Meloche (AP Biology) and Paul Serri (physics/AP physics) are the teachers who most influenced Charnley.

"Mr. Wood showed me how to truly love and appreciate literature in its deepest sense. Mr. Meloche is the main reason I am considering some kind of biomedical engineering and Dr. Serri showed me how to be passionate about what I was doing."

He is the son of Debra and Peter Charnley. His brother, Stephen, is 15.



Kevin Joseph
Farmington High School

Kevin Joseph of Farmington Hills will attend the University of Michigan College of Engineering to pursue a career in chemical engineering, possibly in the pharmaceutical industry.

Joseph is active in Debate Club (vice president), Quiz Bowl (captain), Track and Field, Orchestra (violin), French and his church youth group, where he has taught Sunday School to children.

He is a National Merit Finalist, earned an Academic Letter and was named AP Scholar with Honor. He participated in the MMPC three times, advancing to the second round twice, and the Chemistry Olympiad at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He has completed Calculus 3 and Differential Equations courses at Oakland Community College.

His most influential teachers are Paula Rohn (honors precalculus) and Peter Finn (AP physics).

"Mrs. Rohn was an influential teacher because she was easily the most difficult teacher I ever had," he said. "Her class required me to give complete effort, and she taught me that if I fully applied myself, I could reach my full potential."

"Mr. Finn taught his classes with a lot of enthusiasm, and showed me how math could be used in many practical ways. His class inspired me to become an engineer."

Joseph is the son of John and Lissy Joseph, and brother to Justin, 12, and Melvin, 6.



Robert Klosek
Harrison High School

Robert Klosek will attend the University of Michigan to study engineering. He plans to major in electrical engineering "to work at the forefront of technology."

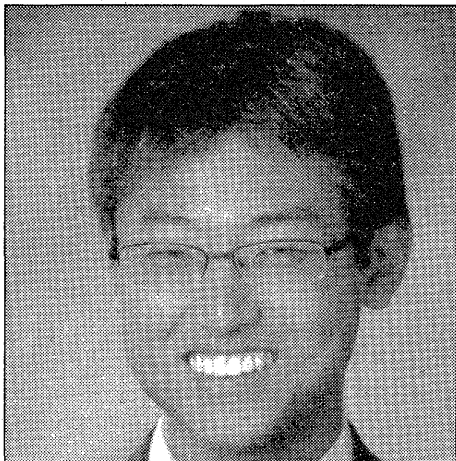
Klosek is treasurer for the National Honor Society; president of the Robohawks Robotics Club; and a leader in Link Crew, which mentors incoming freshmen. He has participated in Lemelson-MIT Inventteams, working with a group of his peers to construct a prototype of an autonomous robotic boat. He has also participated in Science Olympiad and Chemistry Olympiad. He was also on the cross country team in his freshman and sophomore years and is a Hawk Help after-school tutor.

Klosek is an AP Scholar, has earned academic letters, and has received awards for his Computer Aided Design drawings through the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society.

He cites Steve Dail as his most influential teacher.

"He is both my physics teacher and the leader of the Robohawks Club, which I've been part of for four years. His enthusiastic approach toward teaching and his love for the subject has made science fun and interesting. He played an important role in my continued love of science and my choice to work towards a career in the field of engineering," Klosek said.

Klosek is the son of Walter and Krystyna Klosek, and brother of Stephanie, 21, and Alex, 18.



Ke Ding
Canton High School

Ke Ding of Canton plans to study economics at either Dartmouth College or the University of Michigan Honors College.

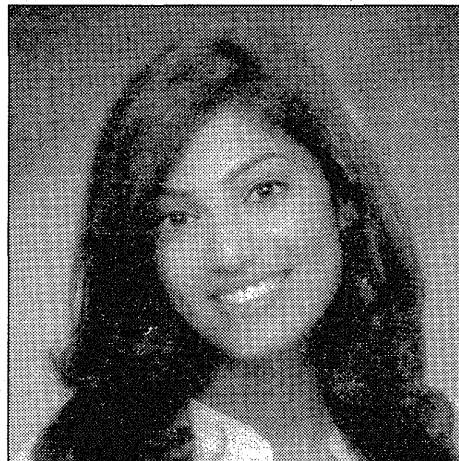
"I have only one defined goal — to not starve. Beyond that, I don't know," Ding says of his career aspirations.

Ding, with his 3.87 grade point average, earned numerous academic honors at Canton High School. He was a National Merit finalist, KLAA scholar with distinction, and earned first place in the state's Science Olympiad.

His extracurricular activities included being the captain of the Mock Trial Team, Science Olympiad, three-year varsity tennis player, and National Honor Society. He has also played piano for 12 years.

The teacher who influenced Ding most was Dr. Stephen Williams, a history/social studies teacher. "He made history important, a monstrous task," Ding says of Williams.

Ke is the son Tong Shi and Yi Ding, and the brother of Michael Ding, 14.



Nandini Abburi
Farmington High School

Nandini Abburi of Farmington Hills has been accepted to the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

She plans to study neuroscience, computer science and physiology with the intention of becoming a medical physician. She currently volunteers at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak in the pediatrics department and is an intern at Botsford Hospital in the Progressive Care Unit.

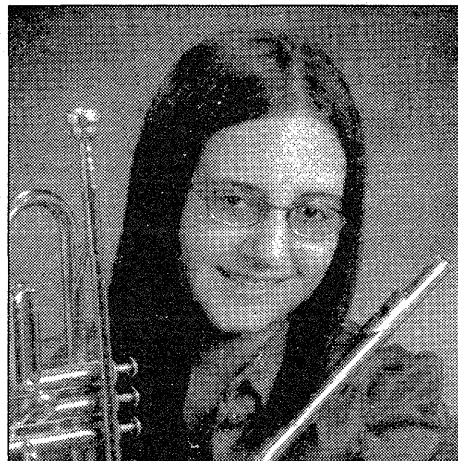
Abburi is involved in Quizbowl (four years, captain of one of the varsity teams), Debate, Students Against Drunk Driving, National Art Honor Society, Bharatnatyam (Indian classical dance) and Model United Nations. She has performed Bharatnatyam at fund-raisers and nonprofit events and won competitions for the style of Indian classical dance.

Abburi was flute section leader in concert band and has won awards in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival. She has studied piano for 12 years. She has also given 24 piano recitals and played piano accompaniment in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Her academic honors include National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar with Honors, Academic Letter Award and third place in Michigan, fifth in the Midwest in the Student Math League Contest.

She played tennis for the school team for two years and also served as captain of the junior varsity tennis team.

She is the daughter of Raghunath and Bhavani Abburi, and has one brother, Srinath, 14, who is a freshman at Farmington High School.



Sarah Jaslow
Stevenson High School

Sarah Jaslow of Livonia plans to attend Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University to study genetics. She will also be a member of the Michigan State Honors College.

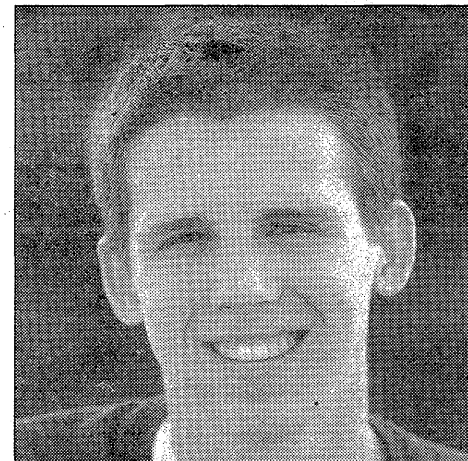
Jaslow hopes "to support myself in an interesting field and contribute to advances in science," she wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include National Merit Finalist and a National Honor Society member.

Her extracurricular activities revolve around music. Jaslow plays several instruments, including piccolo in marching band, flute and piccolo in pit orchestra and trumpet in jazz band.

She names David Booker, band director for her ninth to 11th grade years, and Kathy Ladd, 11th grade accelerated English, as her most influential teachers. "Mr. Booker taught me to love music and to improve as a musician," Jaslow wrote. "I had a lot of fun in Mrs. Ladd's class, and my writing and grammar skills greatly improved," Jaslow added.

Sarah is the daughter of Wayne and Sandy Jaslow. She has one brother, Evan, 15.



Corey Lightner
Harrison High School

Corey Lightner of Farmington Hills will attend the University of Michigan Honors College.

He is undecided as to his major, but is considering psychology, law, finance and computer engineering with career options including psychiatrist, stock broker or software designer.

Lightner's academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Finalist, DAR Good Citizen Award and member of National Society of High School Scholars.

He is a former member of the varsity basketball team and past captain of the JV basketball team, editor of the sports section of the student newspaper, attendee of the Michigan Boy's State Summer Program, and member of Link Crew, which mentors incoming freshmen.

He is also active with his church youth group, participating in Rebuilding Together, which helps locals fix their homes, serving at the Just Love homeless shelter in Detroit, and watching young children in the toddler room during church services.

As a National Honor Society member, he participated in and helped raise money for Relay for Life.

He mentioned several teachers as being influential, including second-grade teacher Mrs. Fields "for encouraging a love of reading and writing"; sixth-grade English teacher Ms. Burton "for easing the transition into middle school"; Mike Teachman (math) "for making pre-calc interesting, and having the best teacher's name ever"; Kevin Miesner (chemistry) "for always being available to help with just about anything"; and Angela Leach (psychology and sociology) "for providing incredible encouragement, and creating an amazing learning environment."

He is the son of Shawn and Amy Lightner, and brother to Erin, 14.

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New "Green" Science and Media Building



This fall, Madonna students will enjoy the state-of-the-art science labs, the digital television and audio studios, the lecture hall, food court and student gathering space in the new Science and Media Building. The environmentally-friendly building is Madonna's first stand-alone building in 40 years and Livonia's first "green" building to be certified in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The media center will feature the latest high-definition digital technologies. The science center features several specialized labs for enhanced scientific research and exploration. The 60,000-square-foot structure, situated in the heart of Madonna's campus, includes

a partial sedum-covered roof, two-story low-e glass windows with automatic Deco-shades to utilize natural light, sustainable landscaping and more.

To support the construction of the new building, the Kresge Foundation of Troy will award Madonna University a \$1.5 million challenge grant, if Madonna raises \$3.25 million by January 2010. "The Kresge challenge grant is an endorsement of Madonna's vision and mission and an indication that they believe in our success," said Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, University president. "We are grateful for this rare opportunity, and see it as an incentive for increasing community support."

Hollywood Comes to Madonna

Annually, Madonna University hosts Project Accessible Hollywood (PAH-fest) Motown. The unique, entirely free, digital media festival travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, providing anyone and everyone the chance to take part in movie-making through access to digital equipment and professional coaching.

PAH-fest is the brainchild of Christopher Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother of actor Nicholas Cage. Coppola can be found on Madonna's campus for the annual festival and also in classes – he recently became an adjunct assistant professor at Madonna. Coppola brings true Hollywood influence to the classroom. "I was honored to join

Madonna's faculty, the University is truly a unique institution," said Coppola. A resident of Los Angeles, he teaches Madonna students via live web casts, online classes and occasionally on campus. He plans to take advantage of the growing Michigan film industry and provide students opportunities for hands-on movie-making experiences by including them on some of his Michigan film projects.

PAH-fest Motown 2009 takes place July 13-19 at Madonna's campus in Livonia. Anyone can participate in the Short Film, Digi-Portrait, Circus Vision and Cell Phone Art competitions. For more information, contact Sue Boyd at 734-432-5578, or visit www.pahnation.com.

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Christopher Coppola



Students shooting a PAH-fest public service announcement



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Autism Master's Meets Teacher Demand

Teachers now can earn a Master of Art degree in Teaching: Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) at Madonna University. "There is a high demand for teachers certified in this area of special education," said Dr. Jill Robinson, coordinator of graduate studies in Learning Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The program features a multidisciplinary approach, combining the theory of treating all ASD symptoms, with individual aspects of the child. Students learn to interpret formal and informal assessment procedures, as well as the best intervention methods.

Recently, Madonna University faculty and alumni presented on various aspects of autism at the second annual "Living With Autism" workshop. Dr. Steven Schwartz, associate professor of education at Madonna, led a session that explored Positive Behavior Support, a new approach for supporting children with behavioral challenges. "This is one of the most important conferences of the year, because it brings together parents, medical professionals and educators to share ideas, network and learn from each other," said Schwartz.

For more information about the ASD program, contact Jill Robinson at 734-432-5651.



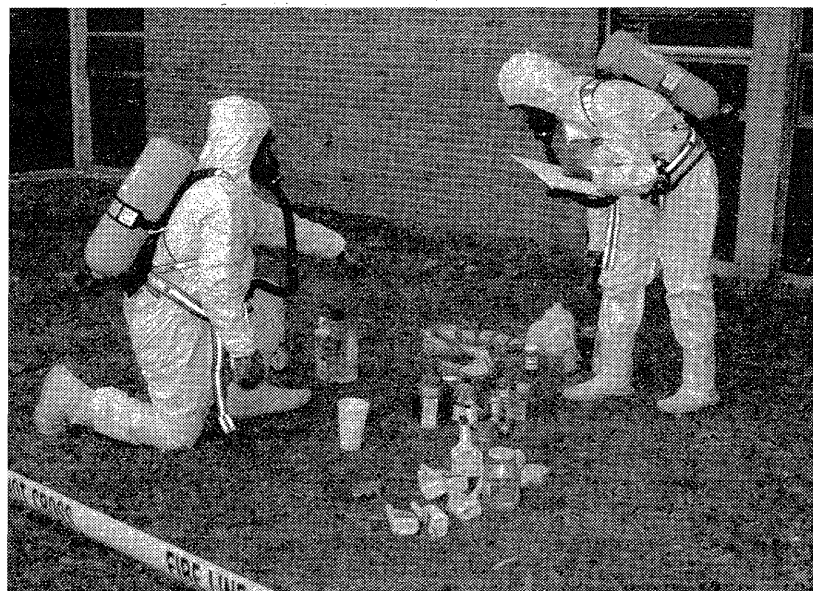
As a Master's student, Patrick McDonald works with a student

Program Prepares Students to Aid and Defend

Enhanced national security, recent natural disasters and evolving technology, increase the need for individuals trained to aid and protect. Madonna University's new emergency management bachelor's degree prepares students for careers in disaster management, rescue and homeland security.

"The emergency management degree at Madonna is a contemporary program that offers students immediate employable skills," said Gary Trujillo, program director. "As technology and threats to our country evolve, our training must also, so we are forming an advisory committee to update courses annually."

The multidisciplinary curriculum covers such topics as: homeland security, business continuity plans, grant proposal writing, security operations, hazardous materials response, resource allocation and planning, media management, and the 9-1-1 system. For more information, please contact Gary Trujillo at 734-432-5517.



Students in the emergency management program during hazardous materials drill

Students Combine Athletics and Academics for Careers

For a number of college students, choosing a major can be daunting. Some Madonna students have found the sport management major not only fits their interests, but also provides them a variety of career options including: community sports programs; high school, college and professional athletics; recreational facility management; sports publications; sports entertainment and more. To further shape their careers, students can choose from two sport management specialties: business or journalism.

"I chose the business track because I enjoy business and marketing classes," said Joey Giarmo, who hopes to be a high school or college athletic director. "Sport management is the perfect major for me. It combines what I like about business with my passion for sports, and the knowledge I've gained playing high school sports and watching my dad coach."

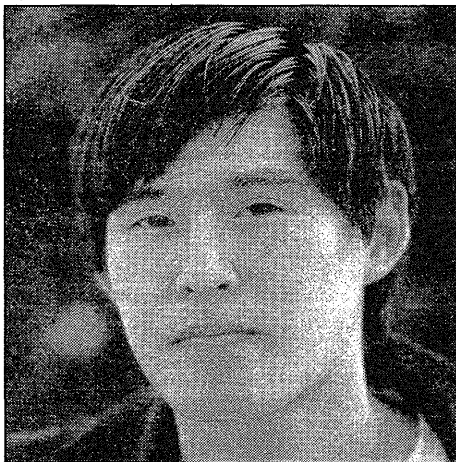
Madonna's sport management program has grown from 20 students to approximately 75, since its launch in 2003. Program Director Kevin King engages students with current curriculum and real-world experiences. Through guest speakers, sport conferences, and internships, students have had the opportunity to connect with a variety of sport professionals, and to work with area teams, athletic departments and recreational facilities. "It is extremely beneficial for students to begin networking and building their resumés while still in the classroom," King said.

"The knowledge, experience and caliber of Madonna's sport management faculty makes the education second to none, students are exposed to every segment of sport," said alumnus Edward Williams, a public relations manager for Homestead-

Miami Speedway. For more information about Madonna's sport management program, contact Kevin King at 734-432-5446.



Sport management students participate in a mock news conference



Kurt Tseng
Plymouth High School

Kurt Tseng of Canton hopes to find a college where he can attend a dual-degree program to pursue bachelor of science and bachelor of music degrees.

When he's done, Tseng hopes to enter a musical career, hopefully playing with an orchestra or a quartet. If that doesn't work out, he'd like to pursue a career in one of the sciences (biology, chemistry or physics).

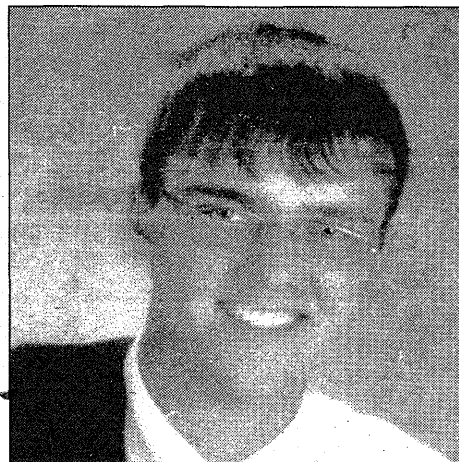
His academic honors include AP Scholar and AP Scholar with distinction.

His extracurricular activities include viola (private study with Patricia Gurin); Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra, Civic Youth Ensembles; Civic Orchestra and Chamber Program); piano (private study with Kelly Benson); and National Honor Society.

Michael Spitz (chemistry) and Steven Rea (physics) were among the teachers who most influenced him.

"(They) probably helped me develop an interest in the sciences and a curiosity for how and why instead of accepting what I am told."

He is the son of Gwo-Jyh "Cliff" Tseng and Wen-Jane Ting of Canton. He has a brother, Brian Tseng, 20, and a sister, Joyce Tseng, 19.



Timothy Baker
Thurston High School

Timothy Baker of Redford Township plans to attend Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service to study political science.

"After graduation I would like to spend some time as a diplomat to any country," Baker wrote in his All-Star application.

Baker is a National Merit Finalist, an AP scholar and a 2008 Boys State representative.

Baker plays trombone in the jazz and honors band. He is commander of the marching band. He was a lead in the winter musical.

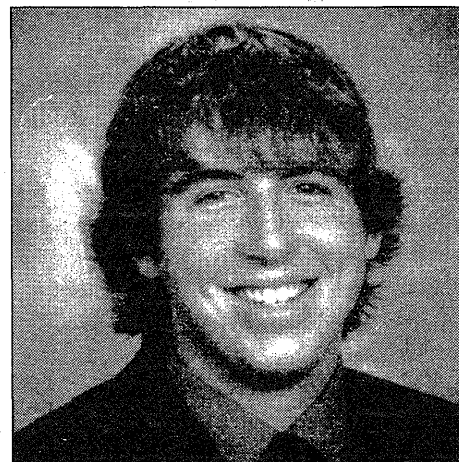
Baker played varsity baseball at Thurston for three years.

He is president of the Thurston High School National Honor Society and involved in his church youth group.

Baker named Jeanette James, his AP calculus teacher, as having the most influence on his academic career.

"She showed me how to have fun while still learning," he said.

Baker is the son of Stephen and Michelle Baker. He has a brother, Benjamin, 16, and a sister, Sarah, 13.



Matt Laing
Plymouth High School

Matt Laing of Canton will attend the University of Michigan to study chemical engineering. His goal is to receive a bachelor's degree then pursue a master's in nuclear or electrical engineering. Laing said his interest in engineering comes from the "many Take Your Child to Work days he attended with his dad as well as the High School Science and Technology Program at Ford Motor Company."

Laing said he wants to follow in his father's footsteps and become an engineer.

Laing's academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction, Michigan Regents Scholarship and Michigan Engineering Scholarship of Honor. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

Laing's extracurricular activities include swim instructor and lifeguard at Canton's Summit on the Park, playing recreational basketball and volunteering more than 200 hours at the Open Door Ministries food and clothing bank.

The teacher that influenced Laing the most is Michael Quinta (AP statistics) because "he was a really good teacher to learn from, explained things very well, taught me many things and has a great sense of humor."

Laing is the son of Paul and Pam Laing, and the brother of Samantha Laing, 19.



Michelle A. Frazer
Stevenson High School

Michelle A. Frazer of Livonia plans to attend University of Michigan, where she will major in international affairs or biology.

"I hope to find a career in something I am passionate about that also provides challenges and continued learning," said Frazer.

The National Merit Scholarship finalist was a section leader in the Marching Band, where she played the saxophone. She plays the oboe in the Symphonic Band, the saxophone in the Jazz Band and has been in the pit orchestra. Her other extracurricular activities include the Diversity Club.

Melisia Taylor, who teaches Japanese 1-4, and Kathy Ladd, who teaches Accelerated English 11, had the most influence on her. "Ms. Taylor works exceptionally hard and does not get nearly enough credit for teaching second-, third- and fourth-year Japanese all in one hour," Frazer said. "She's so supportive and always expects the best out of her students."

Of Ladd, Frazer said: "Mrs. Ladd's enthusiasm for the material she teaches is infectious, and I can honestly say that her class was the best and most engaging class I've taken."


Frazer is the daughter of Lisa Stawarz and Matt Frazer and stepdaughter of John Stawarz and Jen Frazer.

She has three siblings: Mikayla, 5; Park, 3; and Johnny, 2.

Hurray for the Observer All Stars!

At Huntington we're kind of partial to H words. H is for honesty. Home. Harmony. Heart. And in this case, H is for Hurray. We say hurray for the Observer All Stars because we're so happy (another good H word) to be able to support something that makes our community a better place to be.

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Runners-up get high marks, honors, too

Megan Greve
Plymouth Christian Academy



College prospects: University of Michigan to study chemistry.
Academic honors: Who's Who Among American High School students; United States National Achievement Academy, high honor roll and salutatorian.

Extracurricular activities: Vice president of student council; president of the National Honor Society, youth group student leader and Praise Band keyboardist; softball; basketball captain; volleyball, volunteered as a vacation Bible school leader, summer mission trips; NHS and youth group community service and freshman and sophomore class president. In volleyball, she was on the second team All Conference and third team All Observer, as well as co-best offense in 2008.

Career goals: She wants to become a secondary school teacher or a researcher. "I want to make a difference, whether it by impacting lives in the classroom or by making discoveries in the lab," she said.

Influential teachers: Karen Hott and Kelly Blackney. Hott (chemistry I, II and physics) was a "great example and teacher and my reason for wanting to be a teacher." Blackney (English) was her class sponsor, volleyball coach and "friend."

She is the daughter of Wayne and Carol Greve of Canton.

Craig Sanders
Lutheran High Westland



College prospects: University of Michigan to study physics and mathematics.

Academic honors: Co-vedictorian, National Honor Society and earning the top score in the Michigan Math

Competition.

Extracurricular activities: Leadership positions, playing musical instruments and volunteer work. He was also a teen mentor in the National Honor Society.

Career goals: "I would like to propose at least one new explanation of the world around us using a physics concept that has yet to be discovered," he said.

Influential teachers: Mike Unger (trigonometry and AP calculus).

"Through all the rigor and challenge of upper-level math, his enthusiasm and sense of humor have made math entertaining," Sanders said.

Sanders is the son of Edmund and Anita Sanders of Garden City and the brother of Katie Sanders, 14.

Shawna Walser
Garden City High School



College prospects: University of Michigan or Wayne State to study English or chemistry with a pre-medicine focus.

Academic honors: Department awards in English, math and science.

Extracurricular activities: Working on the Garden City High School Cougar Tracks for three years as a staff member and two years as editor. She was also involved in Model United Nations during 11th and 12th grades.

Career goals: "I want to be a doctor," she said. "I'm thinking of maybe becoming a pediatrician or just a general practice, but I do want to work in a hospital."

Influential teachers: Keith Penski (math), Mary Brammer (English) and Rosemary Gross (counselor).

"Both teachers have challenged me and because they are so interested in their subjects, I became interested," Walser said.

Her counselor, she said, "has been there for me since ninth grade."

She is the daughter of Wendy Walser of Garden City and sister of Jesse, Dustin, Tabitha and Heather Keyes.

Leah Malm
Ladywood High School

College prospects: University of Notre Dame or the University of Michigan to study math and science.

Academic honors: Math, science and foreign language awards (2006-08), principal's honor roll every quarter, scholar-athlete award (2005-08 field hockey and lacrosse) and a perfect attendance award (2007).

Extracurricular activities: Field hockey and lacrosse (all academic state team, captain for field hockey and first team All Division), National Honor Society secretary, Environmental Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club, Spanish Club, Online Writing Lab-Tutor, piano lessons, choir, worked in a pharmacy as a clerk, Ladywood Field Hockey Day Camp team leader (2006-08), vacation Bible school (Our Lady of Good Counsel 2005-08 group leader), Jingle Bell Run/Walk Ladywood Team Committee, Give God Your Best Shot counselor in training, Focus: HOPE volunteer, baby-sitting and Ladywood Auction and Open House Committees.

Career goals: She wants to pursue a career in pharmacy.

Influential teachers: Andrea Cole (AP biology and accelerated chemistry) and Gale Schwalm (math). Cole

has the ability to make students feel comfortable with difficult subjects. Schwalm prepares students extremely well for AP exams and makes math seem easier, Malm said.

Malm is the daughter of Lori and Andrew Malm of Plymouth and the sister of Tyler, 20 and Spencer, 14.

Mary Walle
Mercy High School



College prospects: University of Michigan and is waiting acceptance from additional universities.

Academic honors: National Merit Commended Student; National Honor Society; Spanish

Honor Society; Tri-M Music Honor Society; Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Nominee for Outstanding Senior; Mercy Leadership Conference Nominee; Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award University; Award for Excellence in Physics, Mercy; 200+ Service Hours Award; Award for Excellence in Chemistry, Mercy; Detroit Archdiocesan Academic Scholar; and NCTE Writing Competition Nominee.

Extracurricular activities: Grosse Pointe Symphony-Thomas Nester Performance Scholarship, Solo Performance; Macomb Symphony, Nill Scholarship winner; Oakland Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition, honorable mention; Oakland Youth Orchestra, music scholarship, District Solo and Ensemble, I Rating; two State Solo and Ensemble, I Rating; State Solo Semifinalist; MSBOA Honors Orchestra; and Metropolitan Youth Symphony-Solo Competition Winner, violin studies; Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra; Oakland Youth Symphony Orchestra, co-concert master, (2007, 2009); Oakland Youth Orchestra, chamber orchestra concertmaster, Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra; All State Orchestra, Interlochen Center for the Arts; Mercy Pit Orchestra concertmaster and ad hoc string quartets. Quiz Bowl, JV and Varsity, co-captain; Mercy Pro-Life Club, leadership team (2007-09), Mentor, Pastoral Team, Retreat Program and Pit Orchestra concertmaster. Her volunteer work includes 500 service hours; Habitat for Humanity; teacher aide at Wing Lake Center for Development, Challenge Club team leader; school activities volunteer; Student Life Corps, Right to Life of Michigan, president 2007-08; Solo/quartet community service performances; Student Assistant, Oakland Youth Orchestra; Mackinac Island Service Camp, Girl Scouts and altar server, St. Hugo Church.

Career goals: To pursue a double

degree in history and violin performance and continue with her violin studies to the doctoral level.

"I want to be a violin professor at a university, teach privately and perform in orchestral, chamber and solo settings as much as possible," she said.

Influential teacher: Tom Schuster Bauer (AP history). "He teaches more than facts, he taught me how to think and question while inspiring in me a love of learning," Walle said.

Walle is the daughter of James and Joanne Walle of Troy and the sister of Patrick, 22, Michael, 20, Peter, 16, and Theresa, 12.

Shayna Houghton
Thurston High School

College prospects: Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Michigan, Boston University and Tulane University.

Academic honors: National Honor Society.

Extracurricular activities: Band; marching band; drama club as an actor, technician and sound manager; math tutor and tuba player.

Career goals: She plans to major in math and history and later teach high school and college students.

Influential teachers: Edward Lucius (band), Jason Brater (history and math) and Jeanette James (math).

She credits Lucius with encouraging her to continue with band, "which helped me with all of my subjects." James influenced her on her career choice and has helped her with personal problems and Brater "has taught me important life skills."

She is the daughter of Michael Houghton of Redford and the sister of Amanda, 13.

Sarah Sanders
Redford Union High School



College prospects: Wayne State University and Madonna University to study psychology or writing.

Academic honors: Honor Roll for four years, National Honor Society, McDonald's Scholarship Athlete

of the Week, Scholar Athlete for four years and completing AP English credit.

Extracurricular activities: Student Council Senior representative Student Council, Varsity Volleyball captain and Most Valuable Player, Varsity Softball Captain and MVP, Varsity Basketball manager, race volunteer for Relay for Life, Race for the Cure, NHS tutor, organized Penny Wars for charities, All Conference for volleyball and softball and All District for softball.

Career goal: "My goal is to find a profession I enjoy that also allows me to touch someone else's life in a positive way," she said.

Influential teacher: Brian Sloma (mathematics) is the teacher who most influenced her during her high school career, because he "inspired her on a level most teachers cannot. He proves there is still genuinely good people in this world. He goes above and beyond the call of duty."

She is the daughter of Linda and William Sanders of Redford and the sister of Elizabeth, 21.

Daniel Croft

Redford Union High School



College prospects:

Lawrence Technological University to study broadcast journalism.

Academic honors: Salutatorian of the class and honor roll every semester.

Extracurricular activities:

Captain of hockey team, president of Senior Class, member of the National Honor Society, officer of the Redford Union Theatre Company and an active member of his church.

Career goals: "My dream job would be to work for ESPN or 97.1, but my goal is just to have a job writing and or analyzing sports," he said.

Influential teacher: Sandra Engel (third grade). "She introduced me to Harry Potter, which broadened my literary horizon and started my transition from children's books to become an avid reader of novels," he said. "It has also helped prepare me for my future career. I am eternally grateful."

He is the son of Robert and Patty Croft of Redford and the brother of Ashley, 21, and Thomas, 9.

Solomon Shurge

Wayne Memorial High School

College prospects: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Michigan, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to study aerospace engineering.

Academic honors: Academic letter award 2003-08, WMHS underclass honors award in science and pre-calculus and Wallace Skinner Brass Award.

Extracurricular activities: Marching band (section leader trombone); youth group at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene; Make-a-Wish; Robotics club president; Plymouth Brass; Spanish Club; World Vision; National Honor Society; Student Senate and Science Olympics.

Career goals: Shurge hopes to work at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, design rockets and shuttles, work for Boeing, design fighter jets and discover a method for light speed travel.

Influential teachers: Scott Simons (physics and robotics mentor), Shannon Pypa (political science), Matthew Diroff (band) and Thomas Morgan (chemistry).

Shurge is the son of Linda Brown-Shurge and the brother of Sarah, 13.

Christopher Burtraw

Wayne Memorial High School



College prospects:

University of Michigan College of Engineering and Eastern Michigan University to study engineering.

Academic honors: Underclass Honor Award-Accelerated

Biology (2007), Honor Award-Math (2008) and National Honor Society.

Extracurricular activities include: Robotics club, specializing in electrical, drive train and fabrications; NHS freshman mentor; National Hispanic Honor Society; Student Advisory council and part-time job as a dishwasher and food server at Waltonwood Retirement Community.

Career goals: "After attaining my bachelor's degree, I will attempt to find a good job and start a career," he said. "Later on, I may pursue a master's degree or further education, depending on where my career leads me."

Influential teachers: Kathy Steiner (fifth grade), Lisa Austin (culinary), Joni VanCampenhout (biology) and Scott Simons (physics). Steiner, he said, pushed him to be a top student. Austin taught him how to apply and interview for a job, VanCampenhout "was a big part of my after school activities," and Simons "has been very helpful in my senior year with advice and good information."

Shurge is the son of Dawn and John Lossos and Brian Burtraw and siblings Alex Geyer, 21, Samantha Lossos, 15, Trevor Lossos, 14 and Brianna Burtraw, 12.

Samantha Barber

Huron Valley Lutheran High



College prospects:

Martin Luther College with a focus on elementary education.

Academic honors: Highest Honors, Madame Currie Award.

Extracurricular activities:

Student Council president sophomore year and vice president senior year; piano; chorus; Lutheran Young Adults Thanksgiving Baskets and English as a Second Language.

Career goals: She hopes to "positively influence my students' lives and help as many people as I can."

Influential teachers: Kris Ruth (English, pre-algebra and yearbook). "She is my class adviser and has taken me under her wing and helped me since freshman year," Barber said.

Barber is the daughter of John and Jane Barber of Wayne and the sister of Andrew, 15.

Lauren Gieschen

Lutheran High Westland



College prospects:

Valparaiso University or Saginaw Valley State with a major in accounting.

Academic honors: National Honor Society; co-Valedictorian; Metro Conference; Academic All Conference; Michigan Volleyball Coaches

Association, Academic All Region and Presidential Scholarship Valparaiso University.

Extracurricular activities: President of the Youth Group at Guardian Lutheran Church in Dearborn (2008-09); Special Olympics volunteer; Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading; soccer with four varsity letters; basketball with three varsity letters; volleyball with two varsity letters; First Team All-Conference; First Team All Region and Second Team All-State; volleyball and basketball summer sport camp helper and Concert Choir and Chamber Singers.

Career goals: She hopes to become an accountant.

Influential teachers: Kevin Wade (biology and volleyball coach). "He took interest in me as a student and athlete and cared enough to take time to work with me individually to improve," she wrote. "His enthusiasm in volleyball motivated me to put in the needed extra practice repetitions and I was blessed to be able to reap the rewards with our team's success in the state volleyball tournament. He is also the faculty adviser for our devotion group "Warriors for Christ," which has helped me strengthen my spiritual values."

She is the daughter of Tim and Denise Gieschen of Dearborn and the sister of Elyse, 22, Kayla, 20, and Abigail, 18.

Robert Costello

John Glenn High School



College prospects: Wayne State University, University of Michigan or Michigan State University to study engineering.

Academic honors: Honor Roll all three years and three academic letters.

Extracurricular activities:

National Honor Society treasurer, second vice president of the Class of 2009, captain of JGHS varsity soccer, Quizbowl, class representative of student council and a volunteer for Green Street Fair and Art in the Park.

Career goals: "As an engineer, I want to make the world more efficient," he said.

Influential teachers: Marianne Weiss and his mother, Debbie Costello, a substitute teacher for Wayne-Westland schools. "(Weiss) had a lot of influence on me because she treated me like an adult and she taught me how to speak my mind," Costello said.

"As a substitute teacher for Wayne-Westland, my mom had the biggest influence on me," he said. "She made sure that I always did my homework and she knew when to push me harder. She has been my motivation to succeed in all of my academic endeavors."

Costello is the son of Bob Costello and

Debbie Costello of Westland and the brother of Maria, 25, Jim, 23, and Kim, 20.

Amy Selewski

John Glenn High School



College prospects:

University of Michigan and Spring Arbor University focusing on pre-medicine with the intent of becoming an obstetrician or gynecologist.

Academic honors:

Honor Roll all four years, Academic Varsity Letter.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society secretary, Youth Group Involvement and multiple leadership positions, including assistant leader of welcome team, mentor for middle school girls; singer/bass guitar player in praise band; cross country, varsity, junior varsity, and manager; chemistry club and part-time job at Taco Bell.

Career goals: "I hope to become an OB/GYN and to join an organization, such as Doctors Without Borders, to help others who only dream of receiving the kind of care available in the United States," she said.

Influential teachers: Kevin Marchi (Spanish) and Steven Conn (American Wars). "Senor Marchi is not only concerned with his students' education, but he also deeply cares about us as individuals. Everyday I look forward to Senor Marchi's class because he actually makes learning Spanish fun. Mr. Conn taught me how to approach debatable issues and events in our day without disregarding my own opinions and beliefs, while still looking at things fairly. He taught me that it was OK to come to different conclusions than everyone else, or the news, or my history book."

Selewski is the daughter of Gail and Doug Selewski of Westland and the sister of Daniel, 15.

Shannon Kelly

Ladywood High School

College prospects: Purdue University, University of Michigan or Notre Dame to pursue a career in engineering.

Academic honors: Math, science and foreign language awards in (ninth through 11th grades); Scholar-Athlete Award, swimming (ninth-11th grades); honor roll-principal's list each quarter; Detroit Catholic League All-Academic Team (ninth through 11th grades) and National Society of High School Scholars.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity swimming, captain, Observer All-Area Swim Team-100 Freestyle, state placed-50 freestyle and 100 freestyle and state qualifier in five events; National Honor Society vice president (11th) and president (12th); Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club; Spanish Club; Environmental Club; tutor; Angel's Place volunteer; Livonia Community Swim Team and Summer Swim Team Coach; Focus: HOPE volunteer; Piemontese Social Club and lifeguard, as well as swimming instruction.

Career goals: Chemical engineering and Specialty Food Science fields.

Influential teachers: Andrea Cole (AP biology). "(She) has a passion for teaching, cares for her students and has a will for them to succeed," she said.

Kelly is the daughter of Richard and Jean Kelly of Northville and the sister of Abbey, 15, and Colin, 15.

Marlene Azar
Clarenceville High School



College prospects: University of Michigan or Wayne State University with a focus on pre-medicine or pre-pharmacy.

Academic honors: Academic letter, honor roll and school departmental awards.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, basketball, volleyball, track and captain of basketball and volleyball teams.

Career goals: "I aspire to pursue a career in the medical field either as a physician or pharmacist," she said.

Influential teachers: Craig Riesen (science) and Brady Gustafson (math). "(Riesen) always challenged me in class," Azar said. "(Gustafson) always provided extra help and explained in a way I could understand."

Azar is the daughter of Lydia and Mounir Azar of Livonia and the sister of Michael, 16.

Tanya Dmchowski
Clarenceville High School



College prospects: Berklee College of Music, Michigan State University or Wayne State University.

Academic honors: Academic Letter three years and Department Award in science.

Extracurricular activities: Tennis, track,

National Honor Society; marching band, band section leader and peer mentor.

Career goals: "(She) is planning to pursue a career in either music or medicine."

Influential teachers: Craig Riesen and Bobbi Gutman. "(Reisen) made me excited to learn about science. (Gutman) pushed me to go beyond my own limits."

Gutman is the daughter of Barbara and Raymond Dmchowski of Livonia and the sister of Tia, 17.

Angela Tomassini
Franklin High School



College prospects: Michigan State University, Kalamazoo College and Eckerd College to study marine biology and zoology. **Academic honors:** Italian American Club Scholarship, DAR Good Citizenship Award, AP scholar, National Honor

Society, Youth Making a Difference, Certificate of Academic Achievement, Honor Roll, Academic Letter, Outstanding Character Award in Spanish, National Honor Roll, National Society of High School Scholars, Who's Who Among American High School Students, United States Achievement Academy All American Scholar Award, United States Achievement Academy National Science Award and President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Extracurricular activities: City of Livonia Teen Advisory Committee, Varsity Letter in Tennis, Franklin PTSA member, student

congress, Interact Club, tutoring programs, Rosedale Gardens Youth Group volunteer programs, United States Tennis Association member, St. Mary Mercy Hospital External Disaster Drill, and Franklin Craft Show volunteer. She has worked for two years in Food Service at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Career goals: "I plan to attend college and graduate school to get my master's degree in marine biology and to get a job working with and protecting marine mammals," Tomassini said.

Influential teachers: Lynn Massucci (Spanish). "(Massucci) has been my Spanish teacher for three years. She has had a great influence on me because she makes me feel confident about my abilities and always encourages me," she said.

Tomassini is the daughter of Kathryn Tomassini and Greg Tomassini of Livonia.

Emily Skarbinski
Franklin High School



College prospects: University of Michigan to study biology.

Academic honors: Honor Roll throughout high school.

Extracurricular activities: National Art Honor Society.

Career goals: "I want to be able to do something that I wasn't able to do growing up—travel to different places and discover something that I never knew before," she said.

Influential teachers: Jacqueline Parks (English). "She taught me that I don't need to like every single thing in the world, and that I should try as many fields as possible until I discover something that suits me and that I'm genuinely interested in," Skarbinski said.

She is the daughter of Frances Skarbinski of Westland.

Natalie Dulzo
Mercy High School



College prospects: University of Michigan or Grand Valley to study nursing.

Academic honors: Awards of excellence in biology, chemistry and physics; multi-scholar athlete awards and All Academic for hockey.

Extracurricular activities: Ice hockey, captain for Mercy team; track; Science Club; National Honor Society president; French Honor Society; Pro-Life Club and played piano 10 years.

Career goals: "I want to do something I love while helping people," she said. "Right now that choice is nursing; I get to use my love of science to help others on a regular basis. I plan to get a nursing degree and then hope to get a job working at a hospital somewhere close to home."

Influential teachers: Bob Ciske (math) and Gerry Meloche (science). "(Ciske) was an approachable, great teacher who taught me that no matter how complicated a problem may seem, there is always a solution. He is missed by the entire Mercy High School," she said. "(Meloche) is an awesome person and teacher who helped fuel my interest in science by making it fun and through his passion for teaching."

She is the daughter of Teresa Dulzo and John Dulzo of Novi and the sister of Bobby, 15, Mary, 13, and Emily, 11.

Joseph Garrett
Garden City High School



College prospects: University of Michigan to study business and agriculture.

Academic honors: Science Department award, as well as molecular biology, pre-calculus and physical science classroom awards.

Extracurricular activities: Eagle rank in Boy Scouts and held positions as patrol leader, senior patrol leader, quartermaster and librarian. Spearheaded a volunteer charity project to provide blankets to patients at Garden City Hospital.

Career goals: "I plan on starting my own industrial/agricultural business beginning with pig farming and expanding into other spheres of industry," he said.

Influential teachers: Denise Bills (science) and Keith Penski (math).

"They made incredibly complicated subjects interesting and possible," Garrett said.

He is the son of Mike and Carol Garrett of Garden City and the brother of Lisa, 20.

Paula Manni
Plymouth Christian Academy



College prospects: Calvin College and University of Michigan to study biology or history.

Academic honors: High Honor Roll, Class of 2009 Valedictorian and received PCA's "highest honor" awards in numerous classes.

Extracurricular activities: Class of 2009 secretary, National Honor Society secretary, Canton Youth Volunteer Corps, PCA Student Art Guild member, PCA yearbook editor, Dearborn Christian Fellowship Youth Group, part-time PCA science department lab assistant, part-time baby sitter, involvement in school musicals, piano lessons, PCA Band (flute), mission trip with youth group to Monroe, Louisiana, church volunteer with Vacation Bible School and other programs and manager of the PCA Varsity Volleyball team.

Career goals: "I would like to work in medical research, or become a historian/museum curator," she said. "I am hoping to make an impact as a leader in whichever field I enter."

Influential teachers: Jeff Schmidt (history) and Wesley Sherman (biology) and Susan Aitkin (art and yearbook).

Schmidt "was truly dedicated to the success of his students," she said. "He pushed me to work very hard and I grew so much as a person under his guidance. Sherman and Aitkin "both show a genuine interest in the lives of their students, and both have a passion for the subject matter they teach." Sherman "sparked an interest in the field of biology," while Aitkin "has been a great source of encouragement and has always inspired me to think creatively."

Manni is the daughter of Kelvin and Karen Manni of Canton and the sister of Jonathan, 13, and Gregory, 12.

Victori Ruffin
Agape Christian Academy



College prospects: University of Michigan or Wayne State University, majoring in business administration.

Academic honors: Academic Letter and Spanish Academic Pin. **Extracurricular activities:** Middle school Junior

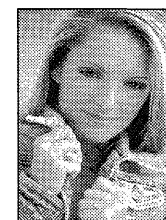
Varsity and Varsity volleyball; National Honor Society, vice president and president; class officer as ninth grade vice president; 10th grade chaplain, as well as vice president in 11th and 12th grades

Career goals: "After receiving my degree, I plan on working in the music industry — I'm just not sure of the specifics, yet," she said.

Influential teachers: "I would have to say that every teacher that I have had has had a great influence on me, from elementary to high school," Victori said.

Her parents are Eugene and Cindy Ruffin of Detroit and she is the sister of Misty Thomas, 36, Jarrett Ruffin, 34, Eugene Ruffin Jr., 28, Amaris Ruffin, 21, Samia Ruffin, 20 and Joe Ruffin, 19.

Madison Hurley-Miller
Agape Christian Academy



College prospects: University of Michigan to study business management and criminal justice.

Academic honors: Consistent Academic Achievement, Creativity Award, Cooperative Spirit, Academic Letter, Superior Student, "A" honor roll,

Cezanne's Art Historian Award, Excellent Award, First Woman President Award, Excellence Award in physical science, co-best actress award, top biologist award, top honors award, diligence award, service award in high school chapel, the certificate of merit for the Society of Women Engineers, Academic Letter.

Extracurricular activities: Basketball, captain; volleyball, captain; softball; cheerleading and NHS vice president. She also volunteered at U-M football games concessions, veterans' homes, Angel's Place and various fund-raisers.

Career goals: "I would like to be involved in business and work my way up the ladder to one day own my own company of some sort, or else I am very interested in criminal justice and being a crime scene investigator to help bring justice to my community," she said.

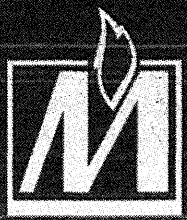
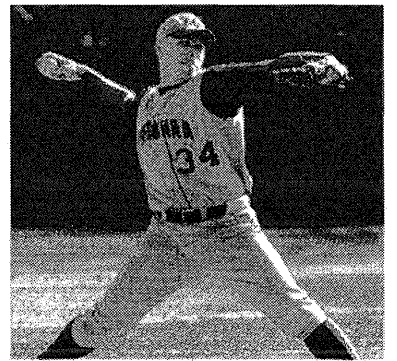
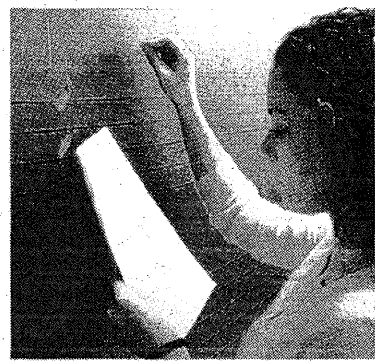
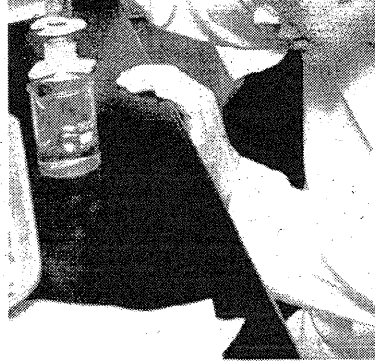
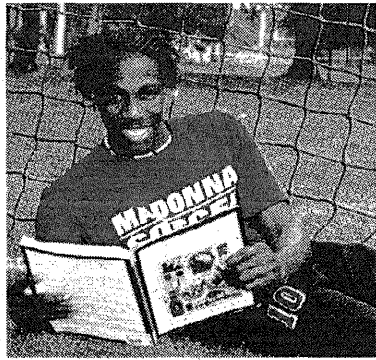
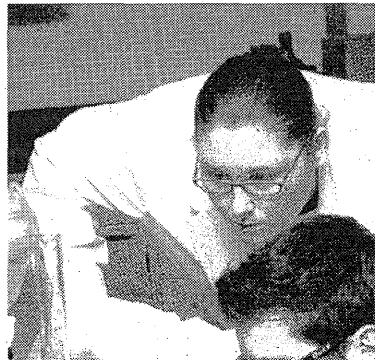
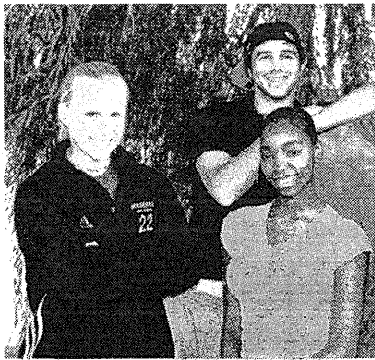
Influential teachers: Kathryn Herczeg and Sarah Stockman.

Herczeg "always has encouraging words and really gets personal with each of her students," she said. "She has great integrity and has shown me how to be a great woman of God. Stockman has shown me how to be prepared for the world. She is a very smart lady and is always there to give great advice... She has shown me how to stand up for my faith and defend what I believe in..."

Hurley-Miller is the daughter of Philip Miller and Lynn Miller of Canton and is the sister of Dawn Chatterson, 32, and Spencer Jowkar, 23.

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