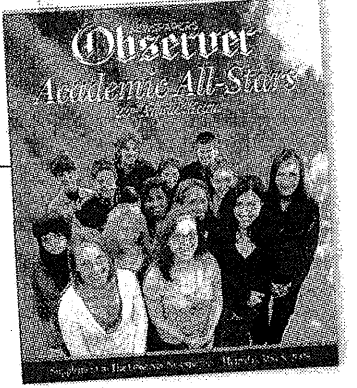


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Local singer comes home for Hoedown

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Country music singer and Plymouth native Sarah Lenore said she always gets excited singing in front of her hometown fans, and she'll get that opportunity Friday at 1:30 p.m. as the opening act for the 26th annual Downtown Hoedown at Hart Plaza in Detroit. "I'm always excited about the Hoedown, it's a hometown show and it's one of the biggest," said Lenore, 19. "I moved to Nashville last summer, so that's why it's even more exciting this year to come back home. I love doing shows in Plymouth, but I don't get a lot of opportunity to perform there."

Lenore — born Sarah Lenore Wiercioch — flew home Wednesday morning to spend a few days with her parents, Susan and Brian Wiercioch of Plymouth, before performing Friday and then heading off to Las Vegas Saturday morning.

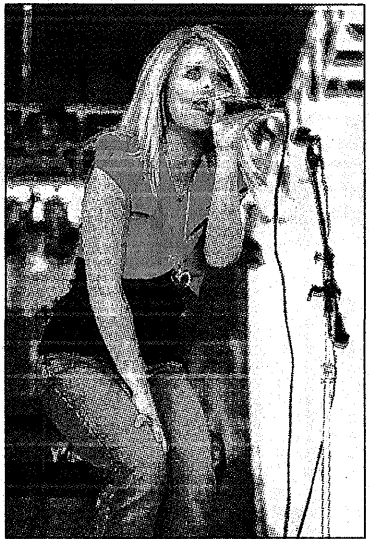
Lenore has been performing since she was 5, appearing in the Broadway musical *Showboat* with Tom Bosley. Since then, she and her band — which doesn't travel with her — have opened for national acts such as Travis Tritt, Joe Nichols and Jason Aldean. She has also performed on stage with LeAnn Rimes, Lonestar and Hank Williams Jr. Lenore moved to Nashville last year to help boost her career.

"It's the town you want to be in if you want to be in country music," said Lenore. "It's not Hollywood and there's no paparazzi, it's a lot more laid-back. It's not unusual to see Garth Brooks or Trisha Yearwood out walking their dogs."

Lenore said she's focused on her singing career and has spent the last year meeting people, promoting herself and singing.

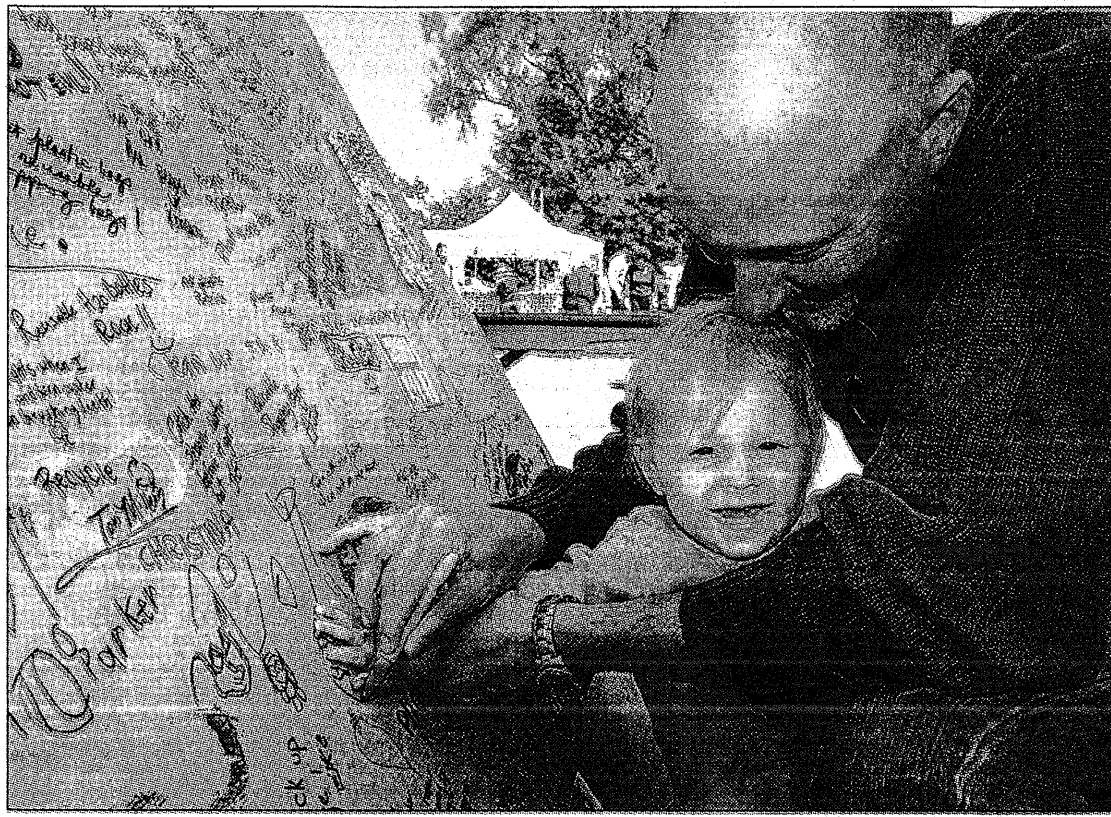
"The one thing I learned that I really liked to do is song write, and I turned into a full-time

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Sarah Lenore, the daughter of Susan and Brian Wiercioch of Plymouth shown here singing at last year's Hoedown, moved to Nashville last year to help boost her career.



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Paul Albanese of Plymouth traces daughter Aizlyn's hand on the Green Mural project during Plymouth's Green Fair Sunday.

Going green

First eco-friendly fair finds friendly reception

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tim Pfannes believes there are four things everyone can do to help better the environment. "They are little things people can do: Use CFL (Compact Fluorescent) light bulbs, turn your thermostat down, recycle and stop junk mail," said Pfannes of Stop Junk Mail Kit in Ferndale, one of the 150 exhibitors at last weekend's Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth. "Our display really rung a bell with people, and we've received a ton of inquiries."

Pfannes said the \$15 kit has a list of 15 organizations to contact that will get rid of 99 percent of consumer junk mail woes.

"People aren't only concerned about receiving the unwanted mail, but the environmental consciousness of all that junk mail has been raised," he said.

Pfannes and other exhibitors were pleased with the turnout. Organizer Terry O'Brien said the two-day crowd was estimated at 130,000-140,000 visitors.

"Our vision for this event truly unfolded in the streets of downtown Plymouth," said O'Brien.



Sunday's weather was perfect for Plymouth's first Green Street Fair.

"One-hundred-fifty exhibitors took a chance, and most are saying they will be back."

O'Brien's partner in organizing Green Street Fair, Dianne Quinn of Plymouth, said plans are already under way for next year's event, which she envisions being even bigger.

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Water deal puts underpass plan back on track

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three weeks after Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp told 150 business and community leaders there was a good chance the Sheldon Road underpass project would miss its December 2008 deadline and continue for several months into next year, the oft-maligned \$15 million undertaking appears to be back on track.

Helmkamp said he received permission on Tuesday from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to complete the installation of the new water main during the next three weeks. DWSD had previously set an April 30 deadline for installation of the 36-inch pipe to avoid construction during peak water usage in the spring and summer.

"Fortunately, we're benefiting from a cold, and at times rainy, period of weather, and the projection for the next couple of weeks is that it will continue," said Helmkamp. "Almost all of the new water main is in, and we need to connect the end pieces. After that it will take a few days to chlorinate it, pressure test and perform other tests before it goes online."

Residents of the City of Plymouth have been receiving water from a temporary water connection through Plymouth Township. City Manager Paul Sincock recently expressed concerns about continuing on the temporary system through peak usage periods.

"As you move into the summer, you're in peak demand and you put additional stresses into the system and we don't know how it will react," said Sincock. "We have concerns about water pressure, no water pressure and boil water situations."

Helmkamp said if the weather does become hot and dry before the water main is completely installed, "We may have to ask communities to ask residents to cut back on outdoor water use so we have enough water pressure for residents and businesses."

Helmkamp said he's "not ready to claim victory," but the project now has a better chance of meeting the end-of-the-year deadline.

Business owners in the Five Mile and Sheldon area, some of whom have seen profits dip by 40 percent, are pleased at the new outlook.

"That's good news, hopefully they'll be able to have it open by the end of the year," said Jerry Yatooma, owner of Rio Wraps. "We would have been upset if it had gone another six months into next year."

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Sold-out Showcase Plymouth set for St. John's

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wes Graff thinks the struggling economy business owners are reaching for ways to get the word out about their businesses.

And that's OK with Graff, because he thinks he's got just the remedy: Showcase Plymouth.

Graff, the new executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said the 16th annual event, set for Monday at The Inn at St. John's, is sold out, something that didn't happen a year ago.

"We're actually going to use a fifth room to host the increased volume of exhibitors," said Graff, who replaced longtime director Fran Toney and will be hosting his first Showcase. "I think the increase is because with the economy being difficult business people are

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- Where: The Inn at St. John's, Five Mile at Sheldon
- When: 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12
- Why: Some 80 exhibitors displaying their wares and services, as well as 15 restaurants taking part in the annual "Taste of Plymouth"
- How much: \$10 at the door
- More info: Call (734) 453-1540

looking for more and different ways to market themselves."

Sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and National City Bank, Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is the annual networking opportunity for some 80 exhibitors who signed up.

Another 15 restaurants are taking part in the Taste of Plymouth, including 1999 Tavern, Five Restaurant, Bannigan's, Caribou Coffee, Compari's on the Park, Dilly Dally Deli, Fancy Food Catering, Independence Village, Jet's Pizza, Laurel Manor, Omelette & Waffle Café, Panera Bread, Station 885, Steak and Ale, The Inn at St. John's and more.

Attendees also get a shot at more than 70 door prizes, and are invited to help honor this year's Plymouth Service Club's Volunteers of the Year and the Student Citizen Scholarship Award winners during a short recognition ceremony in the Atrium at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 at the door; Graff said chamber members who buy 10 tickets get a 30-percent discount.

Showcase Plymouth runs 5-7:30 p.m. at The Inn at St. John's. To reserve tickets, e-mail melissa@plymouthmi.org or call (734) 453-1540.



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Some 600 people are expected to take advantage of the 16th annual Showcase Plymouth event at The Inn at St. John's Monday.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Autism service dogs help
children, parents

Farmer's Market returns Seminar helps seniors get smart about safety

Local people looking for a fresh supply of fruits, vegetables, flowers and crafts won't have to wait much longer to find them.

The Plymouth Farmer's Market, sponsored annually by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, returns to the Kellogg Park area Saturday, May 10.

The market, open 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will be open Saturday mornings through Oct. 25 in The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre and across Penniman from Kellogg Park (the market is closed Saturday, July 12 during Art in the Park and Saturday, Sept. 6 during

Fall Festival).

This year's market will again feature a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, flowers and plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, as well as garden crafts, doll clothing and other handmade items.

Spaces are still available for the 2008 market. All products must be grown, or made, by the seller, and are subject to approval by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Anyone interested in reserving a space should contact the Chamber Office by e-mail at melissa@plymouthmi.org or by calling (734) 453-1540.

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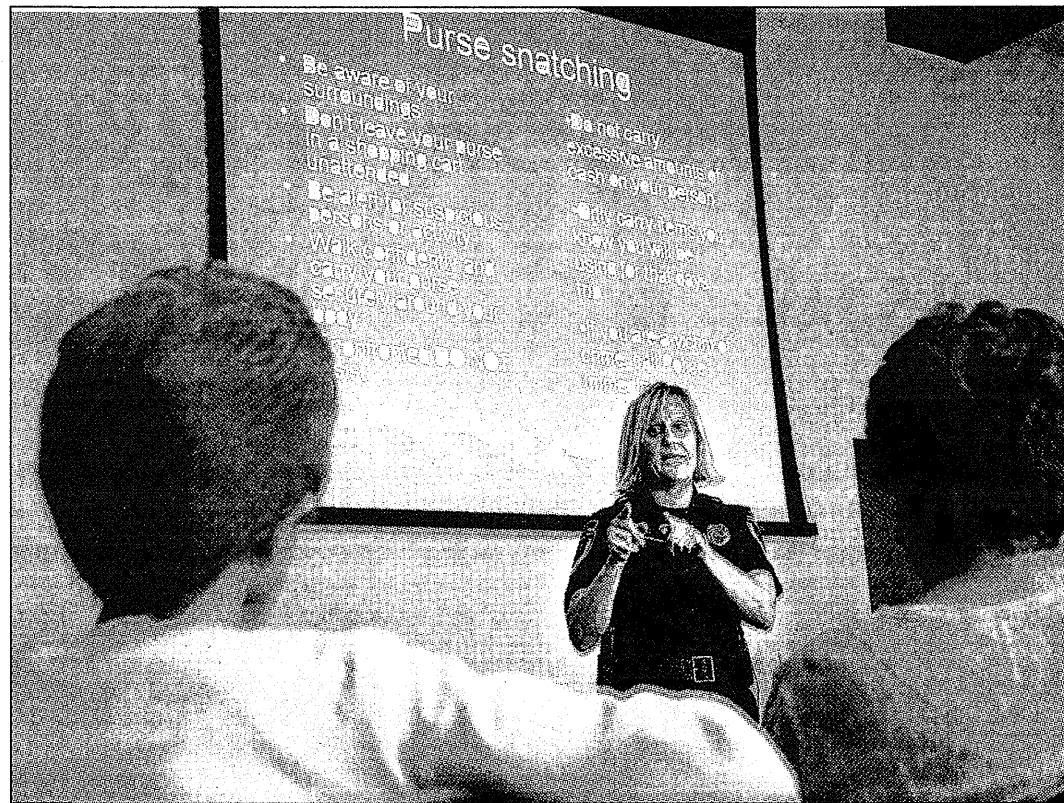
Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington believes Plymouth is one of the safest communities in the country.

Still, Tiderington believes it doesn't do any harm to have residents who know more about how the department operates and how they can help keep the community as safe as it is.

That's why nearly three dozen senior citizens were at township hall Tuesday for the department's Senior Safety Program, hearing presentations on subjects ranging from frauds, scams and identity theft to increasing their personal safety.

"I told them it's cheaper to prevent a crime than to try to solve one," Tiderington said. "We really do live in one of the safest communities in America. People who live here know how safe it is. But there aren't walls around the community. There's crime (in adjacent communities), and we need to be aware of that."

The 90-minute program, presented by Community Resource Officer Jamie Senkbeil and Detective Sgt. Steve Rapson, was designed to



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Officer Jamie Senkbeil talks about crimes targeted toward senior citizens.

help seniors keep themselves from becoming the victim of a crime, while enlightening them on various frauds and scams, including telemarketing fraud, purse snatching and identity theft.

Senkbeil said she was happy

to see so many residents take advantage of the program.

"I'm really thrilled that many people came out," Senkbeil said. "It shows me they're concerned about their community, that they're interested in heightening awareness around them."

Marion Jennings of Plymouth Township read about the safety program in

the senior bulletin published by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, and recognized it as a worthwhile program.

"I know we're safe, but it's not good to be complacent," Jennings said. "I think it's very important to find out what's going on in your area."

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Lecture series

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau Brown Bag Lecture Series Tuesday, May 13, at noon. The topic will be "Games Played at the DIA." The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

The PCAC and the library also present the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau Evening Lecture Series Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists Brush with Leisure 1895-1925," depicting works from the current DIA exhibition. Held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

For more information visit the PCAC Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Digital TV transition

The Plymouth District Library hosts a seminar designed to help television viewers with the transition to the digital age 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17.

Guest speaker will be Tim Redmond, vice president, Engineering & Operations, WJBK Fox 2, speaking on behalf of The National Broadcasters Association. On Feb. 17, 2009, analog broadcasting will end for full-power TV stations. Viewers who

watch free over-the-air TV with a broadcast antenna and don't have a digital TV, will have to get a digital-to-analog converter box for their analog TV.

For more information on the digital television transition, including information on a government coupon program for converter boxes, go to <http://www.dtv.gov> or call (888) CALL-FCC

Registration for the library presentation is requested at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or online at http://plymouthlibrary.org/regis_friends.htm

Community Band concert

The Plymouth Community Band presents a concert of American music 8 p.m. Friday, May 16, at Canton High School auditorium, located on Canton Center just south of Joy.

The program will feature teen pianist J. Bennett performing Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and resident clarinet soloist Irv Feldman playing Artie Shaw's *Clarinet Concerto*. It will be an entertaining evening of great music!

PCCS performances

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Orchestras present "A Night at the Movies" 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School. Tickets at the door, \$3 for adults, \$5 per family, and



'Black Coffee' production

Barefoot Production presents Agatha Christie's 'Black Coffee,' directed by Craig A. Hane, May 8-10 and May 16-17 at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees May 11 and May 18. Tension builds in the Library of Sir Claud Amory and the result is murder. Join the world's greatest detective and use your 'little grey cells' to find out Who-dun-it. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students. Performances are in the old Walker/Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main, in Plymouth. For tickets and more information, call (734) 582-9688 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com.

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The PCEP Choirs annual spring concert, "Singsation," takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, also in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem.

Tickets are \$5 at the door or \$4 in advance through the Choir Office, located in room 1603 at Salem or by calling (734) 416-7765. For more information visit www.pcep-choirs.org.

This year's "Singsation" concert will feature students

performing challenging choral works by Moses Hogan, Arthur Sullivan, and John Rutter as well as popular music from the Broadway musicals *Sweeney Todd*, *Rent*, *Hairspray*, *Grease*, and *Children of Eden*. In addition,

solos will be performed by graduating seniors in the choir program.

Isbister paver sale

Isbister School is holding a brick paver sale to commemorate the 40 years the school has been open. Current and former families are welcome to purchase a brick to honor their family or favorite teachers.

Contact Lisa at (734) 416-6055 for more information.

Kiwanis raffle

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club is having a raffle to raise money to benefit upcoming projects within the Plymouth community, including working with the Salvation Army, The Plymouth Opportunity House, First Step Women's Shelter, Kids Against Hunger and many other local needs.

The drawing is June 2 at Don Massey in Plymouth. The winner will have the choice of a two-year pre-paid lease on a 2008 Cadillac CTS (\$35,000 car) or \$8,000 cash.

Tickets are \$100 each, and only 200 will be sold. Tickets are currently half-sold with just under 30 days left. For more information, call Mark Riegal at (734) 718-6176.

Jazz presentation

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts Hazen Schumacher, Producer-Host of the NPR program "Jazz Revisited" for 30 years and the retired Director of Broadcasting at the University of Michigan, who will present commentary and excerpts from jazz recordings 10 a.m. to noon Monday, May 12, in the Social Hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (N. Territorial & Beck).

The presentation, which will feature this legendary jazz expert while we listen to Satchmo, Ella, Frank and other jazz greats, is free. For more information, call Doris at (734) 453-9730.

Farm and garden

The Plymouth Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden meets 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the Plymouth Library. Presenter is Celeste Watts, who will discuss Ecological Gardening. All are welcome. For more information contact Linda C. at (734) 459-7478.

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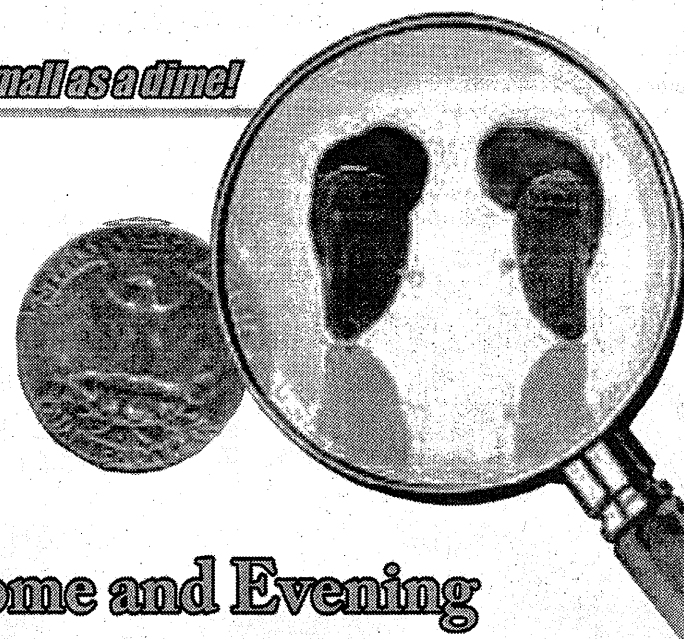
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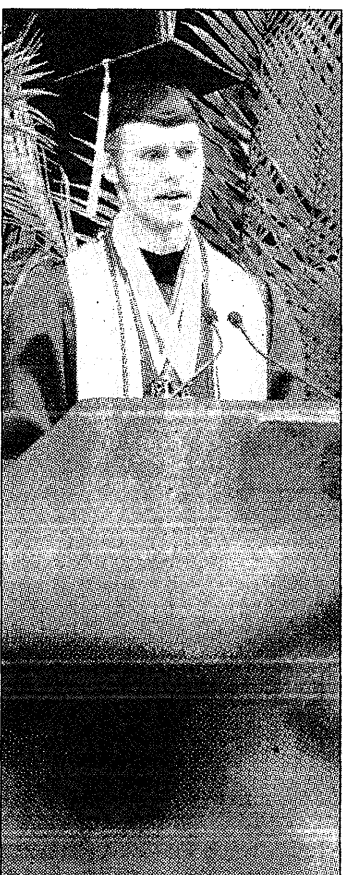
Schoolcraft holds two commencement ceremonies



Graduate Cindy Babcock of Canton makes sure everything is in place before the start of Schoolcraft College graduation ceremonies Saturday afternoon.



Schoolcraft College graduate Patricia Manning smiles as she receives her degree from Schoolcraft College president Dr. Conway Jeffress during graduation ceremonies Saturday.



Schoolcraft graduate Andrew Brown gives the student reflections address during graduation ceremonies Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.



Students from the Wayne County Regional 5-08 police academy salute during the national anthem of Friday's public safety programs graduation at Schoolcraft College.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft College celebrated its 43rd commencement at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

More than 1,300 students were eligible to receive diplomas in the ceremony, with about 420 students participating in the actual ceremony.

Nancy L. Gioia, director, Sustainable Mobility Technologies and Hybrid Vehicle Programs for Ford Motor Co., gave the commencement address. Andrew Brown, president of college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community colleges, also addressed the graduating class.

Graduates were honored for their pursuit and completion of a wide range of associate degrees in arts, applied science, engineering, general studies and science; post-associate certificates and skill certificates in a number of areas.

In addition to the general commencement ceremony on Saturday the Public Safety programs, including police, fire, emergency medical technician, homeland security, and associate academies, celebrated their commencement in the Physical Education building on the college's Livonia campus on Friday.



Telaine Hill of Southfield has the hood of her graduation gown put on by Dan Milewski of Schoolcraft College during graduation ceremonies Saturday.

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"We're not sure if it will be the same weekend, but we are definitely planning for Green Street Fair No. 2," said Quinn. Sue Myers, 52, of Novi was impressed with a number of consumer products, some which she bought as part of her contribution to saving Mother Earth.

"We bought some solid shampoo, which is really cool," said Myers. "It's one, solid cake of shampoo and you don't need packaging. It's the same as three bottles of shampoo, which would be buried in a landfill."

"My kids are into sports, and I found some stainless steel

water bottles I'd been looking for to get away from the plastic bottles," she said. "The plastic bottles leach chemicals, not to mention the recyclable issue."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Trustee Dianne Gonzalez said she will ask the school administration to look into products produced by Michigan Green Safe Products of Detroit — including lunch trays, cups and utensils — which are environmentally friendly.

"Everything is biodegradable and compostable, made from renewable resources — corn and sugar cane," said Gonzalez. "They would be an eco-friendly alternative to save our environment."

"I think it would be beneficial to the Earth, which is beneficial to the future," she said. "If we were the first community

to do it, that would be a great example for others to follow."

Of course, the general theme of Green Street Fair was to learn how to take better care of our Earth. Something Tiffany Kuberacki of Novi does every day, even though her hometown doesn't have a recycling program.

"Every time my mother comes to baby-sit she takes home (to Livonia) bags of recyclables, and with five people in the house there are sure plenty," said Kuberacki. "We just implemented a recycling group at our work and we take our recyclables to a recycling center nearby."

"It's very important because I don't want to live on a dirty planet, and I don't want my kids to play on landfills underneath their school," she said.

HOEDOWN
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songwriter," Lenore said. "It's the town, it inspires you. It's a really hard business to break into, but if you're smart and patient, it will work out."

Despite the latest entertainment tabloid news about performers such as Britney Spears and Miley Cyrus, Lenore said she's been able to stay away from the bad publicity.

"I've never had any problems with that, or even a temptation, peer pressure never got to me," Lenore said. "It's because of the music. I've been so focused, I didn't have time and never wanted to get caught up in anything. If there's a party, it's bring your own guitar."

Susan Wiercioch said she gets to see her daughter quite often; the two recently spent a week together when Sarah performed in Florida during

halftime of the women's NCAA Championship game.

"She had a lot of work to do, but we did spend one whole day together," Wiercioch said. "We took a two-hour boat ride to a deserted island."

Wiercioch said she never gets tired of watching Sarah on stage.

"But, I do get tired of driving to watch her perform," she said. "Before Sarah moved to Nashville, we'd commute three-four times a month to Nashville for meetings. An eight-hour drive for a two-hour meeting, then drive straight home."

When asked if she had someone special in her life, Sarah laughed and said "I've given up on boys." However, she did admit there was "someone special back home."

"But, I decided to move to Nashville with no strings attached, I guess I'm in the independent stage," Lenore said. "I want to see what havoc

I can create on my own in Nashville."

The Mercy High School graduate, who finished school at age 16, admitted living on her own was hard, which doesn't help her culinary skills.

"I learned to use the microwave," she said. "I'm sure my mom or grandma will help me out (with some good meals) while I'm home."

Wiercioch said Sarah doesn't have a favorite homemade dish, but said when they eat out "Sarah likes chicken caesar salad with ketchup on it."

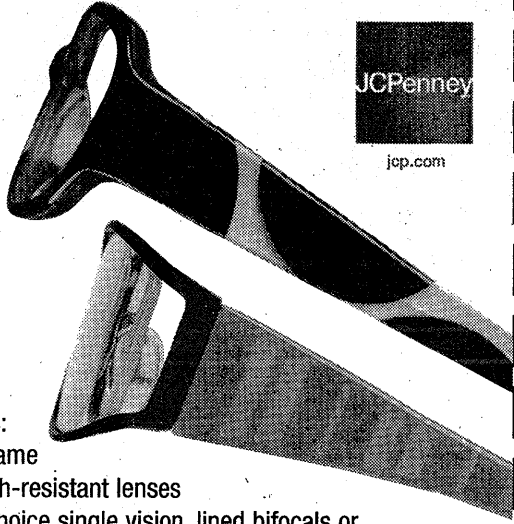
Lenore hinted something big is headed her way in the next few weeks.

"I'm working on a few projects that are very exciting and what I've been hoping for," Lenore said. "I can't say at this time because I signed a confidentiality contract. But, I think I'll be able to tell in a few weeks."

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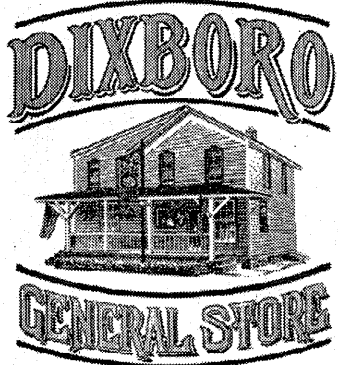
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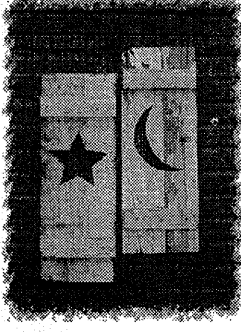
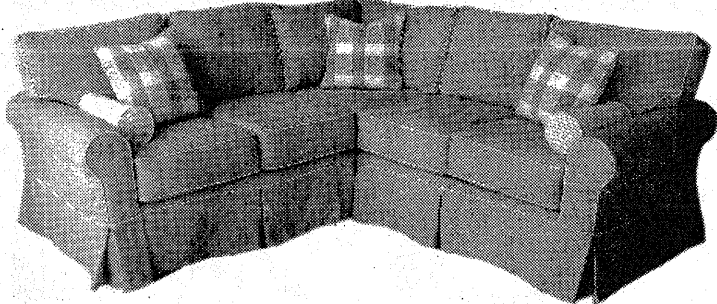
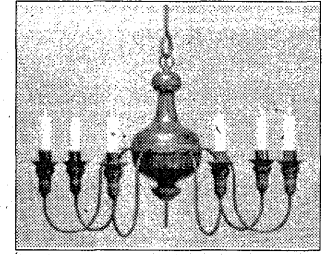


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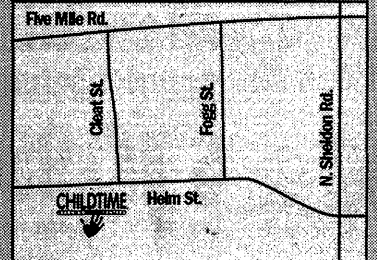
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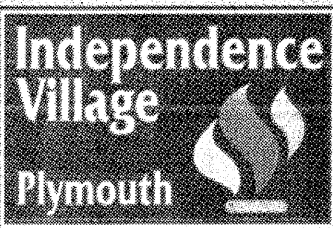
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Parents upset by proposed changes in special ed staffing

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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PUBLIC HEARING

What: Hearing on RESA staffing proposal
When: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8
Where: 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne

When Pam McLean's daughter Ally, 12, started at Old Village School in Northville she was 3 years old. She couldn't walk, communicate or feed herself. She wasn't toilet trained.

"Now she can do all those things," said McLean of Plymouth.

But she and other parents are concerned that a proposal to increase the number of students per teacher for the severely cognitively impaired and the severely multiple impaired will jeopardize their children's safety and reduce their chance to learn.

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency is proposing changing the teacher/student ratio for severely multiple impaired from 1 to 9 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 9 to 1 to 10 and changing the teacher ratio for severely cognitively impaired from 1 to 12 to 1 to 30 and the aide ratio from 2 to 12 to 1 to 10.

The proposal does not affect autistically-impaired, moderately-impaired or trainable programs. The plan does make small changes in programs for the emotionally impaired, hearing impaired, visually impaired and in speech and language services.

State law limits the number of students per teacher to 12 for severely impaired children, but RESA can request a waiver from the state Superintendent of Public Instruction Michael Flanagan.

A meeting is scheduled tonight by the Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee to take public comment on the proposals, which were announced to parents on April 24. The changes can be read at www.resa.net. RESA is accepting comments through May 15 by e-mail at proposedchanges@

resa.net, by fax at (734)334-1494 or by mail at Proposed Rule Changes, Wayne RESA, 33500 Van Born Road, PO Box 807, Wayne, MI 48184-2497.

Mark Francis, RESA director of special education and early intervention, said Wednesday that special education programs are facing difficult budget problems.

"We are looking at funding we receive from the state and federal government and it has gone flat, 1 to 2 percent over the last three years. Costs are up 5 to 8 percent," he said.

He said the proposals were an attempt to get ahead of the issue and to avoid having to go to local districts and get the money from them.

"I've read the e-mails. We take this seriously," Francis said. "If there is enough concern, we have to take a step back and make recommendations."

Francis emphasized that these changes will not be implemented in the coming school year if approved.

Safety is a key concern for parents.

"They are putting 30 children in one classroom," said McLean. "I cringe at the potential safety issues that can come up."

McLean said Old Village was built in 1905 and that children have to be helped down stairways. She said some children are in wheelchairs.

Leslie Terrian of Livonia is worried that her son, Ben, 10, could have a seizure and not receive proper attention.

"If he gets a seizure, an adult staff member has to

give him an injection of Diastat. How can they take care of Ben if they have 29 other kids."

Ben has cerebral palsy and seizure disorder.

Francis said that all 30 students would not be in a single classroom. He said about 10 would be in a classroom with a teacher and other students would be with therapists and in physical education, music therapy and other programs.

"There are a lot of adults in the program," he said.

But as concerned as parents are about safety, it is the loss of individual attention that worries them most.

"During much of the day our kids will be basically unsupervised," said Jo Ann Johnson of Plymouth, whose son Randy, 12, attends Old Village.

"These kids are still learners," said McLean. "The state of Michigan has been in the forefront of special education. These kids do learn."

The parents were enthusiastic about what the schools have accomplished with their children.

"Best story: When Ben started at the school he was 5, he would only eat pureed baby food," said Terrian. "They taught him to eat. Now he can eat cheeseburgers to salads and he loves to eat. We owe everything to that school. Now that won't happen with 30 kids in the classroom."

Johnson said her son has learned to walk up and down stairs, dress and undress himself and be independent.

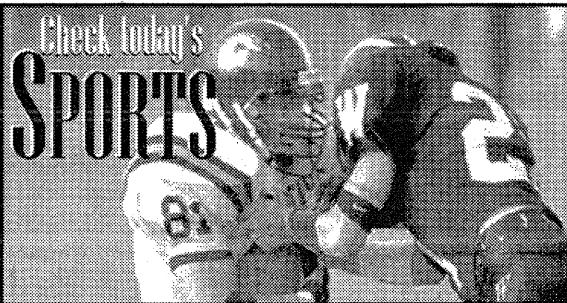
"Education would be compromised," she said. "I can't say enough positive things about this school."

Francis said RESA will take comments through May 15 and give serious consideration to alternate approaches.

"It's like everything else in education, anytime you makes changes it's very emotional for people," he said.

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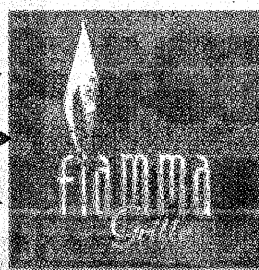
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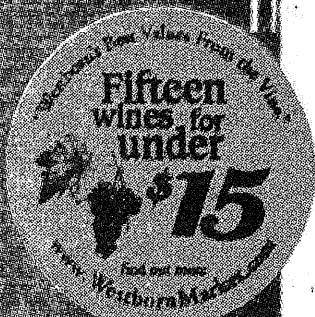
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First Green Fair shows people care

Not that we should have expected anything less from something being run by Dianne Quinn, but last weekend's Green Street Fair — the first of its kind in Plymouth — was, by all accounts, a huge success.

Quinn and her daughter, Raychel Rork, who every year bring us one of Plymouth's best-run festivals in Art in the Park, partnered with organizers Terry O'Brien and Mandi Buckland to bring some 150 vendors to the streets of downtown Plymouth, all hawking "green" products or services and all concerned with one thing (other than doing business): the protection of our Earth.

Apparently, they aren't the only ones. Organizers "guesstimated" some 130,000-140,000 people strolled through the fair. The Penn Theatre played host to more than two dozen speakers, and vendors demonstrated and sold eco-friendly organic and green products, urging steps ranging from changing the light bulbs you use in your house to stopping junk mail from being tossed in your mail box.

The fair had an Art in the Park feel to it, with booths spread around downtown streets and people making their way along, finding the things that interested them, all with the common theme of "going green." That may not only happen with people; Plymouth-Canton Schools Trustee Dianne Gonzalez said she will ask the school administration to look into products produced by Michigan Green Safe Products of Detroit — including lunch trays, cups and utensils — which are environmentally friendly.

Not bad for a first-time effort that grew from Quinn's curiosity about what's inside a potato. As she tells the story, she was staring at a huge potato and wondering what was in it and what made it grow.

She said that's what got her started "on this organic, green venture."

Now it's a venture she's ready to take on again. While unsure of exactly when, Quinn said there will definitely be a second Green Street Fair.

As Quinn said, "It's not *the* world; it's *our* world." It was heartening, on at least one weekend in downtown Plymouth, to see so many people who cared about it.

Academic All-Stars represent the best our area has to offer

Congratulations to the 2008 *Observer Newspapers* Academic All-Stars — 17 students from Farmington, Farmington Hills and western Wayne County who are among the brightest and best soon-to-be graduates of local high schools.

They are smart, caring and concerned. They are determined to make a difference in the world.

Read all about them and 27 other runners-up in the special Academic All-Star section inside today's *Observer*. All of the students — All-Stars and runners-up — are intelligent, motivated and eager to expand their world. They are generous with their time and talent. They act locally, but they think globally. They are eager to make their communities, the state, the nation and the world a better place. They are grateful to their teachers and parents who have mentored them along the way.

The *Observer* has been honoring academic excellence in a special way for the last 23 years. We hold these students up for public recognition so that readers can see the tremendous talent and potential that exists in our communities.

We're pleased to continue the tradition in 2008 and to be joined by our partners — the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and Huntington Bank — in honoring the outstanding Class of 2008.

We have high expectations for these students. They are the future leaders in business, medicine, government, media, law and education.

We salute these outstanding young men and women as they close the door on a successful high school career and move on to what promises to be an bright future.

Congratulations to the 2008 Academic All-Star Team of Catherine Kent, Franklin High School; Xavier Ziemba, Churchill High School; Sarah Londa, North Farmington High School; Meghan Murray, Churchill High School; Krithika Shanmugasundaram, Farmington High School; George Wasylyshyn, Canton High School; Ted Wakar, Plymouth High School; Halimah Oral, Salem High School; Xin-Kan Su, Canton High School; Kathryn LaBelle, Stevenson High School; Matt Durak, Plymouth High School; Marc Lecerf, North Farmington High School; Gina Rotondo, Mercy High School; Rene Perry, Salem High School; Molly Roseland, Stevenson High School; Deanna Abrash,

Plymouth Christian Academy; and Alexandra Buckley, Farmington High School.



Lions thank you

The Plymouth Lions Club would like to thank citizens of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and the surrounding communities for donations to our recent White Cane Drive (April 25-26).

Club members manned storefronts and major intersections throughout the community in their signature yellow jackets and hats collecting monies that will help fund our many projects assisting the blind, handicapped and underprivileged of the area.

We were overwhelmed by the concerns for our safety, support of our work and the generosity of the residents in these uncertain economic times. All contributed to a near record collection. Of course, beautiful weather helped, too!

While most donors were familiar with what Lions "do," many were unfamiliar with our club and what projects we support. Answering those questions at a busy intersection was difficult at best. So I will try to list a few major ones here: Used eyeglasses, hearing aid and cell phone collection, College scholarships for community high school seniors, readers for the partially blind, Penrickton Center for the Blind and Handicapped, wheelchair ramps for the handicapped, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Beaumont Silent Children's Fund, Paws With a Cause, Shelters, benches and playground equipment at Lions Park, Benches in Kellogg Park, Shelter and rest room facilities at The Gathering and many, many more.

The "active" part of our campaign is now completed. However, you may still contribute by sending a check to the Plymouth Lions Club, P.O. Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attn: White Cane Chairman.

Thank you.
Douglas Hincker
Plymouth Lions Club White Cane Chairman

Let's get a light

Considering the speed limit on Ford Road, the increased amount of traffic on Ridge Road, this is a dangerous intersection. Look at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge, they have finally installed a traffic light and what a difference it makes.

How many fatalities do we need to get a light?

Lisa Letherwood
Plymouth

'No' to teacher layoffs

This is in regards to "Plymouth-Canton Schools Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs has proposed eliminating 26 full-time teaching positions." The Plymouth-Canton school district has always been one of the most desirable school districts in Michigan and now Ken Jacobs wants to use the old knee-jerk reaction and layoff teachers and sacrifice the quality of our children's education due to the recent budget cuts.

LETTERS

If Ken Jacobs and his administration had paid more attention to the day-to-day business activities of the district then certainly there could have been more effective methods to reduce costs.

We aren't talking about jobs going overseas, we are talking about are children's education. An education that is vital to prepare our students to compete in the "global job market."

Laying off 26 teachers will have too much of a negative impact on our educational system and the district is too far down the road to be proactive. I highly doubt if Ken Jacobs or the school board has approached any of our "big box retailers" such as IKEA, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Target, Kohl's, Meijer, etc., for financial assistance. As a suggestion, the school district could partner with any of the above and incorporate them into the classroom.

For example, the chemistry classes could get hands-on experience using the various methods for testing for lead in products. The business-oriented classes could do research projects, surveys, etc. The list goes on.

I think the best solution is to eliminate the superintendent and assistant superintendent position immediately. Share their workload between three elected principals. This would save six teaching positions. Eliminate the executive director of human resources and save another three teaching positions. Next eliminate all principals and have the assistant principals carry on the daily activities. It makes no sense to have an assistant principal do all the work while the principal takes all the credit. Decrease the salaries of the assistant principals by 15 percent. I'll bet I just saved well over \$3 million.

Kurt Kachin
Canton

Pandering to conservatives

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's continued pandering to the endlessly whining cadre of Christian conservatives comes as no surprise, given his past legislative record. However, they are not content with merely trashing the United States Constitution and engaging in wholesale historical revisionism. Indeed, conservative Christian efforts to indoctrinate our nation with a frightening and ignorant form of theocracy continue on many other fronts, most notably within the public education system.

Currently making the rounds at local theaters is a remarkably dishonest, even shameful anti-evolution film entitled "Expelled - No Intelligence Allowed." Even while United States students fall ever farther behind their peers in other nations by nearly every measure of academic accomplishment, conservative Christian thought police continue their attempts to usurp the established facts of evolutionary biology with religious dogma that is cleverly labeled "intelligent design" but which is actually warmed over creationism.

The proven facts of evolutionary biology have long been beyond reproach,

facts which are completely compatible with an omnipotent and limitless Creator. Christians who are secure in our faith know and understand that the majestic scope of our God is well beyond human reason. The last thing America needs is more religious propaganda taught in place of real science while we technologically fall behind the rest of the world.

The film is merely a right-wing polemic designed to appeal to those who are unable to think for themselves. Even worse, it deceitfully links the sound teaching of evolution with the Holocaust, atheism and abortion, thereby pandering to the ignorance and paranoia of conservative Christians and their phony claims of persecution by that evil secular world.

"Intelligent design" ranks with another goofy conservative favorite, "Islamofacism," in terms of sheer absurdity. The ultimate truth of our existence is found in God and empirical truth is found in science. However, there is neither truth nor intelligence allowed in "Expelled."

Joe Golonka
Westland

Bipartisan president?

In May 2001, can you guess who was one of only two Republicans to vote against the Bush tax cuts?

When Republican Sen. Jim Jeffords became an independent, throwing control of the Senate to the Democrats, who defended Jeffords against self-appointed enforcers of party loyalty?

Can you guess who, along with then-Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman, wrote the legislation that created the 9/11 Commission, while he and Democratic Sen. Fritz Hollings co-sponsored the Aviation and Transportation Security Act that federalized airport security?

Who helped oust Donald Rumsfeld? Time and again, Sen. McCain has reached across the aisle and at times risked his career for what is right for this country. Can the same be said for the other presidential candidates?

Ed Johnson
Royal Oak

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"I think it's important because we're the future. I'm looking forward to voting, though I'm a bit unsure because I don't know everything that's going on. But, I try to follow it."

— Erica Caudiillo, 17, Plymouth resident on why she registered to vote when municipal clerks came calling at the high school last week

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Rev. Wright and Col. North sure know how to play to an audience

It made for a pretty interesting weekend in the Detroit area, when big hitters the Rev. Jeremiah Wright and former Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North came to town on speaking engagements.

Just about everyone in the country, at least those remotely following what's going on in American politics, was waiting to hear what the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Barack Obama's controversial former pastor, had to say to the Detroit Chapter of the NAACP. The speech, as well as one Wright gave to the National Press Club the next morning, was the only thing on the minds of the cable news talking heads that day.

I attended a lesser-publicized event at Laurel Manor in Livonia where Oliver North, a controversial individual in his own right, spoke to nearly 1,000 people at a benefit for the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund. Once known for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, North is now mostly famous for his affiliation with Fox News, on which he has a segment called "War Stories."

At first glance, it seems you couldn't get two people so different from one another. One is black and one is white. And they are certainly situated at the two polar ends of the political spectrum. But watching them both (I watched Wright's speech live on CNN), I couldn't help notice they actually have a lot in common, especially when it comes to their oratory skills. In fact, anyone with an interest in becoming a public speaker could learn a great deal from these two guys.

Both Wright and North delivered exactly the kind of speeches that were hoped for by the groups that paid them to speak. The two men knew how to play to their audience.

According to the Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the Detroit NAACP, Wright was invited to speak because he is the "hottest brother in America right now."

Members of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, a Michigan-based non-profit that raises money for veterans and their families, invited North because he is a tireless promoter for our troops, both former and current.

I found it interesting that both men, during their speeches, were critical of the media. In Wright's case, he said all of the attacks against him since the video of his now infamous sermon where he proclaims "God damn America" began making the daily rounds on cable news have actually been attacks on the "black church."

North, addressing why the Iraq War has become so unpopular in America, blamed the mainstream media (with the exception of Fox News) of essentially trying to destroy America. He was particularly critical that the media covered the heinous abuses that took place at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. He also blamed the media for America's defeat in the Vietnam War.

What was interesting to me is that neither man actually addressed the issues that have drawn so much criticism. In Wright's case, he never explained why he said "God damn America" in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. And North never addressed any of the myriad of reasons why people have been critical of the Iraq War — there was no mention of weapons of mass destruction (or lack thereof), lack of long-term planning for the war, no proven link between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden as President Bush claimed, etc.

But, hey, those are probably not the topics that either of the audiences came to hear. While I would say both the Detroit NAACP and the Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund got their money's worth from Wright and North, I wonder if the two groups didn't hurt their case in the long run by inviting such divisive individuals.

In the case of the NAACP, I'm left scratching my head why they would give Wright a public forum to do such harm to Obama, the first African-American candidate to have a legitimate chance of winning the White House. While I'm a huge proponent of people of different races addressing the issues that have caused such a divide in this country, I have to question the timing of the Wright speech.

Back in March, Obama addressed the race issue with more honesty than I have ever heard from a politician. It gave me hope that with Obama in the White House, we might have a legitimate opportunity to solve some of the race issues we have in this country. If Hillary Clinton somehow defeats Obama, I don't think there is any doubt people will look back and blame Wright for his undoing.

I've got news for the Detroit NAACP, the in-your-face, finger-pointing rhetoric of Rev. Wright will not bring this country closer together — just the opposite.

Although it bills itself as a non-partisan organization, the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund could've picked someone a lot less partisan than North. He is anything but non-partisan.

Many of the other speakers at the event, which included Brigadier Gen. Carol Ann Fausone of Canton, a number of veterans (some of whom have been seriously wounded in wartime service), and family members of soldiers that have been killed in action, chose not to be partisan and instead implored the audience to support our troops, who are true heroes.

On that note I can certainly agree. No matter what you feel about the war in Iraq, the troops that are over there have put their lives on the line for all of us. The sacrifices they have made are extraordinary to say the least. That is something we should all be proud of. In fact, we should be more than proud. We should do everything we can to help them readjust back to life here stateside. Many are coming back with serious injuries and are in need of financial support.

That is why I think the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, which was formed three years ago by some local volunteers, is a fantastic organization. To learn more about them or to donate to their cause, please visit www.FWSF.org. Canton's Herb Scott, who is on the FWSF board, said the group raised close to \$250,000 at Saturday's fund-raising dinner.

While North was certainly entertaining, I'm not sure if his own brand of finger-pointing rhetoric will endear the group to a cross-section of society. Despite what North might think, so-called "liberals" also care about our troops, even if they don't support the war in Iraq.

While I doubt Wright and North will ever be accused of being friends, they proved to me they do have a lot in common. As my football coach used to say, it is so much easier to point the finger than the thumb. Both men proved they certainly know how to point fingers. And fire up a crowd.

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Michigan's tax incentive package creates buzz in film industry

Everyone hears about the big bucks that major motion pictures rake in at the box office, but there is another side of the money game when it comes to making movies. When a film production crew comes to town, the local economy gets a major cash infusion and jobs are created for our workers.



Legislative Update

Marc Corriveau

Until now, Michigan has been missing out on opportunities to attract big film productions. We have been getting passed by because it's cheaper and easier to film elsewhere. Compounding the problem, a lot of our talented film production workers leave Michigan to go to where films are being made: Hollywood, New York, New Mexico and Louisiana. The loss of these workers hurts our state by robbing our workforce of their talent. It also hurts our urban centers because many of these workers are young graduates — exactly the people we need to build vibrant cities and make Michigan a more exciting place to work and live.

I'm excited to say that all of this is changing now that a new incentive package has taken effect in our state. It makes Michigan a top destination for filmmakers by turning our state into one of the most inexpensive places in the nation to film a movie. Filmmakers will enjoy a 42-percent tax credit, the biggest tax break for the film industry in the country, in addition to other tax incentives, loan programs and job-training expense credits.

This package has created a lot of buzz in the film community. Since the plan was signed into law early this month, the phone has been ringing off the hook at the Michigan Film Office. In a typical year, the Film Office looks at about six scripts. At the time the new incentives took effect, there were more than 80

An excellent example of how much a movie can bring to a local economy is the film 'Semi-Pro,' starring Will Farrell and Woody Harrelson, which did some filming in Flint. The one week of production that took place in Flint pumped \$1.5 million into the local economy. That's one movie in one week — just think of the possibilities of those scripts that are piling up in the Michigan Film Office.

scripts being reviewed. This is clearly the right change for Michigan.

Bringing the film industry to Michigan will bring an immediate boost to our economy and create good-paying jobs for our workers. Caterers will be hired to feed film crews, and hotels will be booked to house them. Local production workers from grips to gaffers to production and camera assistants will be brought in to help the out-of-town-ers.

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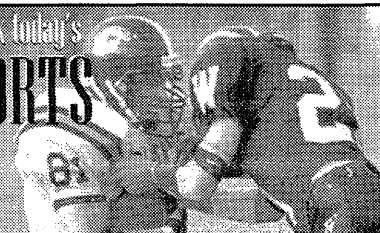
This exciting new film incentive package has the potential to tap into the \$40 billion film industry in way that will pay off immensely now for our economy and our workers. The coming attractions for Michigan are looking very promising.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau represents Michigan's 20th House District, which includes Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Wayne and parts of Northville and Canton Township. Contact Corriveau at (877) 208-4737 or MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov.

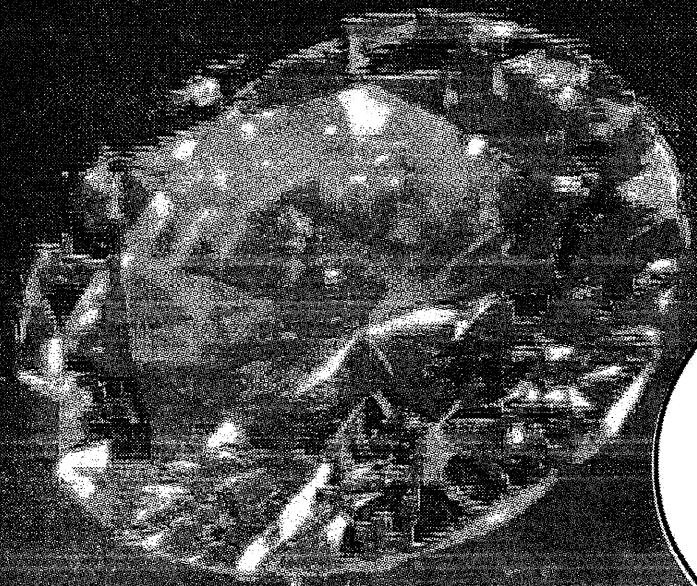
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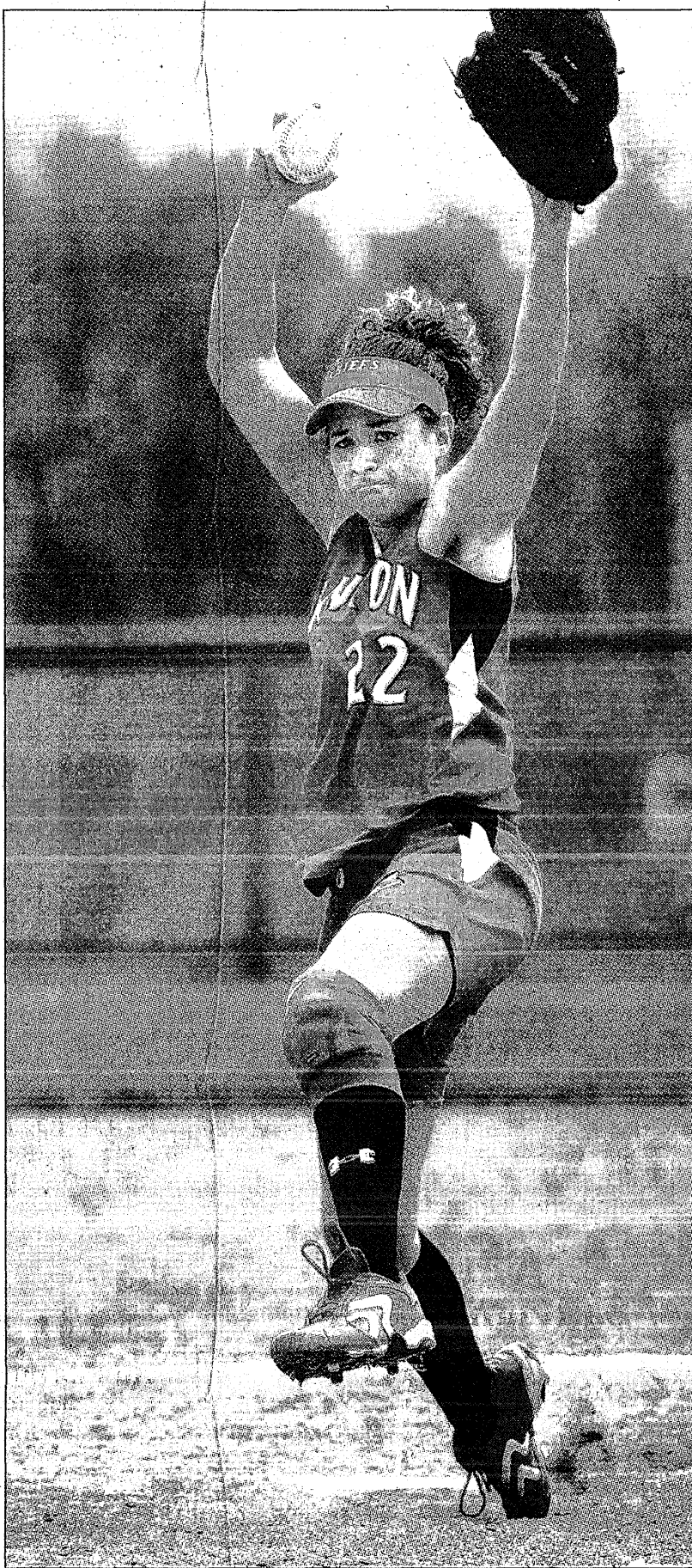
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Canton 1, Plymouth 0



Plymouth's Jill Brennan barely eludes the tag of Canton third baseman Heidi Lucke during a bang-bang play late in Monday's cross-campus showdown between the two PCEP rivals.



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Canton sophomore pitcher Amy Dunleavy delivers a pitch during Monday's thriller against Plymouth. Dunleavy allowed just four hits in the Chiefs' 1-0 triumph. Her counterpart - Plymouth's Meghan Patterson - no-hit the Chiefs.

Sidelines

Anthony excels

Canton graduate Sarah Anthony, the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Anthony of Canton, has earned a varsity letter as a freshman on the Albion College softball team.

Anthony played in 20 games for the Britons, posting a .283 batting average with five doubles and six RBI.

She pitched in five games, finishing with a 2-1 record.

Hoop camps

The following three girls basketball camps will be offered this summer through Community Education:

- A Canton girls basketball camp (#146) will be offered at Canton High School from June 16-20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Girls entering seventh through ninth grade this coming fall are eligible to participate.

- A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#143) will be held at Canton High School June 16-20 from 1-3 p.m. for girls entering fourth through sixth grade in the fall of 2008.

- A Canton and Salem girls basketball camp (#144) will be offered July 14-18 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Salem High School for girls entering sixth through eighth grade in the fall of 2008.

For more information on these camps, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

Girls track times

All Observerland girls track-and-field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their athletes' best times and distances in all events to ewright@hometownlife.com so that Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright can compile a girls track leaders standings.

The deadline to appear in next Thursday's leaders is Tuesday, May 13, at 9 p.m.

MOUND MARVELS

Chiefs' Dunleavy outduels Patterson in a classic PCEP pitching showdown

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

SHOWDOWN AT MASSEY

What: Annual under-the-lights softball showdown between PCEP rivals Salem and Canton;
When: Thursday, 7 p.m.

Where: Massey Field, located on Plymouth Rd., just east of downtown Plymouth;

How are teams doing: Salem is off to a blistering 15-4 start while the Chiefs are 8-8 following a thrilling 1-0 victory over Plymouth on Monday;

Admission fee: Free of charge.

Canton's softball team didn't need any hits to beat Plymouth Monday afternoon, but the Chiefs sure did need Amy Dunleavy.

Dunleavy, a sophomore hurler, spun a four-hitter at the Wildcats to lead Canton to a tension-packed 1-0 victory.

Plymouth senior pitcher Meghan Patterson suffered the loss despite no-hitting the Chiefs.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record 8-8 overall and 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

Plymouth slipped to 11-7 and 3-3, respectively.

Canton manufactured the game's lone run in the sixth on a pair of walks, an error and two fielder's choice plays.

Dunleavy struck out seven, including two in the top of the seventh. She walked two and kept the 'Cats off balance most of the day.

Patterson was equally brilliant, striking out three while walking three.

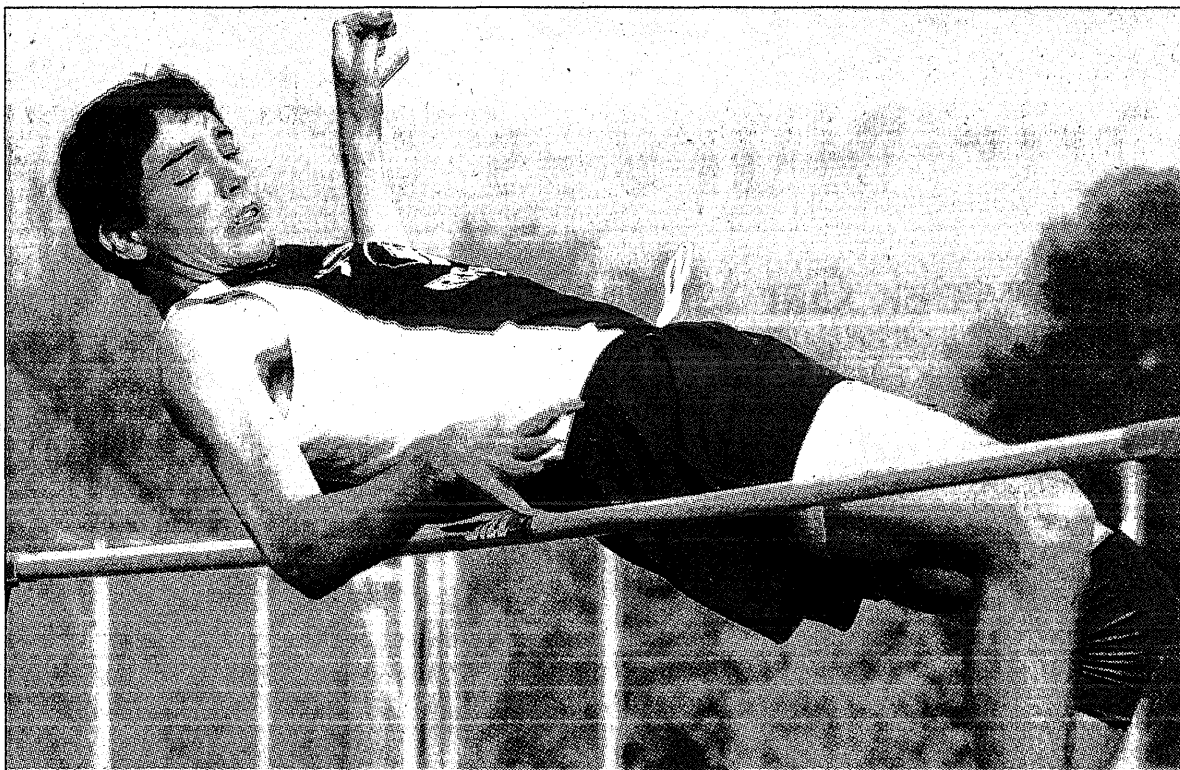
"Our other two pitchers have been out a while, so Amy's been carrying the load," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "What a

kid. She did a heckuva job today. She's been keeping us in ballgames. She plays very hard and, for a sophomore, you can't ask for anything more than that."

Canton loaded the bases with nobody out in the sixth when Dunleavy - the team's lead-off batter - walked, Lauren Leskovitz reached on an error and Miranda Rysdorp reached on a fielder's choice play.

The next batter, freshman Kaitlin Mattson, ripped a hard grounder between second and third, but Plymouth shortstop

Please see **SOFTBALL, B3**



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Zack Gaskell keeps his eyes on the bar as he looks to clear 6' 2" in the high jump during Saturday's Observerland Relays.

Spartans sprint to Observerland title

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Coach Scott Shaw hopes a repeat victory by his Livonia Stevenson team in the 38th annual Observerland Relays is a harbinger of good things for the Spartans.

Stevenson won the boys track and field competition for the second straight year and fifth time overall Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Spartans, who had five first places, racked up 91 team points and won the meet by 20 points over Northville.

The top five included Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (67), Farmington Harrison (45) and last year's runner-up, Livonia Churchill (44).

The Spartans will return to the PCEP stadium in coming weeks for the Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 regional meets.

"It's nice to win this here," Shaw said. "We have a lot to look forward to with the regional and league meets (at the same facility).

"Hopefully, this gets things started for us. We had some

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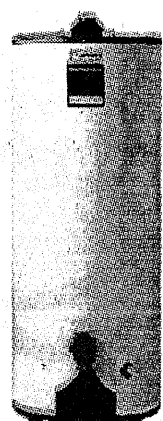
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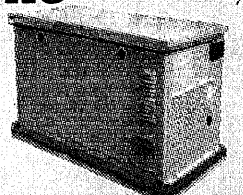
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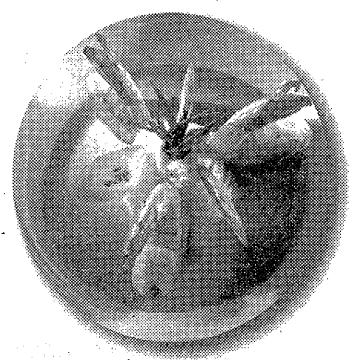
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Pictured from left are Eurostar gymnasts Hannah Tackett, Caitlyn Webb, Madison Torok and Jessica Liubakka. Not pictured are Taylor Reickhoff and Taryn McLaughlin.

Eurostar gymnasts bring home gold at state meet

Several members of the Plymouth-based Eurostars Gymnastics team excelled at the Level 6 and 7 state meet April 12 and 13 in Kalkaska.

In the Level 6, 12-year-old age group, Hannah Tackett of New Boston placed first on beam with a 9.50, third on vault with a 9.425, first on bars with a 9.30, second on floor with a 9.40 and first in the all-around with a 37.625.

In the Level 6 14-year-old-and-up age group, Jessica Liubakka of Canton placed second on beam with a 9.425, eighth on vault with a 9.175, eighth on bars and fifth in the all-around

with a 35.95. Liubakka is a freshman at Plymouth High School and has a 4.0 grade-point average.

In the Level 7 14-year-old-and-up age group, Madison Torok of Westland placed fourth on beam with a 9.40, 11th on floor with a 9.15 and had a 9.1 on vault. Torok is a freshman at Livonia Ladywood High School.

In the Level 7 11-year-old age group, Caitlyn Webb of Canton placed first in three events: bars (9.625), beam (9.725) and floor (9.625). She placed second on vault (9.40) and was first in the all-around with a 38.425. The state champion is a

sixth-grader at Central Middle School in Plymouth and has a 4.0 grade-point average.

In the Level 7 12-year-old group, Taylor Reickhoff of Plymouth placed sixth on the vault (9.325), 10th on bars (9.20), ninth on beam (9.05), fourth on floor (9.475) and sixth all-around with a 37.05. Reickhoff is a seventh-grader at West Middle School in Plymouth.

In the Level 7 13-year-old group, Taryn McLaughlin of Plymouth placed fourth on beam (9.425) and seventh all-around with a 36.975. McLaughlin is an eighth-grader at Central Middle School.

TENNIS RESULTS

**SALEM 8
WAYNE MEMORIAL 0**

MONDAY AT WAYNE MEMORIAL

No. 1 singles: Tracy Lytle (S) defeated Jessica Novak, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 2:** Alli Carpenter (S) def. Morgan Greig, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Liz McKinley (S) def. Robbie Tomlin, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Linda Ling (S) def. Samantha Gaskill, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ariel Rojo (S) def. Madelynn Bevil-Kara Windsor, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 2:** Katie Fletcher-Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Kelsi Thomas-Jessica Gregg, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jennifer Hunsaker-Jaclyn Hoover (S) def. Nancy Watson-Xiyang Wang, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Jenna Gambino-Bethany Haller (S) def. Jessica Gush-Victoria Baker, 6-4, 6-1.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 7-2-1.

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Chiefs 10th at U-D Jesuit tournament

Canton's boys golf team placed 10th at the 16-team U-D Jesuit Spring Classic played Sunday on the Fox Hills Golden Fox Course in Plymouth Township.

Scoring for the Chiefs were: Andrew Rickerman (79), Brendan Muir (81), Clark Albers (84), Zach Conrad (84) and Jeremy Lindlbauer (86).

"The weather was great and the greens were fast," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "Unfortunately, we did not get enough players to break 80, which we needed to do to be closer to those teams that finished near the top."

CANTON 155, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 163
May 5 at Idyl Wyld
Canton scorers: Zack Conrad, 35 (medalist); Aaron Blase, 39; Andrew Rickerman, 40; Brendan Muir and Jeremy Lindlbauer, 41 each; Clark Albers, 42.

FRANKLIN scorers: Jordan Chisholm, 38; Justin Adams, 40; Tony Semrick, 42; Dan Ostrosky, 43; Josh Stokes, 44; Chris Grund, 46.
Dual match records: Canton, 4-1 WLAA; Franklin, 3-3 WLAA.

SALEM 148, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 159
May 5 at St. John's G.C.
Salem scorers: Patrick Doty, 35 (medalist); Tyler Jeleniewski, 37; Aaron Thompson and Adam Powers, 38 each; Joel Cheesman, 40; Alex Murray, 42.

JOHN GLENN scorers: Andy Myers, 37; Dan Tamarogio, 38; Josh Duprie, 41; D.J. Loney, 43; Connor Monroe, 49; Alex Richette, 51.
Dual match records: Salem, 3-4 WLAA; John Glenn, 1-6 WLAA.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 158, SALEM 161
May 1 at Whispering Willows
Churchill scorers: Josh Proben, 38 (medalist); Kevin Robinson, 39; Adam Yerber, 40; Matt Charney, 41; Thomas Wagner and Dan Bostick, 43 each.

SALEM scorers: Adam Powers, 39; Aaron Thompson, 40; Tyler Jeleniewski and Joel Cheesman, 41 each; Matt Smidobush, 47; Eddie Mazorwic, 49.
Dual match records: Churchill, 4-3 overall, 4-3 WLAA; Salem, 2-4 overall, 2-4 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH 155, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 156
April 29 at Fox Hills (Woodlands)
Plymouth scorers: Kyle Sanders, 37 (co-medalist); Kyle Eisinger, 38; Andrew Overmyer, 39; James Bryans, 41; Trevor Birdwell, 42; Ryan Bauer, 45.

CHURCHILL scorers: Dan Bostick, 37 (co-medalist); Josh Proben, 38; Erik Newman, 40; Adam Yerber and Kevin Robinson, 41 each; Ryan Cloch, 51.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-2 overall, 3-2 WLAA; Churchill, 3-3 overall, 3-3 WLAA.

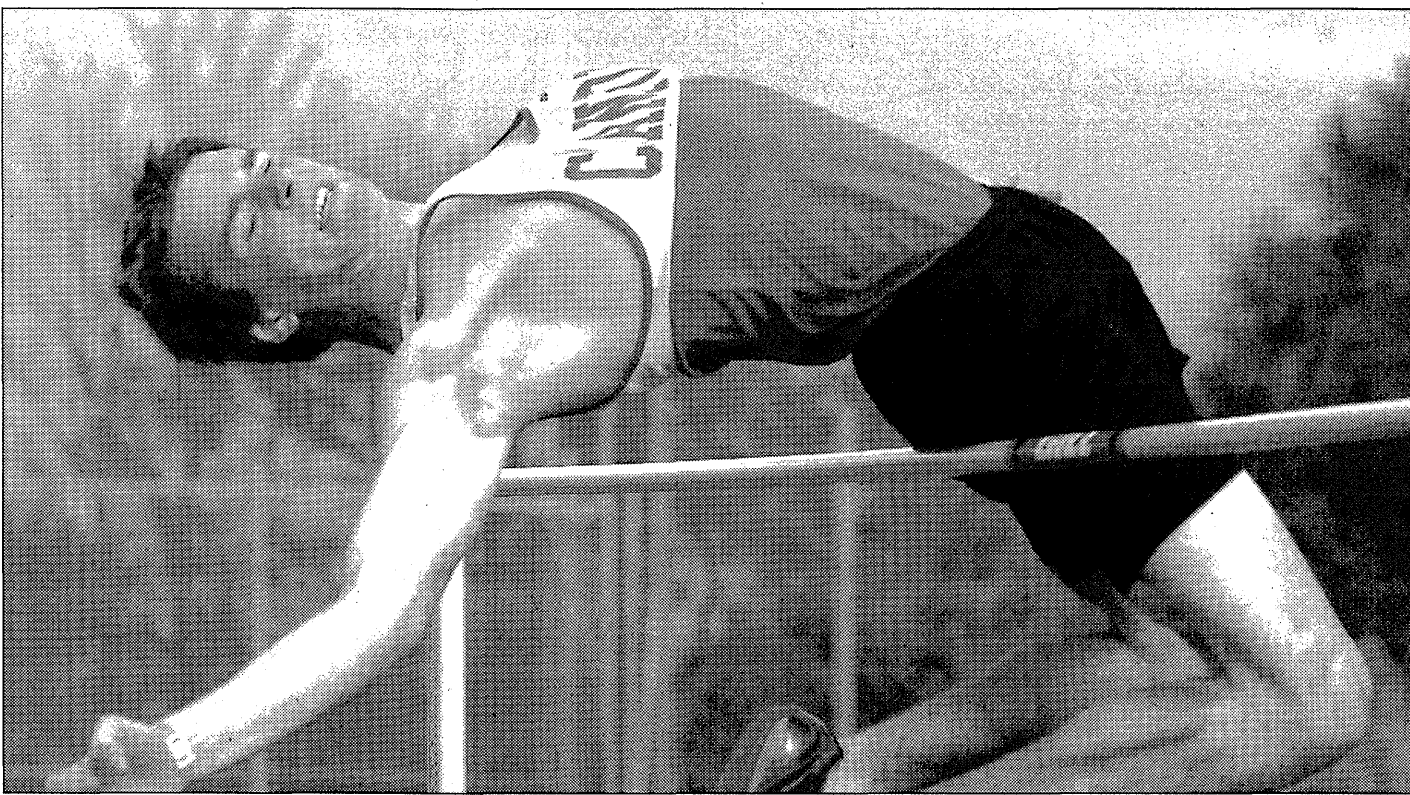
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FRI/SAT LS 11:40
- HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM QUANTANAMO BAY (R)
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Canton's Keith Zech makes an attempt at 6 feet, 2 inches during the high jump competition at Saturday's Observerland Relays.

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injuries and, hopefully, everybody is getting healthy and peaking at the right time."

Stevenson senior Myles White set a meet record in the 110-meter high hurdles, winning the event in 13.87 seconds in a close race with Northville's Cavan Corcoran, who ran 13.90."

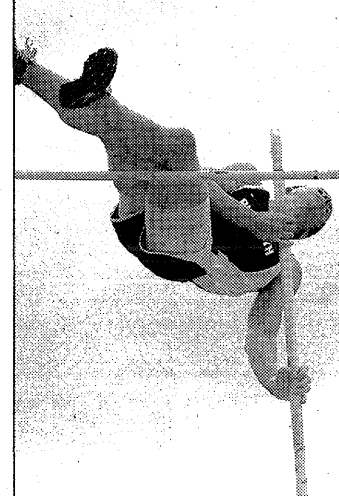
The old record of 14.1 seconds was shared by Wayne Memorial's Ken Richey (1995) and Livonia Churchill's Ryan Kearney (1998).

Corcoran helped the Mustangs win the shuttle hurdle relay in a meet-record time of 59.9, eclipsing the 20-year-old standard (1:00.3) set by Wayne Memorial's Wendell Smith, Pierre Hixon, Shayler Barnes and Corey Wilson in 1988.

Stevenson junior Nick Anagnostou produced one of the surprises of the night, according to Shaw, by winning the 100-meter dash in 10.89 seconds.

"He's a first-year track guy," Shaw said. "He's a soccer player; we got him out for track, and he's doing a heckuva job for us."

"We didn't expect him to step in and win the hundred. There were two kids in that race who had run under 11 seconds, and



Plymouth's Ben Ambrose stretches out as he makes an attempt at 13 feet during the pole-vault event during Saturday's Observerland Relays.

he came out and set a personal best. It was the first real big meet he's run for us."

"I had him in weight class. I talked to him about running track, and he was interested in coming out. He's been a big help."

The Spartans also won the long jump, led by White's meet-best jump of 21 feet, 7.5 inches, the 800 relay and the sprint medley relay.

"A very big surprise was our field events," Shaw said. "The shot and discus guys got second

and third, and we didn't necessarily expect that.

"Those were some big points. Our long jumpers did a nice job. All of them (including Nate Sergison and Will Burek) were over 20 feet. We came out of the field events in good shape."

The Spartans did that (and still won the meet) despite not scoring in one of their better events — the high jump.

Mitchell White and Pat York, who have jumped 6-8 and 6-4, respectively, are two of the area's top jumpers. But a third member of the relay failed to qualify, and Stevenson couldn't get into the top six with only a two-man total.

"We thought we might win it and came up with zero," Shaw said. "Our shot and discus guys (Matt Broome, Chris Golonka and Zach Whalen) made up some ground for us."

Derek Buskey, Austin White and Nate Sergison were on the winning 800 and sprint medley relay teams. The fourth member was Myles White in the 800 and Mitchell White in the sprint medley.

Depth was a key factor for the Spartans, who scored in 12 of the 16 events, according to Shaw.

"We were real happy (with the 400 relay)," he said. "There were a lot of good teams in there. We were seeded sixth or seventh and

ended up second.

"A big event was the shuttle hurdles. We didn't even enter it last year, and this year we were third; so that was a big event."

The order of finish for the other teams was Salem, 34; Canton, 31; Westland John Glenn, 24; Redford Thurston, 22; Plymouth, 20; Livonia Franklin, 17; Wayne, 14; Farmington, 12; Garden City 3; and Lutheran Westland, 1. Clarenceville, Redford Union and Plymouth Christian didn't score.

Northville won four events: high jump, distance medley, shuttle hurdle and 1,600 relays, and CC took first place in the shot put, 6,400 and 3,200 relays.

John Glenn won the discus, Churchill the pole vault and Franklin the 400 relay. Salem's Kevin deBear won the individual 1,600 run in 4:35.88.

Shaw added he will apply different strategies for the league and regional meets.

"The regional to us is more about kids getting the opportunity to qualify for the state meet," he said. "We probably won't run kids in four events just to win. We'll let them do one or two and take their best shot."

"In the league meet, we ask more of the kids. They may not run their best times, but they'll place and get some points."

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 22, 2008 for the following:

CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER EQUIPMENT SHED

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- April 29, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, April 28, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter (arrived 7:09 p.m.), LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Director Faas, Tom Casari Others Present: Cathy Nagy, Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, Paul Wyzgoski, Dickinson-Wright

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. ACTUARIAL VALUATION OF CANTON TOWNSHIP RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN.** (FBD) The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has released Statements No. 43 and No. 45, which require Governmental units to have an actuarial calculation prepared to determine its liability associated with Post Employment Benefits other than Pension (OPEB). A review of these findings were presented for decision on the Township's course of action. **Item 2. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT POLICY AND PROCEDURE. (FBD & MSD)** A special assessment district (SAD) is a designated area where a majority of the property owners agree to allow a governmental agency to levy a special property tax in exchange for a specific service. With an SAD, the governmental agency agrees to pay for the cost of the service "up front" and the property owner agrees to pay back his or her share over a period of years in the form of a special property tax. The Board reviewed the draft policy and procedure and had discussion on the documents involved with the SAD process. **Adjourn** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor -Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Canton High School, East Middle School, and Tanger Center.** The project will be completed during the summer of 2008 prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials, asbestos thermal system insulation, and windows with asbestos window caulk. Bid documents will be available on or after Thursday, May 1st, 2008 at The healthAIR Group, 23437 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 and electronically at <http://www.health-air.com/news-and-reference/bid-information.htm>. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at Canton High School located at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187. All submissions should include 3 bid copies (1 original, 2 duplicates) which are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center, RE: School Abatement Bids, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2008 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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Police Duty Lockers

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

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Posler silences Chargers' bats in crucial Lakes Division battle

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

That was no ordinary Joe pitching for Salem's baseball team Tuesday afternoon against Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rival Livonia Churchill.

Rock junior right-hander Joe Posler continued to establish himself as one of the WLAAs' top hurlers when he turned in an extraordinary effort in Salem's 2-0 triumph over the host Chargers. Posler limited Churchill to just two hits in seven innings to improve to 4-0 on the season.

The win was a pivotal one for coach Dale Rumberger's squad, which now leads the Lakes with a 5-2 record - one game better than Churchill and a half-game ahead of John Glenn, which plays its seventh division game against Livonia Stevenson this afternoon. "Joe was definitely on his game today, but he has been all season," said Rumberger of Posler. "He only faced 25 batters and threw 81 pitches in seven innings. It's the kind of game we've come to expect from Joe. He was totally in control the entire game. He just doesn't make many mistakes."

Churchill starter Jeff Dwyer also pitched well, scattering 10 hits and bearing down with men on base.

"We had a hard time getting the big hit today," said Rumberger. "But it's a big win because we're at least in a tie for first and our destiny is in our own hands."

The game's only two runs crossed in the Salem third when Matt Woster singled, Sam Ott reached on an error and Andrew Grabowski brought them both around with a two-out single.

Salem, which is now 12-7 overall, received multiple-hit performances from Heath Parling (3-for-4) and Grabowski (2-for-3).

Posler struck out six and walked just two.

NORTHVILLE 12, CANTON 2: On Tuesday at Canton, the state-ranked Mustangs broke open a close game with five runs in the fourth inning to improve to 21-1

overall and 6-1 in the WLAAs' Western Division.

The Chiefs slipped to 10-8 and 1-6, respectively.

David Uberti earned the win, yielding just three hits over the first six innings.

Canton senior Erik Wright suffered the loss after giving up four earned runs in four innings. Wright struck out four.

The highlight of the afternoon for the Chiefs was Daniel Stoney's two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth. Sophomore center fielder Kevin Delapaz added two hits and Will Tidwell contributed a double to the Chiefs' cause.

AGAPE 10, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 2: On Tuesday at Griffin Park in Canton, the Wolverines improved to 6-4 overall and 3-3 in the MIAC Red Division with an impressive victory over the visiting Crusaders.

Senior right-hander Jared Miller picked up the mound win by tossing a complete-game four-hitter. Miller struck out 11 Crusaders.

Offensively, the winners were led by Ty Majeski (3-for-4, RBI) and Daniel Walker, who went 2-for-2 with a pair of walks.

The Wolverines tallied four runs in the fourth and three in the fifth and never looked back. Agape outhit Macomb, 8-4. Both teams committed one error.

PLYMOUTH 2, CANTON 1: On Monday at Plymouth, the Wildcats scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out a dramatic victory.

The win improved the Wildcats' record to 12-6 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

The Chiefs slipped to 10-7 overall and 1-5 in the division.

Senior reliever Kyle Sanders picked up the win for the 'Cats after retiring the only batter he faced in the top of the seventh.

Plymouth starter Cliff Buttermore worked the first 6.2 innings, yielding five hits and six walks while striking out two.

Canton senior right-hander Will Tidwell suffered his first loss of the season despite giving up just eight hits and three walks in 6.1 innings.

"Any time you see a 1-0 on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh, you know you've been watching a quality high school baseball game," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We were fortunate to get out of a few jams throughout the game. Cliff Buttermore did a masterful job of battling throughout the game. Although he didn't get the win, this was his game without a doubt."

"Will Tidwell was outstanding for Canton. He was around the zone all day and he pitched his heart out as well. My hat is off to him. It was a shame one team had to lose."

SALEM 16, LIVONIA STEVENSON 1: On Monday at Salem, the Rocks rolled to a four-inning, mercy rule-shortened triumph by racking up 16 hits and riding the strong pitching of junior Dave Hales, who yielded just four hits and struck out five.

Leading the winners' hit parade was senior outfielder Justin Hørger, who went 3-for-3 with four RBI and three runs scored. One of his hits was a home run over the left-field fence.

The victory improved Salem's record to 11-7 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Spartans slipped to 4-14 and 0-7, respectively.

Other key contributors to the Rocks' robust offensive attack were Andrew Grabowski (3-for-3, four RBI, two runs), Joe Posler (3-for-3, RBI double), Heath Parling (2-for-3, two RBI, two runs), Justin Bashi (2-for-3, three RBI, three runs) and Sam Ott (2-for-3, RBI, two runs).

"Andrew Grabowski has been hurt most of the season, so it was nice to see him get back in the line-up and contribute," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger.

Salem plated two runs in each of the first two innings; nine in the third and three in the fourth.

AGAPE 4, LUTHERAN SOUTH 1:

On Monday at Griffin Park in Canton, the Wolverines won despite registering just four hits.

Brandon Pierson threw a complete-game two-hitter, striking out nine while walking six.

Agape, which improved to 5-4, wiped out a 1-0 deficit with a single run in the second. The Wolverines took the lead for good with a pair of runs in the third and an insurance marker in the fifth.

Spearheading the winners' offense were Kevin Reith (1-for-2, RBI, four stolen bases) and Ty Majeski, who went 1-for-3 with two runs scored.

'Cats win Holt tourney

Plymouth captured first place in Saturday's four-team Holt Invitational when it dominated the host Rams, 11-0, in the championship contest.

The Wildcats advanced to the finals by knocking off Union City, 15-4, in the semifinal round.

Junior pitcher Brad Lineberry earned the win in the title game when he tossed a complete game three-hitter. Lineberry walked two and struck out seven. Sixty-three of Lineberry's 96 pitches were strikes.

Senior lead-off hitter David

Harvey was the offensive catalyst for the Wildcats as he went 2-for-4 with five runs scored and a pair of RBI. Both of Harvey's hits were doubles.

Three other Plymouth players also knocked in a pair of runs: Garrett Rebain, Ronnie Goble and Travis Mewton. Both Goble and Matt Skubik joined Harvey in the two-hit club. Michael Rose scored twice and added an RBI.

Senior right-hander Dan Nadratowski earned the mound win against Union City as he yielded just three hits and three walks while striking out eight. Plymouth scored at least two runs in every inning but the fifth in the six-inning, mercy rule-shortened game. The winners' big frames were the first and second when they tallied four runs to grab an 8-4 advantage.

Pacing the offensive attack were Harvey (2-for-3, two runs, RBI), Lineberry (2-for-2, two runs, two RBI), Mewton (2-for-2, two runs, two RBI) and Rose, who had a hit, two runs and an RBI in just one official plate appearance. Nadratowski helped his own cause by going 1-for-3 with two runs.

Steve Ostrowski also notched a hit and two runs for Plymouth, which improved to 11-6 with the two wins.

Eagles split

Plymouth Christian Academy advanced to the championship game of Saturday's Lutheran Westland tournament before falling to the host Warriors, 11-5.

Senior right-hander Trevor Zinn tossed a complete game for the Eagles. He also excelled at the plate, blasting a solo home run in the top of the fourth.

Kevin Bottorff followed Zinn's round-tripper with a single, advanced to third on Brent Zinn's double and scored on Charles Cane's sacrifice fly.

Brent Zinn was then plied by Josh Lowman's single.

The loss snapped a four-game winning streak for PCA.

"Every time we would score, Lutheran Westland answered," said PCA coach Joe Bottorff.

The Eagle advanced to the title tilt by out-slugging Washtenaw Christian, 15-4.

Bottorff earned the win with a complete-game six-hitter. Bottorff struck out six and walked four, and went 3-for-3 at the plate with an RBI and a pair of runs.

Brent Zinn clouted a long home run and singled twice. Trevor Zinn went 3-for-4 with three runs.

Other key contributors were Lowman (two singles), Reid Barber (single, double) and Cane, who ripped a single and a triple.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley (NHV/RV) sanitary sewer system to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the NHV/RV interceptor system. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1709.

The proposed project consists of short term corrective action plan improvements that will reduce infiltration and inflow into the interceptor system and correct structural deficiencies visually identified during sewer televising. Improvements include rehabilitation of portions of the interceptors, overflow regulator structures and upgrades to the manhole structures.

If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements in 2009. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.

The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below:

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household
Canton	\$1.57	Dearborn Hgts	\$2.97	Garden City	\$4.08
Inkster	\$5.06	Livonia	\$6.14	Northville	\$5.83
Northville Twp	\$2.08	Plymouth	\$5.12	Plymouth Twp	\$1.70
Redford Twp	\$5.28	Romulus	\$0.66	Van Buren Twp	\$1.06
Wayne	\$7.83	Westland	\$4.35	Oakland City (Novi)	\$3.05

Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM - 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 415 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 9, 2008.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 10, 2008 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:

North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley SRF Project Plan
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Late goals result in 1-all tie between Chiefs, 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP SOCCER

Based on the entertaining rivalry the Plymouth and Canton girls soccer teams have established over the past four years, it would be a huge surprise if one of their twice-a-spring matches didn't go down to the wire.

Monday night's showdown between the Wildcats and Chiefs epitomized the rivalry's intensity as the two teams battled to a 1-1 draw.

The match was scoreless until just under five minutes in the second half when Kelly Dobbs controlled a pass from Kasey Webb and drilled the ball between diving Canton keeper Bre Bellovary and the far post.

The Wildcats' celebration was short-lived, however, as Canton's Lisa Pierce scored off a free kick from just beyond the 18-yard box

with 2:30 left. The tie left Plymouth with a 3-5-3 overall mark and a 3-3-1 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Canton is 6-4-4 and 4-1-2, respectively.

"Our defense did a super job tonight," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "All four of the girls back there — Meeghan Hughes, Jessica Heck, Katie Krajewski and Carlee Barackman — were solid. Jennifer Babcock played outstanding in the

mid-field as well. "During the first half, they outplayed us and we were lucky it was 0-0. But in the second half, we had a lot more quality scoring opportunities. Kelly Dobbs hit the post on one shot about five minutes before she scored."

Neschich also complimented the play of freshman net-minder Marissa Williams.

"She was solid between the pipes, especially in the first half when Canton put a lot of pressure

on us," Neschich concluded.

SALEM 2, STEVENSON 1: On Monday at the PCEP varsity turf stadium, the Rocks prevailed thanks to goals from Ariel Dews and Taylor Burgoon.

Jill Behrman assisted on Dews' net-finder while Lindsay Newton was credited with a helper on Burgoon's goal. Shannon Merritt scored the lone Stevenson goal with six minutes left.

The victory improved Salem's record to 6-5-3 overall and 4-3-1

the WLA's Lakes Division.

The Spartans slipped to 3-3-1 in the division.

"They threw everything at us toward the end, but our girls came up big when it counted," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "They had a free kick from about 20 yards out with a few minutes left, but our keeper, Kristin Dondzila, did a great job of getting everybody organized and setting up a wall."

Dondzila was credited with seven saves.

Canton lacrosse team humbles Railsplitters, 11-2

The Lincoln Railsplitters proved to be no match for Canton's lacrosse team Tuesday night as the Chiefs rolled to an 11-2 victory.

The first-year program is now 8-4.

Canton defenseman Dakota

Dark-Bird proved to be **PREP LACROSSE** the catalyst

as he lit up the scoreboard first with a first-quarter net-finder. The Chiefs led 6-0 at the half.

Other goal scorers for the winners included Matt Rodgers (five), Jake Underwood (three), Scott Wisniewski and Mark Barath. Joey Underwood registered three assists for the Chiefs.

Defensively, Canton received strong efforts from captains Justin Scott and Mac Ganzak, who intercepted several passes and vacuumed up numerous ground balls. Back-up goalie Sean Walsh played well in relief of Scott in the fourth quarter.

On Monday, the Chiefs dropped a 6-5 decision to unbeaten and state-ranked South Lyon.

"The boys played a great game," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "I asked for 100 percent from them and they gave me 110 percent. It was a well-played game on both ends of the field."

After the Lions staked themselves to a 2-0 lead, Canton's Jordan Emery cut the Chiefs' deficit in half off an assist from Joey Underwood, who finished with three assists.

The Chiefs trailed just 4-2 at the half thanks to a Wisniewski goal.

Trailing 5-2, Rodgers recorded consecutive net-finders to make it 5-4. Jake Underwood scored in the fourth to knot the game at 5-5, but the Lions roared back with a late score to pull out the dramatic victory. Scott was spectacular between the pipes for the Chiefs. Ganzak, Sam Kokoszka and Dark-Bird also sparked for the Chiefs.

"The boys played out of their minds tonight," said Riley. "The defense was great!"

PLYMOUTH 10, HURON VALLEY 8:

On Monday at the PCEP junior varsity stadium, the Wildcats overcame a four-goal deficit to post the impressive win and snap a six-game losing streak. HV dropped to 2-8 with the setback.

"Wow — what a comeback," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "The crowd got their money's worth, that's for sure. Our defense was stellar in the first half. Our kids really stepped it up — Ben Burkman, Ronny Lowe, Alex Miller and our seniors, Paul Gustafson and Aaron Uller really played well."

"Toufic Saati was great in net as well. It was truly a team effort tonight."

A six-goal fourth quarter was the key for the Wildcats. John Olevnik netted the game-winner at the 4:05 mark while Patrick Downey added an insurance marker with 1:23 left. Tony McLaughlin and John Olevnik scored goals in the first quarter to knot the game at 2-2. Patrick Downey and Connor Martin tallied net-finders in the third, however, the 'Cats trailed 8-4 with 11 minutes to play.

Not to fear: Olevnik, Downey, Martin and Pat Smiatcz recorded fourth-quarter goals to tie it at 8-8 all before Olevnik and Downey's late heroics.



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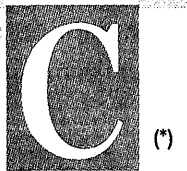
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State effort aims to help residents keep homes

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm April 2 signed legislation aimed at preserving the American dream of homeownership for Michigan families in jeopardy of losing their homes to foreclosure. The governor was joined by lenders from the Michigan Credit Union League, the Michigan Bankers Association, and sponsoring legislators from across the state for bill signings in Grand Rapids, Jackson, and Detroit.

"These new tools will help protect families from losing their homes and work to stabilize Michigan's housing market," Granholm said. "I applaud the leadership of our legislators and our many partners in the lending community, including bankers, credit union lenders, and mortgage lenders, for making these tools a reality."

The bills create two new refinancing options to protect home ownership — an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) refinancing option that will help citizens get into fixed-rate mortgages and a "rescue" program that helps those who have been behind in their payments in the past, but are current now. The new tools are part of the "Save the Dream" initiative that makes housing counselors available to homeowners and raises awareness about avoiding foreclosure. The Save the Dream products and programs are operated and funded entirely by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

"We believe our Save the Dream program will help curtail the foreclosures happening throughout our Michigan communities," MSHDA Director of Homeownership Mary Townley said. "This new legislation gives us an important tool to add to our existing homeownership counseling and foreclosure prevention activity. Putting the counseling together with the ability to refinance



home loans for safer, more secure long-term, fixed-rate mortgages offers a sense of real hope to some very desperate homeowners."

The new Save the Dream tools are:

■ **The Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) Refinance Program** that will assist homeowners who have an ARM in refinancing to a 30-year, lower-interest, fixed-rate conventional loan;

■ **The Rescue Refinance Program** that will assist individuals who have a delinquency on their mortgage and who are at risk of losing their home will have a chance to get into a more affordable 30-year, fixed rate, conventional loan.

Both initiatives are targeted at existing homeowners. To qualify for one of the new loan programs, homeowners must meet the same

income and sales price limits that other MSHDA loan products require. Household income must be under \$108,000, and the purchase price of the home cannot exceed \$224,500. The initiatives will be funded by taxable bonds, and homeowners will be responsible for the full value of their refinanced mortgages. The original mortgage does not have to be a MSHDA loan; however, the homeowner must meet MSHDA requirements for the refinance product. This qualifying information is available from approved lenders and directly from MSHDA.

For more details on the Save the Dream refinance programs and other services, a visit to www.michigan.gov/mshda will take seekers to MSHDA's home page and the Save the Dream icon

where up-to-date information about the loans, services, and MSHDA-approved lenders and certified counselors is available. There is also a consumer hotline that helps callers find a counselor locally. That toll-free number is (866) 946-7432.

MSHDA is a quasi-state agency that provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve safe and decent affordable housing, engage in community economic development activities, and address homeless issues. MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds and notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. For more information on MSHDA programs and initiatives,

visit the Web site at www.michigan.gov/mshda.

The bills signed April 2 are: HB 5443 sponsored by state Rep. Steve Tobocman, D-Detroit, HB 5446 sponsored by state Rep. Bettie Cook Scott, D-Detroit, SB 948 sponsored by Sen. Tupac Hunter, D-Detroit, SB 950 sponsored by Sen. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, SB 951 sponsored by Sen. Buzz Thomas, D-Detroit, and SB 1133 sponsored by Sen. Randy Richardville, R-Monroe. The bills were given immediate effect.

According to the MSHDA:

■ A third-quarter report by the Mortgage Bankers Association shows that Michigan home foreclosure rates are among the highest in the nation.

■ Many experts have suggested that due to the subprime mortgage effect, foreclosure filings could double in 2008.

■ A significant portion of the increase in foreclosure filings will likely come from the approximately 212,000 subprime mortgages in Michigan.

■ RealtyTrac reports Michigan's foreclosure activity increased dramatically during 2006 and 2007 and is expected to get worse with the rate resets and economy-driven losses associated with future defaults on mortgage loans

■ Foreclosure filings in Michigan rose during 2006 from 35,635 in 2005 to 80,919 in 2006. These numbers continued to rise to 124,561 through Nov. 30, 2007

■ There are multiple stages of the foreclosure process, the filing number may double-count households that are going through foreclosure. However, these aggregate filings have gone from 1 in 119 households (2005) to 1 in 36 households (2007).

■ In Michigan, the number of home sales due to foreclosure climbed from 1,108 in 2005 to 14,961 during 11 months of 2007.

Disabled parking issue takes expertise

Q. One of our members who is disabled is threatening to sue the association under the Fair Housing Act for assigning him a parking spot that was farther from his building than another handicap spot. When the member first complained about his parking assignment, it was the first time the association board had dealt with a complaint or request from a disabled member. The board doesn't know exactly what to do and doesn't know whether it has any responsibility. What do you think?

A. The board should hire an engineer to evaluate whether new handicap spaces can be created and to otherwise gather information on whether or not there are other disabled members who may seek handicap parking spots.

If there are other disabled members and they are faced with competing claims, the board may be in the position to have to give priority to one of the other members who has lived in the community the longest. In a recent case in New Jersey, the court held on similar facts

that the board had provided reasonable accommodations to the member who sued to provide him an equal opportunity to enjoy his dwelling. The court felt that the decision to assign his handicap space was not arbitrary considering the limited number of handicap parking spaces and realizing that seniority was a "rational method of determining priority between two disabled members."

Q. How do you suggest that the board of our community association avoid defamation lawsuits regarding communications to the homeowners? What is exactly meant by defamation?

A. Defamation is communication of a statement that makes a false claim, expressly stated, or implied to be factual, that may harm the reputation of an individual. In a community association context, defamation lawsuits typically arise when an association distributes information on delinquent co-owners. It is my belief that you can distribute the names of members who are delinquent in their payments, but you should be extremely careful about how you do so and consider the ramifications if you do so. First, print only the facts that you can verify. For example, specify the date when the member became delinquent. If you simply state the member is delinquent and the member becomes current in his payment obligations by the time the community newsletter and meeting minutes are printed and disseminated, you will have published something factually untrue. Never specify the amount that is past due; if you are off by even a penny, you may have published an untruth. And finally, don't publish delinquency under a headline that has a negative connotation. So if you decide to publish delinquencies, which I am not generally in favor of, do so under a neutral title such as "delinquencies."

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.



Robert Meisner

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 14-18, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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42123 Briarcliff Ct	\$213,000
4199 Elizabeth Ave	\$128,000
48266 Greenwich Ln	\$260,000
47060 Hidden River Cir S	\$420,000
7406 Irongate Rd	\$204,000
1442 Kensington Dr	\$293,000
1999 Knollwood Dr	\$136,000
2336 Leigh Ct	\$265,000
7760 Oxford Dr	\$565,000
47639 Pembroke Dr	\$143,000
3684 Riverside Dr	\$195,000
380 Roosevelt St	\$191,000
45183 Saltz Rd	\$221,000

352 Sheffield Ct	\$158,000
51042 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$253,000
2334 Stanton St	\$300,000
2904 Stanton St	\$282,000
43709 Yorktown St	\$160,000
Farmington Hills	
31290 Applewood Ln	\$220,000
28618 Grayling Ave	\$110,000
35035 Hillside Dr	\$121,000
23015 Potomac Cir	\$249,000
28590 S Harwich Dr	\$264,000
35562 Springvale St	\$364,000
35501 Vicksburg St	\$225,000
Garden City	
33522 Alvin St	\$119,000
7027 Cardwell St	\$135,000
238 Henry Ruff Rd	\$120,000
33121 Kathryn St	\$100,000
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11428 Blackburn St	\$213,000
14729 Blue Skies St	\$136,000
9537 Brookfield St	\$168,000
17219 Brookview Dr	\$290,000
15684 Doris St	\$125,000
34176 Dover St	\$165,000
17983 Floral St	\$124,000
15460 Green Lane Ave	\$94,000
11627 Haller St	\$171,000
33036 Hees St	\$150,000
37664 Kingsbury St	\$199,000
11019 Mayfield St	\$145,000

14250 Merriman Rd	\$172,000
14927 Norman St	\$170,000
8945 Oporto St	\$218,000
14314 Park St	\$162,000
38690 Reo Ct	\$235,000
36439 Roycroft St	\$149,000
17951 University Park Dr	\$120,000
Milford	
380 Dorchester Way	\$180,000
2842 Old Plank Rd	\$205,000
Northville	
44695 Broadmoor Cir N	\$493,000
16292 Johnson Creek Dr	\$134,000
21504 Lujan Dr	\$385,000
19598 Morningside	\$145,000
19188 Northridge Dr	\$96,000
46430 Pinehurst Cir	\$677,000
43715 Prestwick Cir S	\$513,000
48999 Rainbow Ln N	\$297,000
605 Randolph St	\$330,000
39659 Springwater Dr	\$200,000
16784 Yellowstone Dr	\$144,000
Novi	
45227 Bartlett Dr	\$262,000
45278 Bartlett Dr	\$114,000
24797 Fairway Hills Dr	\$255,000
Plymouth	
199 Arthur St	\$300,000
220 Burroughs St	\$138,000
49512 Cooke Ave	\$415,000
15127 Inbrook Dr	\$220,000
46056 Litchfield Dr	\$305,000
50130 Pine Ct	\$170,000

10889 Pinehurst Rd	\$265,000
51316 Plymouth Heights Ln	\$320,000
51008 Richard Dr	\$350,000
9350 Village Manor Dr	\$375,000
320 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$160,000
Redford	
9956 Arnold	\$103,000
14106 Beech Daly Rd	\$165,000
25674 Deborah	\$124,000
13511 Farley	\$98,000
11716 Grayfield	\$98,000
15828 Lola Dr	\$120,000
15711 Wormer	\$35,000
South Lyon	
54435 Birchwood Dr	\$370,000
Westland	
7402 Arcola St	\$90,000
1596 Berkshire St	\$63,000
33502 Bordeaux Ct	\$168,000
36702 Cherry Oak Dr	\$185,000
6637 Chirrewa St	\$129,000
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223 Dawson Ct	\$169,000
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BIA

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "The

ABCs of Collection" on Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will be presented by Ron Rich of Ronald B. Rich & Associates. Topics include: proper format for creating credit applications; collections process; making the phone call; when to initiate liens and when to go to arbitration or court. Registration fees, including a continental breakfast, are \$10 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 14, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association

Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction will instruct on the subject of Water Efficiency using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the ninth annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards on Wednesday, May 14, from 6-9:30 p.m. at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates St. in Birmingham. The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement

in sales and marketing efforts. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Registration fees are \$55 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Friday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for maintenance and service personnel, housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part-time staff.

Registration fees are \$45 for PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Condominium Flexibility: Cleaning Up After The Flood" on Tuesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The inherent flexibility of the Michigan Condominium Act makes it possible to reposition and reformat existing residential projects. Topics include: using expansion, contraction and convertability rights to your advantage; developer retained rights; successor developer liabilities and rights; association administration in the stalled project; and escrow and lien issues peculiar to the Condominium Act.

Speakers are Jim Babcock of Babcock Building, Bill Freeman

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, May 28, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. Training is \$50 per person, free if you join Green Built within 30 days. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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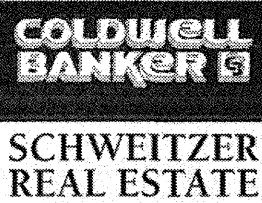
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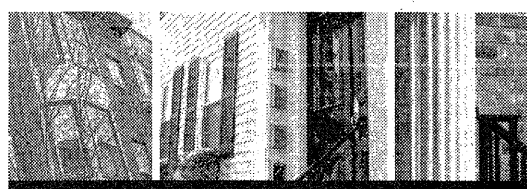
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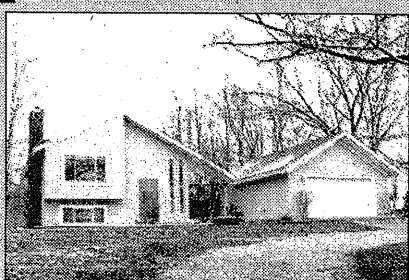
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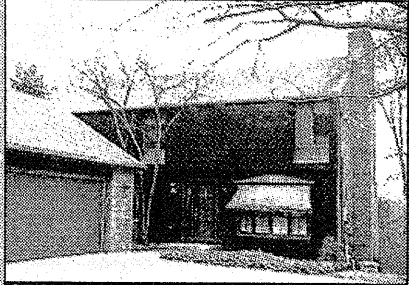
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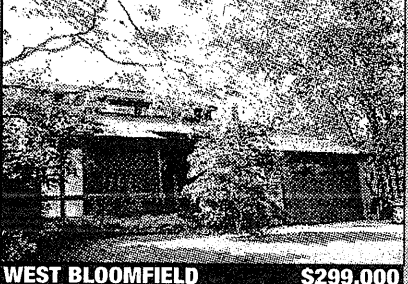
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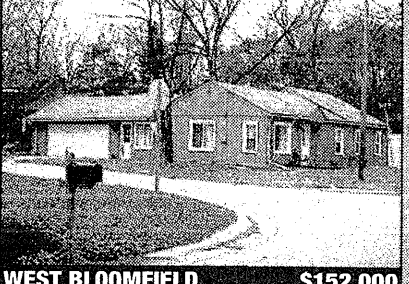
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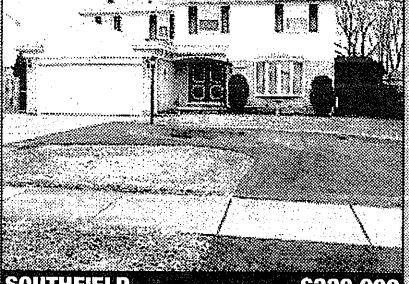
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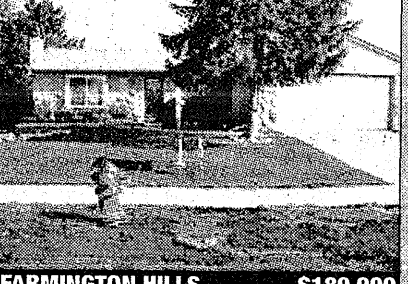
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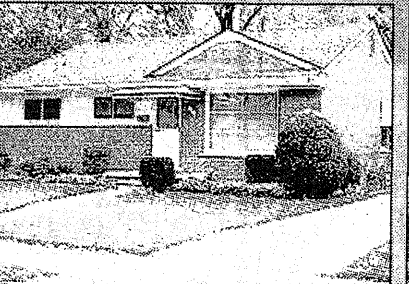
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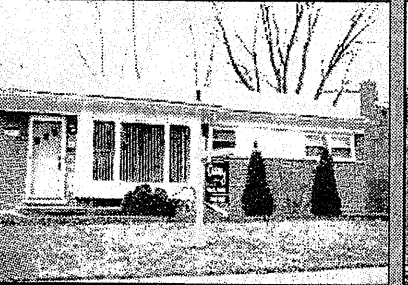
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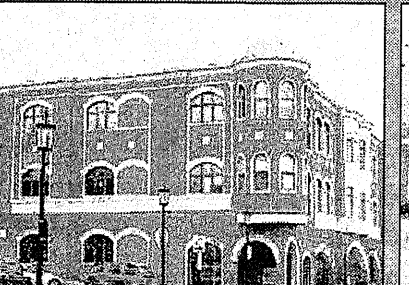
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By Dale Buss



Chrysler's advertising campaign for its new Dodge Journey crossover has greatly boosted initial online interest in the vehicle, according to an analysis by Edmunds.com. But the new omnibus marketing effort launched by Ford recently, Drive One, isn't packing nearly the same punch.

Those are the conclusions of research by David Tompkins, executive director of business solutions for Edmunds.com, based in Santa Monica, Calif., using consumer visits to the New Vehicle Detail Pages (NVDPs) of the site in April, in the immediate wake of the launches of the two advertising campaigns.

Promising Journey

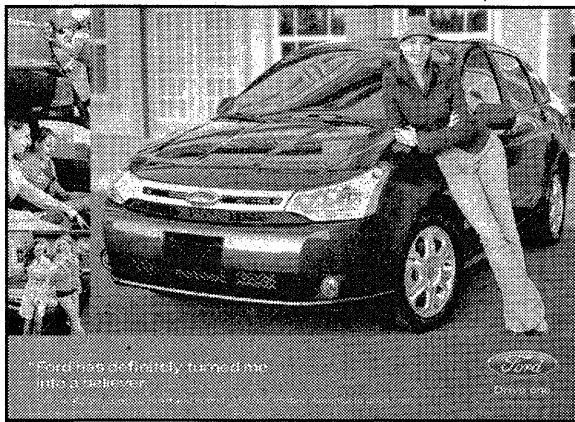
"Journey [advertising] is a hit," Dr. Tompkins said. "We're seeing their traffic up 80 percent after the first week and up nearly 90 percent [from the same base] during the second week" on Edmunds.com's NVDPs. He noted that online response to the Journey campaign stems from "a combination of their ads online offline. But it's a successful start."

Deborah Meyer, Chrysler's Chief Marketing Officer, said that the "memorability and likeability" of Journey TV ads "has been really strong," according to the company's internal research. "And brand recall is ramping up quickly," she added, "which is important since Journey is a brand new name."

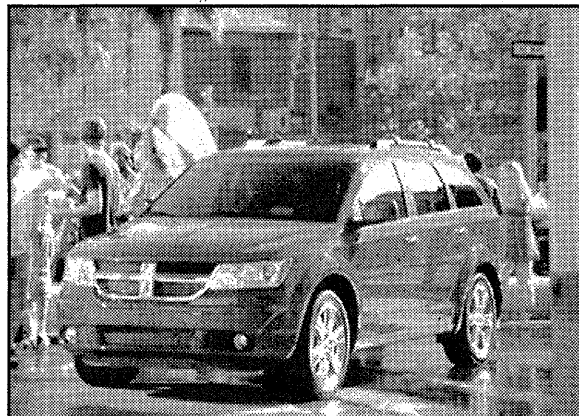
Meyer said that Journey's various advertising streams "have raised awareness for Journey by 32 percentage points after just the first week."

Dr. Tompkins believes that some of the specifics of the Journey ads "resonate" with consumers, including Chrysler's orientation in the spots toward highlighting the vehicle's floor plan and certain flexible features. "Also, the crossover segment is a pretty hot one right now."

Ford sees its Drive One campaign, as in the photo on the right, as a long-term brand-building effort.



TV ads for Dodge Journey, like the Water Slide spot on the left, are creating awareness.



Indeed, the timing for the introduction of the Journey crossover couldn't have been much better for Chrysler. In just its third month on the market, Journey sales totaled nearly 7,000 units in April. In addition to tapping into torrid consumer demand for crossovers in general, Chrysler executives are counting on Journey to pick up some sales from former customers of the company's short-wheelbase minivans, which they discontinued with the introduction of new minivans last year.

Broader Target

But Tompkins said that one of the disadvantages for the Ford Drive One campaign initially is that "it's a broad campaign across the whole brand, so it's harder to be specific."

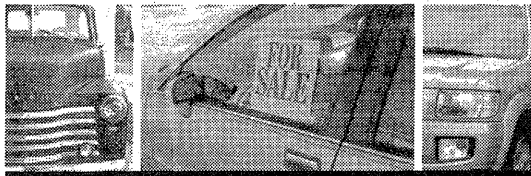
Edmunds.com NVDP visits for Ford Focus and Fusion models each have increased by about 10 percent to 15 percent in opening weeks of the ubiquitous Drive One campaign, Tompkins said. But consideration for other Ford vehicles, as measured by NVDP visits, was down for the first two weeks. The increased interest in Focus and Fusion persisted despite falling overall interest in the brand.

"In the current environment, people are very focused on things like miles per gallon," Tompkins explained. Specifically, Ford's promotion of the electronics-networking system, Sync by Microsoft, in its Focus ads is helping that vehicle as well.

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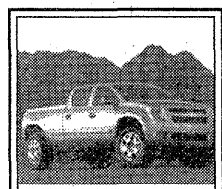
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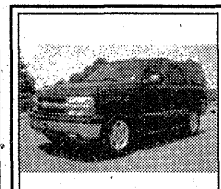
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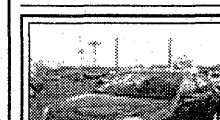


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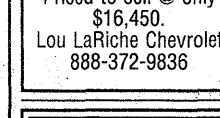
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Bloomfield Hills law firm seeks an Executive-Administrative Asst. We require highly skilled, intelligent, and motivated person w/ substantial exp. assisting on high executive level. Knowledge of some financial software helpful. Good computer skills and some legal secretarial or law office administrative exp. req'd. Exc. benefits. Salary commensurate w/ duties and exp. Inquiries treated confidentially. Please send detailed resume and explanation of experience and interest to: oeresome@hometownlife.com (code 1694)

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LEGAL SECRETARY
Approx. 30-35 hrs/wk. for Livonia sole practitioner. Good MS Word skills a must! Legal exp. preferred. Fax resume: 734-425-2397

LEGAL SECRETARY
Farmington Hills. FT. Benefits. Fax resume to: 248-406-8001

OFFICE CLERICAL
Local property management office needs experienced person to assist property supervisor and accounts payable. Must have excellent computer skills, 20 hrs/week with flexible hours. Please fax resume to: 248-355-1308

RECEPTIONIST
Full-Time needed for busy West Bloomfield office. We offer medical, dental, eye and 401K benefit. Experience is required. Please fax resume to: 248-855-1323

SECRETARY
With accounting background and Quickbooks. Also familiar with Word and Excel. FT. benefits. Call Mon-Fri, 9am-4:30pm (734) 455-4036

Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Are you an exc. dental assistant? Full/Part-Time. Exp'd. only. Livonia-Westland area. (734) 522-6470

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Bloomfield Hills Endodontic office seeking highly motivated, energetic individual to join our team. Experience preferred but willing to train. Fax resume ATTN: Lisa at: 248-647-0576

Dental Assistant, Chairside
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Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL FRONT DESK PART-TIME
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Help Wanted-Medical 5060

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Redford 248-684-1065
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Westland 248-348-6430
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(28061545) \$180,000



Brighton 248-684-1065
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial in Arbor Meadows subdivision. Spacious Great Room, library/study, butlers pantry, 3-car side entry garage.
(28046629) \$375,000



Dexter 248-437-3800
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Newer ranch w/open floor plan backing to commons & assoc fee includ lawn cutting & snow removal. Open GR, 1st flr Indry, eat-in kitchen, mstr w/priv ceram bath, full bsmt, 3rd brdm can be DR. New wndws t/o.
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(27049471) \$849,000



Royal Oak 248-684-1065
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(28031433) \$179,900



Westland 734-455-7000
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(28041750) \$171,500



Canton 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFUL ANTIQUE FOREST!! Oversized lot at end of court adjoins wooded area. Exquisite home, superbly maintained, w/open floor plan. Upgrades & features galore t/o. A truly must see!
(28060402) \$529,900



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
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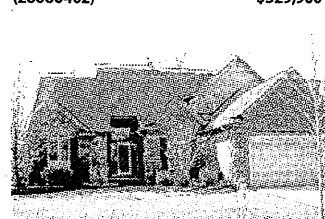
Northville 248-348-6430
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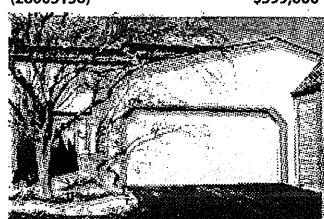
Canton 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED CAPE COD! Open flr pln on prem wooded lot! Gourmet kit, grand rm w/flr to ceiling wndws, 3 FPs. Library, 1st flr mstr ste. Fin. LL w/Fam Rm, huge bar, 3.1 baths. Priv yd!
(28062898) \$368,500



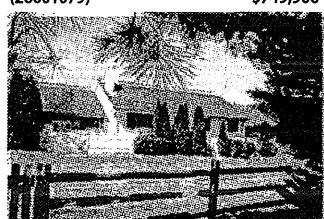
Garden City 734-591-9200
Super sharp, super clean spacious ranch, open flr plan; upds galore, lg tiled BA, hwdw flrs, lg MSTR BR, w/dining area, newer furnace, appls, patio, therm windows, fresh paint interior; updt elect & kit.
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Livonia 248-851-1900
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Northville 248-348-6430
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South Lyon 248-437-3800
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(28038114) \$228,000



Westland 248-348-6430
Lovely Westland Ranch. Immaculate Move-in. Great yard with brick paver patio. Newer windows, roof, furnace, A/C, electric. A wonderful place to call home!
(27170958) \$139,900



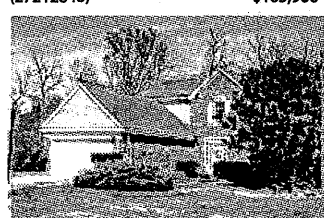
Canton 734-455-7000
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Livonia 248-851-1900
UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. Move right in!
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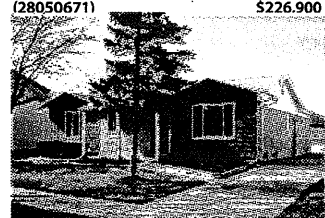
Novi 248-348-6430
Lovely Colonial with first floor master that overlooks private protected woods, 2 story foyer with hardwood floors, formal dining room, finished walkout basement, double deck.
(28062955) \$359,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Sharp colonial in Eagle Heights! Home offers a large kitchen, spacious great room with soaring ceilings, finished sun room with skylights, large deck, sidewalks and more.
(27193962) \$179,900



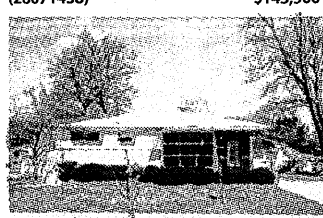
White Lake 248-684-1065
Lg kit w/ vault cell, recessed lights & oak cabs. DR w/ D/W to deck. GR w/ vault cell & gas fp. Fin W/O LL w/ full ba, bar, FR & BR/office. Priv yard.
(28056611) \$198,995



Canton 734-455-7000
GREAT CANTON RANCH! Newly listed 3BR/2.5 BA ranch offers many updates, incl: redone kitchen, family rm w/FP, Florida rm, huge fin bsmt w/bath. Quiet setting in sub., and much more!!
(28066011) \$179,900



Garden City 734-455-7000
JUST MOVE RIGHT IN! Clean, well kept 3 bd ranch. Remodeled kitchen w/ good counter & workspace. Newer furnace & C/A. Updated electrical breaker box. Newer windows, & roof w/ tearoff.
(28015932) \$99,900



Livonia 248-851-1900
Spacious brick in quiet location, huge MSTR BDRM, full DR, tiled BAs, newer roof, updt elect, plumb; 2.5 car det gar w/elec; part fin bsmt, C/A, patio, hrdwd flrs, thermal vinyl wins.
(28070386) \$139,900



Novi 248-851-1900
POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD, WONDERFUL AMENITIES! Neighborhood elementary school, parks, playgrounds, convenience! Updates include window treatments, paint, dbl. oven, landscaping, furnace, dishwasher, more!
(27204861) \$239,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Just Move Right In! Great open floor plan, with large living rm, master suite & Florida rm. Features many updates and modern touches. You must see this home to believe it.
(28062508) \$129,900



White Lake Twp 248-348-6430
Spacious 3 BR Condo. LR w/fp, bright open kitchen w/ ample space to add bar stool, bsmt w/daylight windows, soon to be freshly painted.
(27141312) \$189,900



Canton 248-851-1900
MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! BEAUTIFUL CONDO No detail was missed! Large 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Updated kit, all appliances stay. Remodeled baths. Partially fin. basement. Newer windows. Freshly painted. Close to everything.
(28069409) \$89,000



Hartland 248-684-1065
Immaculate home on acre lot w/ lake priv on Dunham Lk. GR w/ brk FP; oak kit w/ all appl; Fin. LL W/O w/ wet bar. Huge deck w/ benches/stairs to LL.
(28055641) \$219,900



Livonia 248-437-3800
WOW! MOVE IN CONDITION! Brick ranch with so many updates it feels brand new!!! Full basement, A MUST SEE. 3 bedrooms.
(28044805) \$105,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Serene setting with view of pond & nature prsrv. Cherry flrs & cabinets. GR w/gas FP & priv FR deck. Lg Indry & office/storage. Master w/ deep tub & sep. shower. Deck off master. Security alarm.
(27213604) \$215,000



Walled Lake 248-348-6430
Perfect Starter Home. Charming 3 BR ranch on large lot. Updates include: kitchen, bath, and roof. 2 car garage, Walled Lake Schools. Home Warranty!
(28057162) \$114,900



Whitmore Lake 248-437-3800
Split Level on quiet wooded lot! Home backs to nature preserve and has tons to offer. Updated kitchen cabinets & counters, all new appls, hardwood floors, both bathrooms, roof and more.
(28064104) \$246,900



Commerce 248-684-1065
Gorgeous home w/ 3 car gar. Home off 2 sty foyer. 2 sty GR. Huge kit w/ granite, SS appls, skylites. 1st flr laun & mstr ste w/ jacuzzi & dbl sinks. 1 acre.
(28055300) \$369,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Charming country cottage w/ fieldstone FP, wooded lot w/ large deck. Lake priv. Large eat-in kitchen. Updated full bath. Living rm w/ wood floors.
(28052023) \$135,000



Milford 248-684-1065
Impressive Custom-Blt 4 Bd/3.3 Bath Home on 3+ Acres w/ 3 Car Garage Plus Additional 4-6 Car Garage w/Water & Elec. 2-way staircase; 1st Flr Master Ste. Fin LL.
(28011519) \$499,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Nice Updated Ranch with lake & mooring privileges on Walled Lake. Spacious lot, partially finished walkout basement, some newer updates, sidewalks & Walled Lake Schools.
(28060023) \$159,900



Warren 248-348-6430
New Construction 3 Bed, 2 1/2 Bath 1,300 sq ft featuring: cathedral ceilings, maple cabntr, drywalled 2.5 attached garage. Ceramic in foyer, KIT & all 3 BAs, 6 panel doors throughout & a master suite.
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Question: I just bought a new PC and need an office suite (for word processing, spreadsheets, etc.). Is Microsoft Office 2007 my only option?

Answer: Absolutely not. If you own an older version of Office, it should work just fine on any new PC — even one running Windows Vista. Just make sure to download all the latest updates from Microsoft so the program is current in terms of security and reliability.

On the other hand, you could always download one of two extremely good alternatives — both of them free. The first is one I've mentioned before: OpenOffice (openoffice.org).

This amazing suite of programs affords virtually all the same tools found in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and even Visio. It's not quite as pretty, but it should get the job done for most users.

The best news, aside from the fact that OpenOffice is available free of charge, is that it offers full file compatibility with its Microsoft Office counterparts. Thus, you can open, say, Word-formatted documents, save spreadsheets in Excel format, and so on.

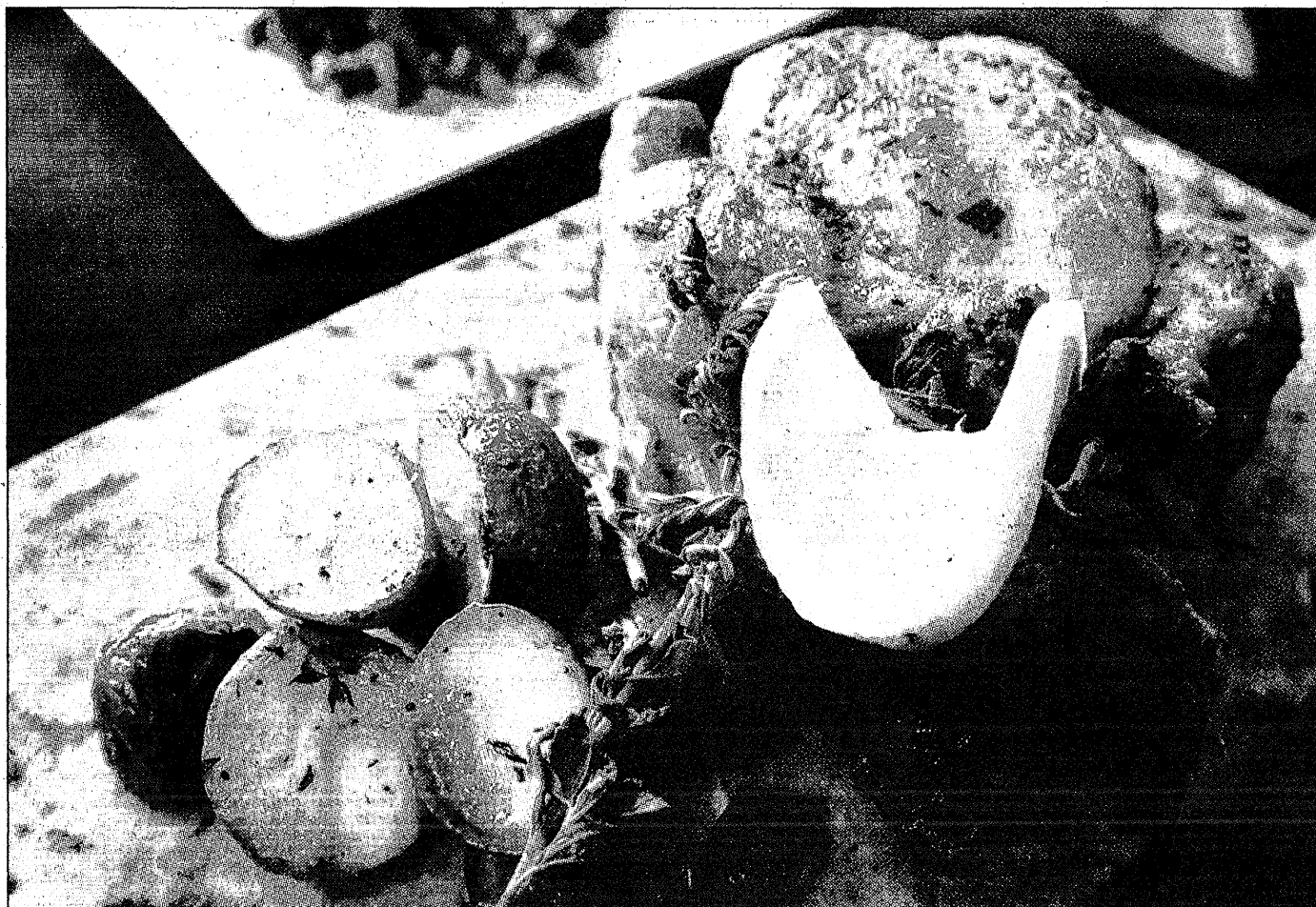
(Actually, OpenOffice doesn't yet support Office 2007 documents—only earlier versions, but the upcoming 3.0 version will.)

Some users find OpenOffice to be overkill. For those folks I'd recommend Lotus Symphony (symphony.lotus.com), which also offers word processing, spreadsheets, and presentations.

Interestingly, Symphony uses the same core software as OpenOffice. But it wraps it in a much prettier, easier-to-use interface. Thus, I'd recommend it for novice users and those who don't need database and drawing tools.

If all you need is a word processor, try AbiWord (abisource.com). It's fast, easy to use, and free.

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Schellig prepared this chicken with a rub of onion powder, garlic powder, paprika and black pepper.

Mother's Day: Set her table with roasted chicken and seasonal dishes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
O & E STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Heppard has always loved food.

She remembers her childhood, growing up in Livonia. Her mother, Cathy Howton, was a stay-at-home mom before she decided to become a nurse. She always had dinner ready at home, Heppard remembers.

"She was a 'meat-and-potatoes' woman," said Heppard, who is a board certified holistic counselor (or health coach) at www.MichiganHealthCoach.com. "She knows the importance of cooking to bring the family together."

Sometimes Cheryl and her mother cooked together. Spaghetti, chicken soup and roasts often filled plates at the Howton home.

Matt Schellig, owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham and a Culinary Institute of America graduate, said he enjoyed his mother's scrambled eggs and cheese, a dish he still enjoys to this day. "My mom (Sue Ann Schellig) cooked a great Swiss steak," said Matt. Schellig, always the chef, wants to cook foods his way, so much so that he tried to add to Mom's stir fry by tossing things from the other side of the kitchen into the stir fry, he said with a sly grin.

Schellig and Heppard con-



Cheryl Heppard, holistic counselor at www.MichiganHealthCoach.com, and Matt Schellig, chef and owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham, remember the culinary influences of their mothers.

duct cooking classes at Aunt Olive's twice a month.

As a teenager Heppard enjoyed fast food, pizza and brownies, "everything you eat in high school," she said. She said she was about 20 pounds overweight back then. In her 20s, she turned to a vegetarian diet, but found she was replacing animal proteins with pastas and sugar. "That didn't work for me," she said. "Instead of chicken, we would have pasta, and you can only eat so many beans and lentils each day."

Today she maintains a plant-based diet, with salads and vegetables along with a protein, including chicken and fish, but she avoids red meat. She tells clients to fill up on salad, then eat vegetables and finally eat the protein last.

Heppard's mother died four years ago, but Heppard continues a tradition of mother-and-daughter meals, with her own 8- and 10-year-olds. "The kids love to peel and chop cucumber," Heppard said. Heppard's grandmother, Evelyn Button, taught Cheryl how to make "awesome" Italian meatballs and eggplant parmesan, Heppard said, and she still lives in Livonia. (Button is an astrologer and once did New Year's predictions for all the zodiac signs in the Observer & Eccentric.)

"A few of (my mother's) recipes I still use, like the chicken soup and spaghetti," Heppard said. "I work toward more of a marinara sauce, and serve the meatballs on the side. And I make it with a lot more onions."

What works for a Mother's Day or late spring meal?

Roasted chicken is great for a meal and leftovers. "You can cook one day, then stretch it into two or three meals," Heppard said.

"Chicken is an easy dish and everyone likes it," Schellig said. "It's good roasted and it's the best way to do it. It's a simple roast with an herb rub. You truss it and roast it." The chicken is neatly and tightly trussed.

"We called this recipe 'propositional chicken,'" Heppard said.

Schellig cooks half a chicken per person.

Add that to an asparagus mushroom salad with light sherry vinaigrette, and you're pulling in some local flavors,

Please see **MOM, D2**

Bobby Flay visits Monday

Bobby Flay, the host of numerous cooking shows on the Food Network, including *Iron Chef America* and *Throwdown*, will autograph his new book, *Bobby Flay's Grill It!* at 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, at Borders, 34300 Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.

Flay's latest cookbook is organized by ingredients with chapters covering juicy beef steaks and succulent shrimp as well as less traditional grill fare such as asparagus, fruit, lamb, scallops, potatoes, and squash.

Flay teaches how to cook while also offering an arsenal of ideas for transforming favorite ingredients into something inventive and satisfying, such as Grilled Chicken Thighs with Green Olives and Sherry Vinegar-Orange Sauce or Beer-Marinated Skirt Steak with Pickled Red Onions and Grilled Tortillas.

Flay is also the food correspondent for *The Early Show* on CBS.



Bobby Flay

He has authored eight cookbooks and he owns several restaurants. Call (248) 203-0005 for information.

Compete for Mark of Distinction grants

Last month, Napa Valley's Markham Vineyards upped its participation in a long history of community involvement. The winery's call for applicants

for the Mark of Distinction can involve you. Here's how.

The Mark of Distinction program is designed to empower individuals to make positive, tangible change across America. The nationwide initiative will award \$25,000 grants to individuals to help complete community projects.

Markham Vineyards is searching for local leaders who are dedicated to improving their neighborhoods, cities or town. Passionate, inspiring candidates with a project that could make a lasting change in their community can enter at www.MarkhamMarkofDistinction.com.

In July, 10 finalists and their dream projects will be selected and posted on the Web site. The public will then vote to determine two winners, who will be awarded \$25,000 each to make a lasting local change - a Mark of Distinction - in their communities.

Do consider entering the grant competition and bring

Please see **WINE, D2**

WINE PICKS

In addition to the 2004 Markham Merlot cited in the column, we recommend the following as taste treats:

- 2006 Redwood Creek \$8
- 2006 Red Rock Reserve \$12 - superb value
- 2005 Kendall-Jackson \$19
- 2005 Donati Family Vineyard Claret (43% merlot) \$22
- 2005 Ghost Pines \$23
- 2005 Milbrandt Vineyards Legacy \$25
- 2005 Sbragia Home Ranch Dry Creek \$25 - full throttle with lots of barrel spice notes
- 2005 Kendall-Jackson Grand Reserve \$26
- 2004 Matanzas Creek \$29

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

WINE

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the Mark of Distinction to metro Detroit!

MARKHAM AT 30

It has been said that 30 is the new 20. So, when we learned that Markham Vineyards was celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, we asked "has it been that long?" It has, and if you've not tried a Markham wine lately, you've not experienced the era of winemaker Kimberlee Nicholls at the helm since 2001.

In its early years, Markham's focus was cabernet sauvignon but the introduction of its first merlot with the 1980 vintage was the start of the image as a merlot winery. "I'm really proud of the success we've had with merlot," Nicholls said.

"It's our flagship wine and I want it to be feminine and fleshy," Nicholls says masculine cabernet sauvignon is fine with her but she wants consumers to be able to tell the difference between the two varietals.

Like its entire wine portfolio, Markham makes high quality Napa Valley wines at

very fair prices.

This is so refreshing in an era when it seems that any wine bearing the Napa Valley designation has skyrocketed in price. We recommend the following as best buys from Markham: 2006 Sauvignon Blanc \$15, 2004 Merlot \$23 and 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon \$29.

Buy a bottle (or all three) and while sipping, develop your community project ideas in no more than 300 words. Then, log on to the Web site above and submit it.

You could win this competition!

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

MOM

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Heppard said. It's better to buy produce from a local farmer.

"You can go to a farmer's market and it's better because it was picked a day before, rather than being shipped in from another place."

"What a great way to say 'I love you' to your mom, by cooking her a healthy meal," said Heppard. "It's important to cook at home. With restaurants, you don't always know if the chicken has no antibiotics or is hormone free. You don't know how much salt or sugar is used. It's important to take control of your and your family's health."

For more information, visit www.MichiganHealthCoach.com or www.auntolives.com.

MOTHER'S DAY MEAL

CHICKEN

Before baking the chicken, brine it overnight in a mixture of 1 cup of salt, 1 cup agave nectar (available at Aunt Olive's and specialty markets) and one gallon water. (See note.)

The following day, rinse the chicken, then rub with a mixture of 1 tablespoon each of onion and garlic powder, paprika and black pepper. If desired, add a pinch of cayenne pepper.

Truss the chicken by tying its legs with butcher's twine or use skewers to hold the legs in.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 1/2 hours, figuring approximately 15 minutes for each pound. If desired, sear the chicken near the end of the cooking by increasing the oven temperature to 450-500 degrees. Watch closely so the chicken does not overcook.

(Note: If agave nectar isn't available, use 1 cup of sugar.)

MOREL AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

- 1 pound morel mushrooms
- 1 pound asparagus
- 1 small diced red onion
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup sherry vinaigrette (see note)

Toss the morel mushrooms and asparagus with a little bit of olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast in the oven at 350 degrees until fully cooked. (The asparagus will have a bright green color and the mushrooms will have lost a significant amount of moisture. Taste a mushroom to see if it is done the way you like them.) Quarter or half the mushrooms and cut the asparagus into 1-inch long pieces. Toss all the ingredients together and serve. This salad also could be

served with a grilled piece of salmon, chicken or beef. Makes one quart of salad.

Note: For the sherry vinaigrette, combine 1/2 cup of sherry vinegar, 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil, 1 cup vegetable oil, 1 bunch thyme, and salt and pepper to taste, then whisk. Taste to adjust seasonings to your personal preference. Makes 3 cups.

CREME BRULE

- 2 quarts cream
- 3 cups sugar
- 1 vanilla bean
- 30 egg yolks
- 1 cup milk

Combine cream, sugar and vanilla bean in a stainless steel pot and bring to a boil. Whisk the egg yolks and milk together. Temper the cream into the egg mixture. Strain and place in the ramikens. Bake at 350 degrees (on low fan) for 25 minutes or until done.

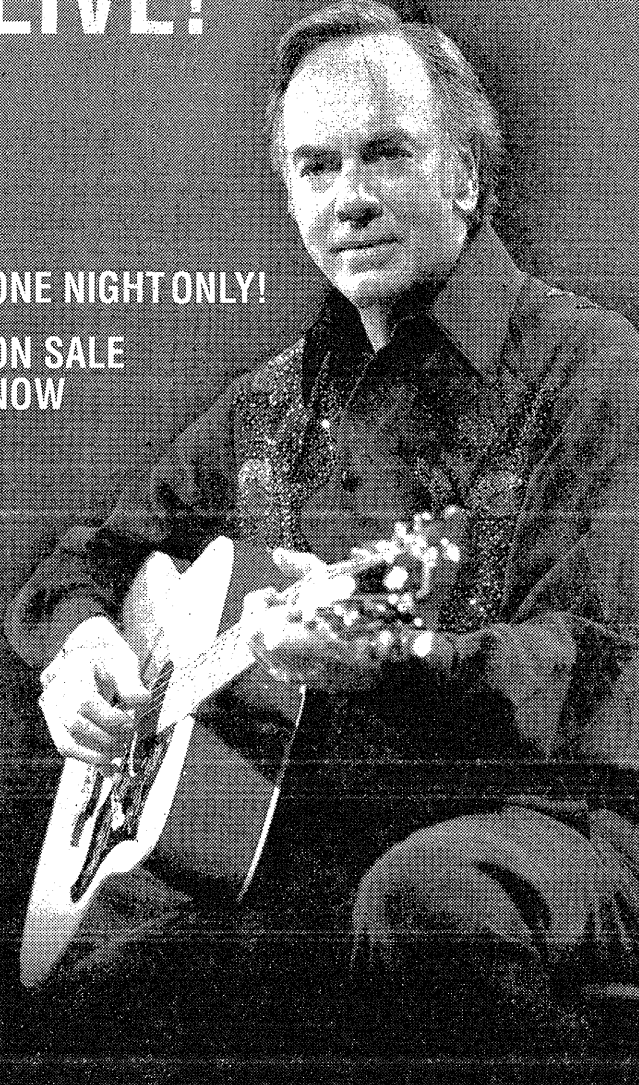
DARK CHOCOLATE FONDUE (SIN)

1 pound dark chocolate
3 cups rice or almond milk
Assorted cut and washed fruit
Cut the chocolate into little pieces and place into a double boiler. Bring the milk up to a simmer, then add to the chocolate. Cut and wash fruit, then pat with a dry cloth. (It's best if you let the washed fruit sit on a towel to dry.) Dip fruit into chocolate.

(Note: To make the chocolate sin in the photo, prepare recipe to the point of cutting the fruit and instead, pour chocolate into molds and let harden.)

Recipes courtesy of Matthew Schellig, owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham.

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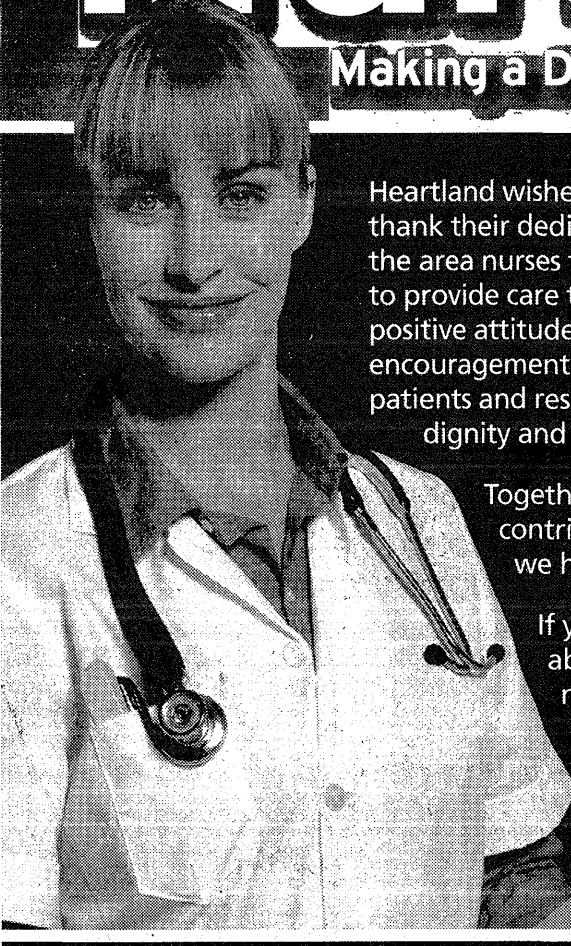
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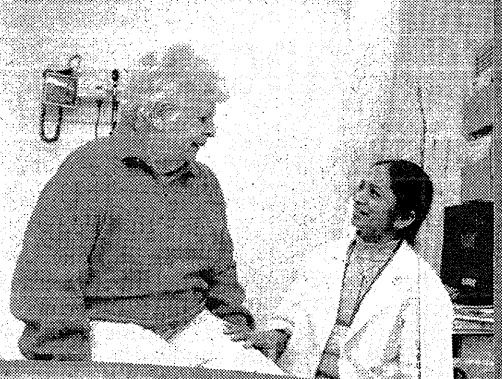
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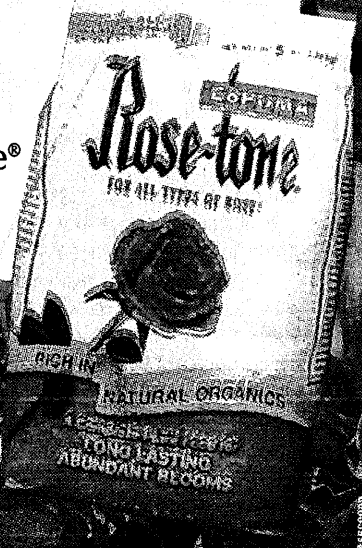


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MAY

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. For information about donating, working, or shopping, call the church at (248) 644-2040, visit <http://fpcbirmingham.org/RummageSale>, or send e-mail to fpc_rummage.sale@gmail.com.

Father Kern award dinner
In honor of the Rev. Clement Kern Thursday, May 8 (6 p.m. reception and silent auction, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. award ceremony). Tickets \$100. For information and reservations, call (248) 666-1194.

Holy Ghost Outpouring
7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 8-9 (no charge). Prayer Breakfast 9:30 a.m. May 10, at Marriott Southfield, 27033 Northwestern (\$30 with Prophetess Dianne Palmer). Call (313) 438-1177 or www.newwineglory.org.

Evening of evangelization
The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Evangelization continues its evening series with Rev. Alex Kratz of the diocese's Mobile Evangelization Team 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All interested Catholics welcome. Kratz expands his teachings from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' booklet, *Go and Make Disciples*. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Bethany Suburban West
Cinco de Mayo/Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday May 9, at the St. Linus Annex across from the doors of the Church. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 996-8644. Cost will be either a snack, dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet) or \$5 and we will supply the paper products and the coffee.

Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 17, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call (734) 513-9479. Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

Single mom's luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile. The lunch is free of charge, but reservations required. Call (734) 427-8743 to leave your name. Free children's activities and baby-sitting will be provided along with a special music presentation, a small gift, and a short message of encouragement for single moms.

Choir concert
Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir perform 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. No admission. A freewill offering will be received. The concert is open to the public. For details, call (313) 532-8655.

Prayer vigil
In connection with World Day of Prayer and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church opens its doors to the public 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 15, for a Prayer Vigil at the church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Visit www.christsavior.org for more information.

Seekers of spiritual intelligence
Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

Spring rummage sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 16, and 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, USA, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-8844.

Flute concert
3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, A Flutist's Travelogue with Holly Clemons, assisted by Darlene Kuperus, keyboards. Program includes works by Bach, Mozart, Telemann, C. McMichael and PDQ Bach, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Freewill donation benefits the 2008 Holy Trinity Workcamp trip.

Living rosary
7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. All area Catholics invited to participate in the ceremony held by candlelight. The ceremony, which commemorates May as the month of Our Lady, follows the parish's monthly day of Eucharistic Adoration in which the church is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200.

Polish festival
5-11:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, 1-11 p.m. Saturday, May 24, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, May 25 (Polka Mass at noon), food, music, games, rides, Vegas Tent, at St. Stanislaus Koska, 266 Antoine, Wyandotte. Call (734) 285-9509. Memorial service to honor veterans 4 p.m. Sunday.

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilye. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCCF.org.

Concert
Featuring Marie Bellet 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$5, refreshments provided. Call (734) 425-5950. Bellet is a wife and mother of 9, who has written and recorded 4 albums of song celebrat-

ing marriage and the family.
Vacation Bible School
Registration began April 7 for Vacation Bible School to run July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

UPCOMING

Patriotic pops concert
7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Handbells, Ensembles and Children's Choir present American favorites and a salute to U.S. Armed Forces. Child care provided through age 4. No admission charge. For details, call (248) 374-7400.

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An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbccglobal.net.

Sunday services
Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information; visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Tai chi and strength classes
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes.

The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Church offerings
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

Church services
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350-W. Six Mile, Redford.

Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.
Thrift store
Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Tai Chi class
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance.

Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Living Water series
Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

Couple prayer series
St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

ENDOW
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

ENDOW
Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's *Mulieris Dignitatem* - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's *Letter to Women*), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbccglobal.net.

Day of service
Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

New schedule
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

Worship
Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at

Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service (with Sunday School) will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

Worship service
10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

F.I.R.E. ministries
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

New worship schedule
Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Sunday worship
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

Pancake breakfasts
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Men's breakfast
Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

MOPS meetings
The Hosanna-Labor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

Bible studies
Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

MOPS groups
Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For information, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club
Calling all youth grades four-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Wednesday, Sept. 26. For information or registration, visit www.funorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

HeartCry
The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The group is using the book, *The Hope of a Homecoming*, by O'Rourke and Sauer (\$12). For information or to register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Women of the word
Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the

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BETTYE J. SUSAMI
Age 88 May 3, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Dear mother of Nancy (Roger) Boettcher, Jack (Mary Lou) Susami. Dearest grandmother of Cathy Welch, Carla (Donny) Luberto, Mari Susami-Downing (Ryan), and Molly Susami; and great grandmother of Jordan, Matthew, and Kendall Luberto. Loving sister of Carl Nelson. Funeral services were held at St. John Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford. The family appreciates memorial contributions to the church. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery. Please share a memory with the family at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



FRANK (Hank) MURLTAND III
Of Farmington Hills, Age 52 passed away of cancer on May 4th, 2008 at home with his family at his side. Hank was born in Cincinnati, Ohio but lived most of his life in Farmington & Farmington Hills. He was a graduate of Farmington High School (1973) and of Michigan Tech University (1980) from which he earned a mechanical engineering degree. Hank was vice president of Turbine Tool & Gage and of TFG Gage Components of Livonia and was actively involved in the operation of both companies. All those who knew Hank were aware of his passion for hunting and fishing. He was always anxious to share his experiences with both old and young alike. Numerous youngsters benefited from his knowledge of the outdoors. Hank excelled in many individual sports such as water skiing, snow skiing and swimming. He was very good on a trampoline and was an avid scuba diver. His love for the water and boating was evident in time spent on Torch Lake and on his boat, "Goosebumps" on the Great Lakes. Hank became involved with the Farmington Glen Aquatic Club as a youngster when he was his father's right hand man and remained a dedicated member all his life. He served several times as president but was better known for his devotion to preserving and upgrading the club. Hank is survived by his wife, JoAnn, sons Michael and Frank (Cam) daughter Ellee, mother Audrey, all of Farmington Hills, father-in-law Alben Gross, mother-in-law Gertrude Gross, both of Elk Rapids, Michigan, sister Terri (Doug Foster), brother Greg (LeeAnn), nephews, Court, Austin and Andrew, sister-in-law Nancy Allard (Jon), nephews Andrew and Joseph, sister-in-law Lisa Woodley (David) and nephew Logan and niece Natalie and sister-in-law Mary Gross. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank C. Murtland, Jr. An open house will be held at Farmington Glen Aquatic Club, 33500 Freedom Road, Farmington, 48335 on Saturday, May 10th from 2 to 6 P.M. An "Honorary Celebration of Hank" will begin at 4 P.M. The family has requested that donations be made to the following: Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute c/o Development Office, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201 or University of Michigan, Department of Radiation Oncology, 3621 S. State Street, Suite 700, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or Whitetails Unlimited, P.O. Box 720, 2100 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

VERONICA BOHEIM
Age 73, Farmington, MI, passed May 5, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

Bible study

Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Come once or more often. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

Fellowship Dinners

6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro. \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313)534-7730.

Thrift Shop

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

Registration

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early

Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Morning prayers

7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

All are welcome to join in.

There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call

(734) 425-6360.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. A Christian women's group.

Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church,

16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

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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

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Make Mother's Day special with perfect gift

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
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There's no need to search high and low for the perfect Mother's Day gift when jewelry is enough to charm any mom.

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"Somebody can give a really nice gift and not spend a whole lot of money," shop owner Mike Mazzoni said.

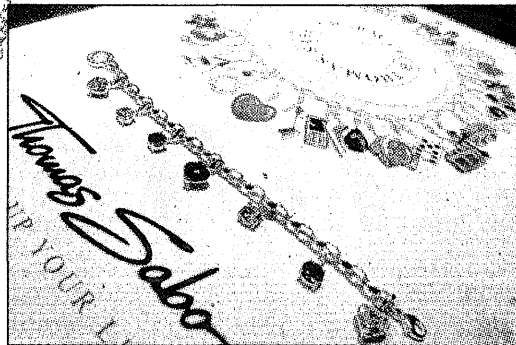
Visit www.mmazzonijewelers.com.

TROLLBEADS TASTE

In a new twist on tradition, Trollbeads are charms and beads rolled into one. A wide selection of Trollbeads fill display cases at Mazzoni Jewelers, and fly off shelves at Alexander J. Bongiorno Creative Jewelry in Troy. Mix and match circular silver and gold beads featuring animals, textures, flowers and unusual fairy tale creatures like mermaids and lucky dragons. For Mother's Day, cherubs holding numbers that represent the ages or birthdates of children (\$34) are especially appropriate. Intersperse colorful Trollbeads made of colored glass and you've got a gift tailored just for her.

TIFFANY LOCKETS

If it's a Mother's Day to truly celebrate, spoil her by splurging on a luxurious locket from Tiffany & Co. at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Lockets are available in various shapes and sizes, and can be personalized both inside



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A Thomas Sabo charm bracelet with birth stone charms at Mazzoni Jewelers in Farmington.

and out. Have the smooth polished surface engraved with initials, names and dates then hide a special photo or message inside for an invaluable keepsake she will surely treasure. Delivered in the famous robin's egg blue Tiffany box, this gift will have her at 'hello.' Visit www.tiffany.com.

HAIG'S HANDPRINTS

A child's handprint preserved in clay or paint is a traditional Mother's Day offering. Now, Haig's of Rochester Fine Jewelry is offering a new spin on this classic gift, with children's handprint charms. The sterling silver or gold charms start at \$65, and can be personalized with engravings. Best of all, this unique gift will give twice, as Haig's has pledged 10 percent of the sales to Crittenton Hospital Medical Foundation, Women and Children Services. Visit www.haigsofrochester.com.

CONTAGIOUS CHARM

Dog tags take on girly glamour in stamped charm necklaces from Catching Fireflies stores in Berkley and Rochester. Circular sterling discs, made by Chicago artist Michelle Rubin, celebrate births or memorialize children and grandchildren with names, dates and special messages.

Combine large and small discs (starting at \$13.50) emblazoned with words of your choice, and add birthstone accents to create a completely custom necklace. Visit www.catching-fireflies.com.

TAPPER'S DAY BY DAY

If your mom needs special support this Mother's Day, Tappers Diamonds and Fine Jewelry has a charm that will help her cope and show you love her at the same time. In honor of local resident Nancy Rosenthal, who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, Tapper's has created a sterling silver and diamond charm inscribed with the words "Day By Day." Available in limited supply as part of a Mother's Day promotion, \$49 from the sale of each necklace (\$149) will be donated to the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter. Visit www.tappers.com.

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BY CHERYL HALL LINDSAY

Cheryl Hall Lindsay is director of fashion, public relations and special events for Saks Fifth Avenue at the Somerset Collection. She's also a wonderful wife and mom. Hubby David, and sons, Alex, 15, and Clark, 12, are Cheryl's top priorities.

Yet she manages to stay fabulous, acting as a role model to other working moms throughout metro Detroit and beyond. How does she do it?

Two rules: Don't sweat the small stuff and take time every day for you.

"You'll feel better, look better, and be ready to do what Moms do best — take care of everyone else!" she said.

In honor of Mother's Day, here are some more of Cheryl's style secrets:

Wear It!

BCBG tunic tops — there's a style to flatter every age & shape

DON'T Wear It!

Open-toe sandals without a pedicure — splurge (husbands, get the hint!) or polish your own toes and go!

Tote It!

A Chanel handbag of any kind — you'll always be in style

Kick It!

Christian Louboutin pumps — you absolutely cannot go wrong

Face It!

La Prairie Anti-Aging Stress Cream — a Mom Must-Have

See It!

"Willy Wonka Junior" at Berkshire Middle School, May 8-11

Shop It!

That's easy — Saks Fifth Avenue, of course!

Drink It!

Champagne — celebrate every day

Eat It!

Signature Grille's beef tenderloin, served with a Riverfront Towers view

Use It!

The DIA, MOCAD, Cranbrook, Belle Isle, Meadow Brook Hall — we are surrounded by cultural jewels

Experience It!

The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn for an in-town getaway

Accessorize It!

David Yurman bangles — the more, the merrier

Dream It!

You CAN have it all — but you'll have to work for it!



Cheryl Hall Lindsay with sons Alex and Clark.

Jewel It!

Judith Ripka cocktail rings — pretty colors and so much fun

Smell It!

Chloe Eau de Parfum — heavenly!

Work It!

Your body — walk, jog, swim — just get out and move!

Understand It!

Groves Water Polo — or whatever sport your kids play for an in-town getaway

Do It!

Support "charity:water" — \$5 helps provide life's most basic necessity

Remember It!

To say "I Love You" to those you do

Macomb's Partridge Creek proves shop-a-holics will travel

All it took was the first sunny day to break 60 degrees and I was ready to motor out to Macomb County to The Mall at Partridge Creek. I headed up Mound Road to pick up the best shopping partner ever, my mom and fellow Rochester Hills native Susan Casola. Together we embarked on the area's newest outdoor shopping mecca armed with credit cards.

With ample parking and stores yet to open in the sprawling landscape that's curiously close to longtime shopping behemoth Lakeside Mall, it was easy to find a space and walk right in. Partridge Creek is anchored by Saks-owned department store Parisian and new addition Nordstrom, which opened to much fanfare April 18. Outside, a brick path winds

its way through bustling shops, children's play areas, bocce ball courts, a 30-foot fireplace, a television court, and eateries for famished shoppers. We opted for Bar Louie with its high-backed booths and Tex-mex inspired menu. But Max & Erma's, Brio, California Pizza Kitchen and P.F. Chang's looked equally crowded.

After lunch, we sauntered our way into some tried-and-true favorites - H&M for wardrobe staples, SHI by Journeys for a flirty pair of pink and brown canvas flats, Sephora to grab a new concealer, Benefit's Erase Paste, and The Gap for a cheery yellow summer trench. Along the way it's hard to miss the hoards of dog-owners who proudly take advantage of four dog comfort stations and pet-friendly environs. We fussed over Fido and took a break for - what else - coffee and chocolate. My mom snagged some plush seats at Moonstruck Chocolate Cafe while I ordered up our cappuccinos and one truffle each. Chocolate is hard to pass up at Partridge Creek, since it's prominently

placed on every corner. There's a Nestle Toll House Cafe, a Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and a Godiva too.

Fully recharged, we perused the country's first freestanding Calvin Klein store, and sniffed heavenly-scented potions at Bath & Body Works. We rotated in and out of dressing rooms at my mom's favorite - Ann Taylor and mine, Banana Republic. And soon enough we were loaded with packages and shipped-out.

But we'll be back. And next time we're planning on manicures and a movie. The Mall at Partridge Creek is located at 17460 Hall Road, on the south side of M-59 between Garfield and Romeo Plank roads. For more, visit www.shoppartridgecreek.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a self-confessed shop-a-holic. She inherited that trait from her mother and now channels it into writing about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Have an idea suitable for Shop Around the Corner? Contact her at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.



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Stephanie Angelyn Casola

Malls & Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk at wvonb@hometownlife.com.

Mother's Day Teas

■ The Costick Center in Farmington Hills will host a fashion show tea 2-4 p.m. Friday, May 9, with sweets, cosmetic tips, prizes and gifts. One winner will receive a custom makeover. 28600 11 Mile Road, (248) 473-1830.
■ The Community House in Birmingham will present a mother/daughter tea 11:30 a.m. Saturday May 10. The dress-up event includes tea sandwiches, sweets, punch, piano music, dance performance, storytelling and more. Daughters eight and under may bring their favorite doll to compete for best look-alike/dressed-

alike daughter and doll. Best look-alike mother and daughter, oldest and the youngest grandmothers, and most members of the same family also will be recognized. \$14/children, \$19/adults. 380 S. Bates, (248) 644-5832.

■ The Dearborn Inn will host its 8th Victorian Tea to benefit autoimmune research 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 10 with lunch, dessert, music, silent auction, and fashion show of garments from 1860-1940's. Dress in tea attire from your favorite fashion period, and vie for prizes for best ensembles and hats. 20301 Oakwood Blvd., (586) 776-3900.

■ The Detroit Historical Society Guild will host an etiquette tea party at the Detroit Historical Museum noon-3 p.m. Sunday, May 18 for boys and girls 7-14 and adults. Enjoy desserts, lemonade,

and an etiquette lesson in the new Cadillac Café. \$12 includes etiquette book, (586) 777-5898.

Promenade of Hope
HAVEN's 2008 Promenade of Hope event will echo a plea to end domestic violence and sexual assault at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8. The evening includes cocktails, strolling dinner, fashions by WSU design students, and auctions at the Detroit Newspapers Print Facility, 6200 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Tickets, \$200, call (248) 322-3703.

Hudson's Print Auction
About 60 ads from Hudson's will be included in Swann Galleries' annual spring auction of Modernist Posters beginning at 1:30 p.m. May 12 in New York. The collection of Hudson's posters, circa 1940's, used to promote seasonal specials and sale-items at the



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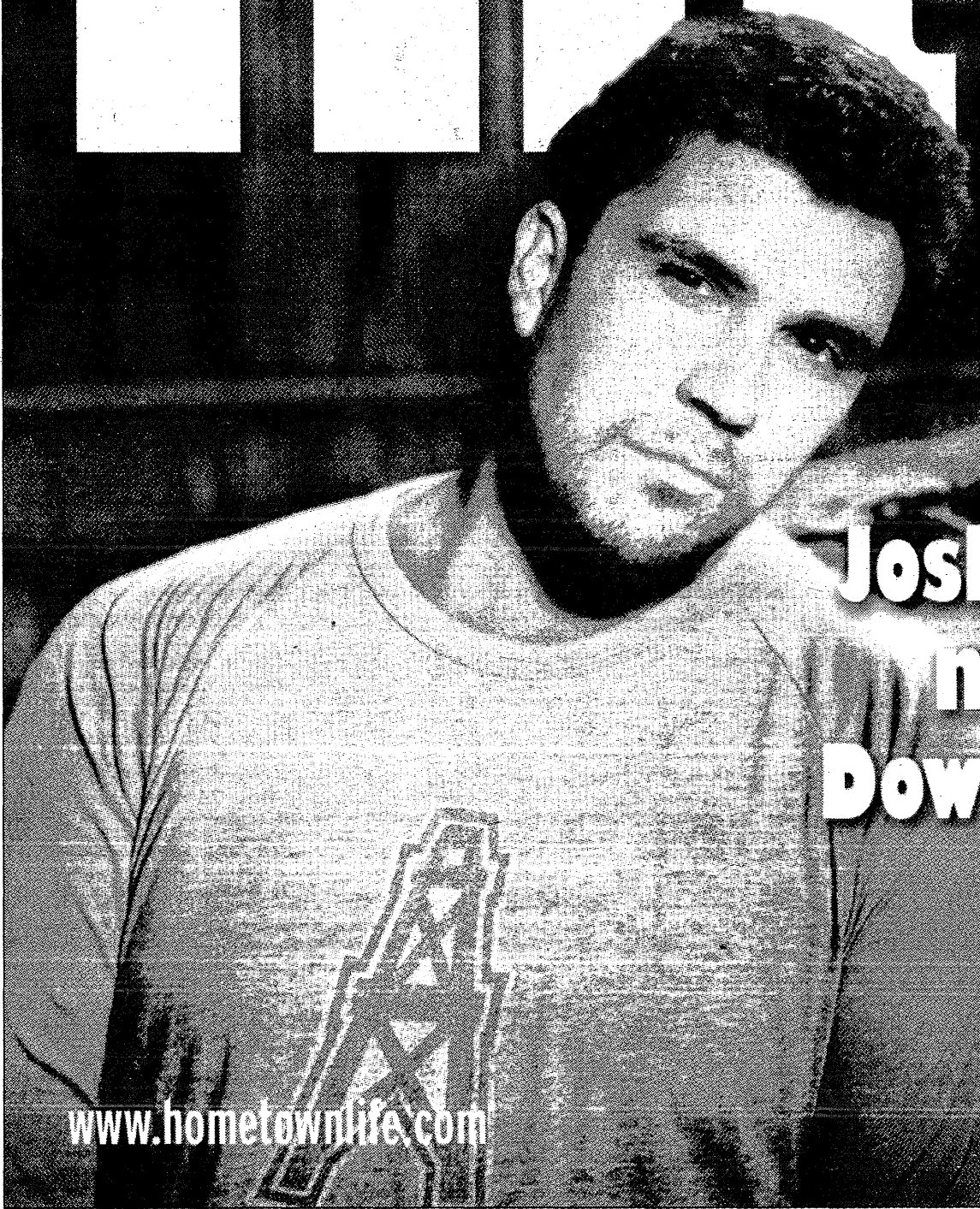
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Art Detroit Now spotlights local talent

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

For one weekend nearly 100 metro Detroit arts organizations and venues will come together to call attention to home-grown creative talent. Dubbed Art Detroit Now and running from May 8-10, the weekend is meant to "increase awareness of art in Detroit," according to Marc Schwartz, a Birmingham resident and event chairperson.

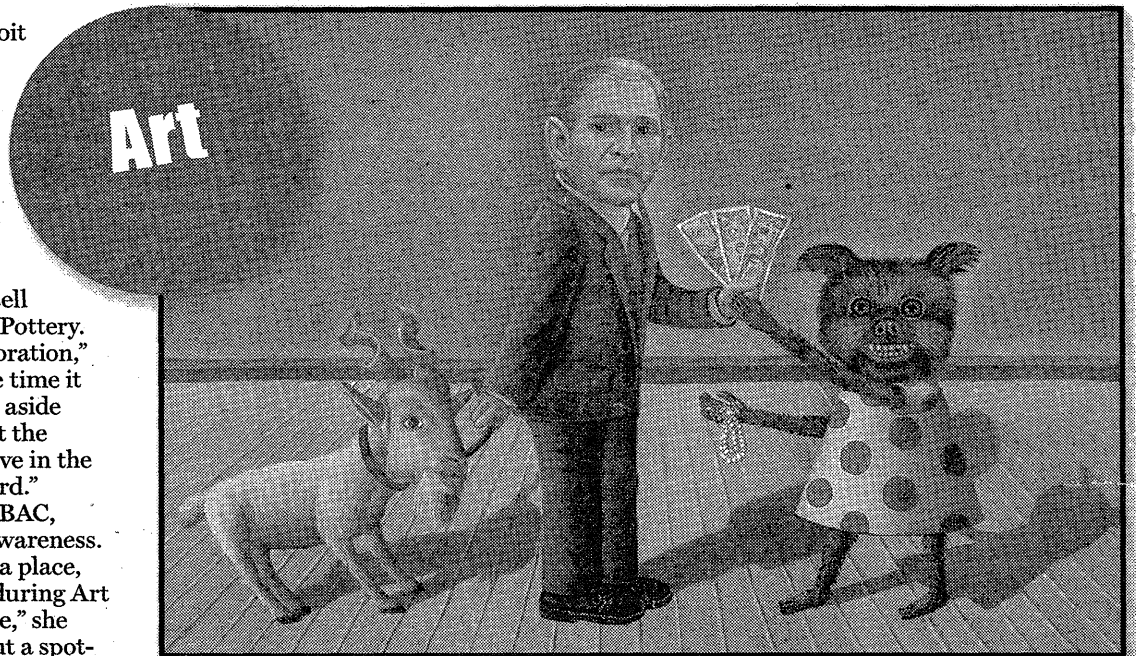
"The bottom line is we have great art and I think to a large extent the greater community isn't aware of it," he said. A majority of the area's cultural institutions exist within the city limits and north along the Woodward corridor, Schwartz noted. By having those organizations host a wide-range of events on the same weekend, Art Detroit Now sends out a clear call for discovery. Organizers hope to draw 100,000 people to a variety of events, art demonstrations and exhibition openings over the three-day event.

Consider Art Detroit Now the metro area's largest gallery crawl. The event, which spans 16 cities, developed out of an informal partnership of gallery owners, art enthusiasts and other creative professionals who, over the past two years, have been seeking a way to increase awareness

of the art community. Art Detroit Now represents a collaborative effort spanning metro area museums, independent galleries and local non-profits. Participants range from the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook Art Museum to the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center (BBAC), Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Russell Industrial Center and Pewabic Pottery. "Everyone talks about collaboration," said Schwartz. "But at the same time it seems so hard for people to put aside their special interests to benefit the whole. This really is collaborative in the purest and best sense of the word."

Jane Linn, president of the BBAC, said it boils down to building awareness. "If you're interested or you like a place, even if you don't get to a place during Art Detroit Now, you know it's there," she said. "It's a wonderful way to put a spotlight on what we've been doing."

During the weekend the BBAC will host its 27th Birmingham Fine Art Festival May 10-11, in Shain Park, offering more than 200 artists and expanded hands-on art activities on the grounds of the Birmingham Community Center. Meanwhile, beginning May 9, the art



The Detroit Artists Market celebrates the release of Painter Renata Palubinskas' new illustrated book, 'Schnooks War On Terrorism,' 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 9, at 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The artist will be on hand to sign copies. It's all part of a full weekend of art activities dubbed Art Detroit Now.

center itself will celebrate the future of Detroit area art through its 2008 Art Awards regional high school competition and the *Inside the BBAC Too from Youth Studios* exhibit. "It's a very arty weekend at the BBAC," said Linn.

Downtown at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the weekend-long event will showcase artists who work at the museum, and highlight works in the DIA collection that have a Detroit connection.

The museum's Friday Night Live events were a natural fit for Art Detroit Now. From 6-9 p.m. on May 9, DIA artists LaVern Homan, Vito Valdez and Joye Opoku Ofei will offer live demonstrations. Detroit-based electro-duo Adult, will perform at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the lecture hall. And, the band will debut its own short horror film *Encampment* at the same time.

"Art Detroit Now is a terrific way to promote and support the artists whose creativity, it is increasingly being recognized, are crucial to a vital community," said Graham J. Beal, museum director.

Art Detroit Now also highlights the May 10 opening of the Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit's newest exhibition *Considering Detroit*.


It represents the first in a series of exhibitions that explores local contemporary art.

Meanwhile, Cranbrook Art Museum will offer a final chance for the public to see *Here and Now: The 2008 Graduate Degree Exhibition*, from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, May 8.

For a complete list of participating venues and events, visit artdetroitnow.com.

Schwartz considers Art Detroit Now as a step in establishing Detroit as an art center. He said he hopes to see it grow into a more regional event. The initiative may spawn more collaborative projects in the future, he said, mentioning a possible First Friday program where all galleries are open and hosting exhibitions. "I think we're off to a strong start," said Schwartz.

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Inspirational country favorites Lonestar, fronted by new lead singer Cody Collins, will perform at the Hoedown 5:35 p.m. Sunday.

This year's Downtown Hoedown expected to be the biggest yet

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
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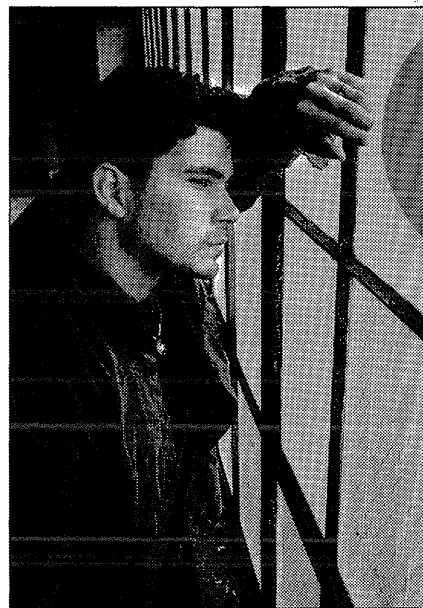
Danielle Car is 'stoked' to be among the star-studded lineup at WCYD's 2008 Downtown Hoedown this weekend.

"I can't believe I just said 'stoked,' but it perfectly describes the feeling," said Car, of Livonia.

The Italian beauty with a talent for singing and playing the fiddle is among up-and-coming local acts who will share billing with big-time country music stars at Hart Plaza May 9-11, during largest free country music festival in the world.

Car formerly fronted the popular local band Derringer, but is now forging a solo career. She'll take the Main Stage at 11:55 a.m. Saturday, between Hazel Park's JoCaine, who has played his brand of Southern rock alongside Kid Rock and Uncle Cracker, and The Orbitsuns, a Detroit-based rockabilly band fronted by Vinnie Dombrowski, formerly of Sponge.

As performers like Plymouth's Sarah Lenore (now working in Nashville) and Royal Oak's Maggie McCabe bring local flavor to the stage, some of country's hottest national acts will electrify the event with star power.



Westland native Josh Gracin headlines the Downtown Hoedown on opening night, performing on the main stage at 9:35 p.m. Friday.

Lonestar, currently promoting their new single "Let Me Love You," will hit the Hoedown Main Stage at 5:35 p.m. Sunday. It will be the first time Detroiters get to see the band with new frontman Cody Collins.

Lead guitarist Michael Britt said Lonestar is excited to return to the

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Hoedown. "We used to have a blast when we played there before," he said. "And the economy's not doing the best it's ever done, so

it's always nice to give someone something to look forward to that doesn't cost a ton of money."

More than 800,000 fans are expected to come to Hart Plaza to see favorites like Josh Gracin, Little Big Town, Trisha Yearwood, Gretchen Wilson and Jewel.

If you're planning to kick up your heels at the Hoedown, use this schedule to plan your weekend of down-home fun:

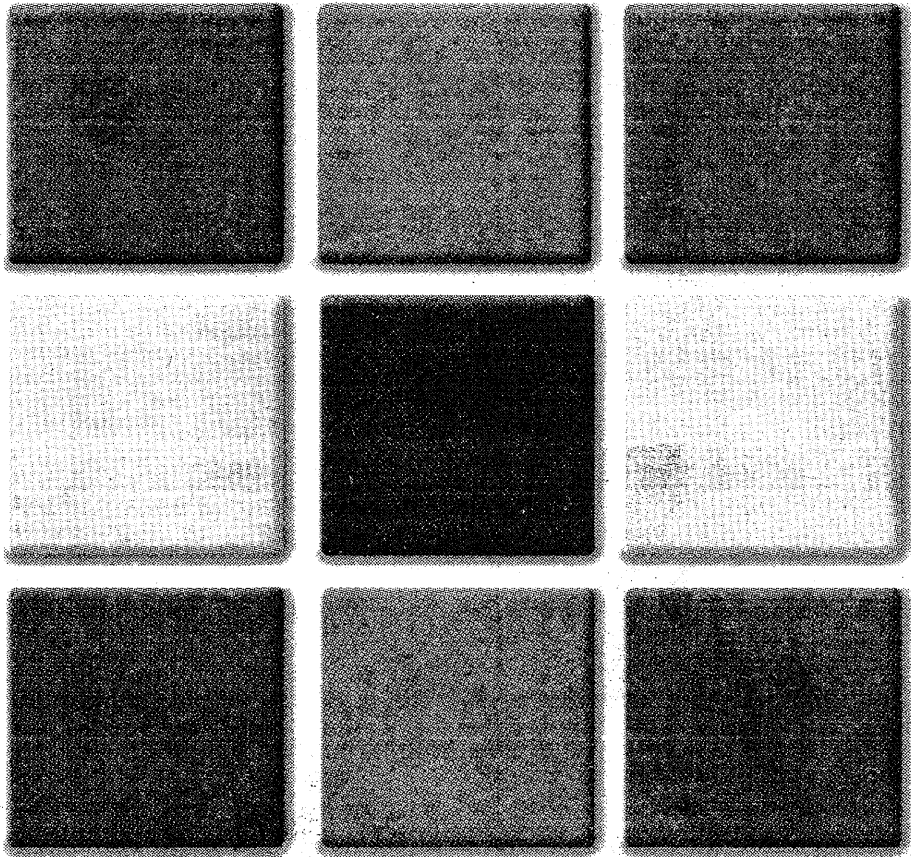
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1:30 p.m. Sarah Lenore
2:10 p.m. Fiddlers Restrung
2:50 p.m. Jason Michael Carroll
3:40 p.m. Carter's Chord
4:30 p.m. Phil Stacey
5:35 p.m. Rissi Palmer
6:45 p.m. Lady Antebellum

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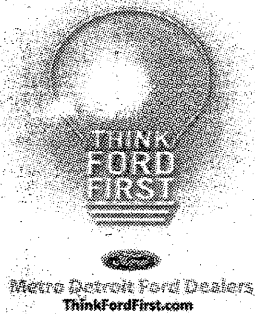
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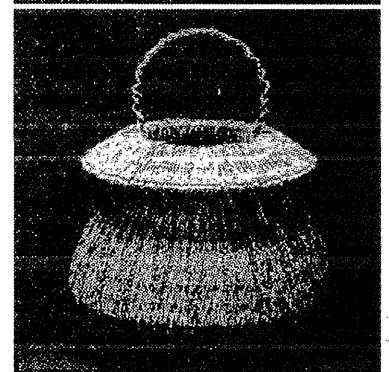
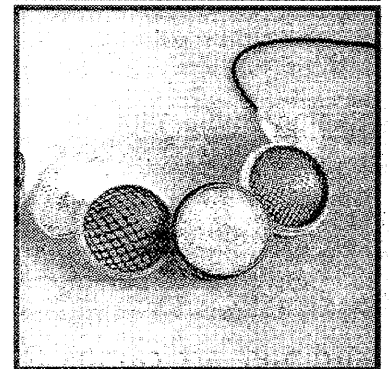
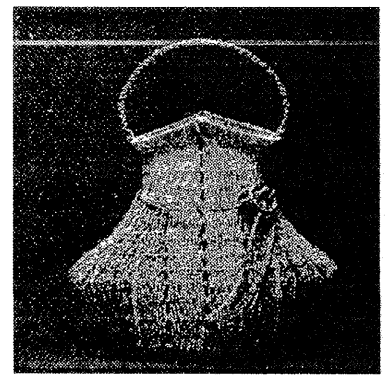


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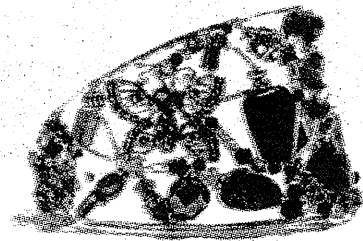
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8 p.m. Jewel
9:35 p.m. Josh Gracin

Acoustic Stage

1:30 p.m. Wolverine Dancers
2:15 p.m. Luke Sayers
3 p.m. Billy Brandt
3:45 p.m. Skin and Bones
4:30 p.m. Jen Cass
5:15 p.m. Company of Strangers
6 p.m. Barn Burners
6:45 p.m. CC-Plus Dancers

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Main Stage

10:30 a.m. The Wrenfields
11:10 a.m. Jocaine
11:55 a.m. Danielle Car
12:40 p.m. Orbitsuns
1:25 p.m. Redhill
2:10 p.m. Forbes Brothers
2:55 p.m. Drew Davis Band
3:50 p.m. Lee Brice
4:40 p.m. The Road Hammers
5:45 p.m. Emily West
6:55 p.m. Chris Cagle
8:15 p.m. Little Big Town
9:50 p.m. Trisha Yearwood

Acoustic Stage

Noon Step In Line Dancers
12:45 p.m. Dave Huff
1:30 p.m. Bronk Brothers
2:15 p.m. Maggie McCabe
3 p.m. Stephen Clark
3:45 p.m. David Shelby
4:30 p.m. Fisher Stevenson
5:15 p.m. Trigger Darlow
6 p.m. Desperado Dancers
6:45 p.m. Dancing

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Main Stage

10:30 a.m. Justine Blazer
11:20 a.m. Austin Scott
12:05 p.m. Willie Nash
12:50 p.m. Karen Newman
1:35 p.m. Sara Johns
2:25 p.m. Whiskey Falls
3:15 p.m. Jypsi
4:25 p.m. Ashton Shepherd
5:35 p.m. Lonestar
7:10 p.m. Billy Currington
8:45 p.m. Gretchen Wilson

Acoustic Stage

Noon Blackberry Creek Dancers
12:45 p.m. Christie Howard
1:30 p.m. April Gibson
2:15 p.m. Traci Kennedy
3 p.m. J3
3:45 p.m. Whitey Morgan
4:30 p.m. Cliff Erickson
5:15 p.m. Artie Dean Harris
6 p.m. Dancing

Times are subject to change. For up-to-the-minute information and profiles on all the artists, visit www.wycd.com.

Summer begins with concerts at DTE Energy Music Theater

Growing up in metro Detroit, it's a fact that summer starts long before the end of the school year, even before the weather is officially beach-worthy. The true tell-tale sign that the lazy days are ahead comes with the announcement of the summer concert series at DTE Energy Music Theater.

Well friends, that time is now. We've got the list — and it's got everything from old favorites like Steve Miller to cutting edge comedians like Frank Caliendo. Kick off the season with pure metal as Megadeth's Gigantour takes over the DTE stage. The Palace and Meadow Brook Music Theatre won't slow down either. From Alicia Keys to Weird Al Yankovic, The Detroit Symphony Orchestra to Kidz Bop, there's something for every sort of music-lover, at any age.

Here's the warm-up you've been waiting for:

Kanye West with Rihanna, N.E.R.D. and Lupe Fiasco, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50-\$79.50.

Tim McGraw with Jason Aldean and Halfway To Hazard, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$62.50 pavilion/\$32.50 lawn.

Eddie Money with Impossible Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 23, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$34.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers with Steve Winwood, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$55-\$99.50.

James Taylor and His Band of Legends, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Meadow Brook Music Festival, at University and Squirrel roads on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$45-\$65 pavilion/\$24.50 lawn.

Alicia Keys with Ne-Yo and Jordin Sparks, 8 p.m. Friday, June 6, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50-\$100.

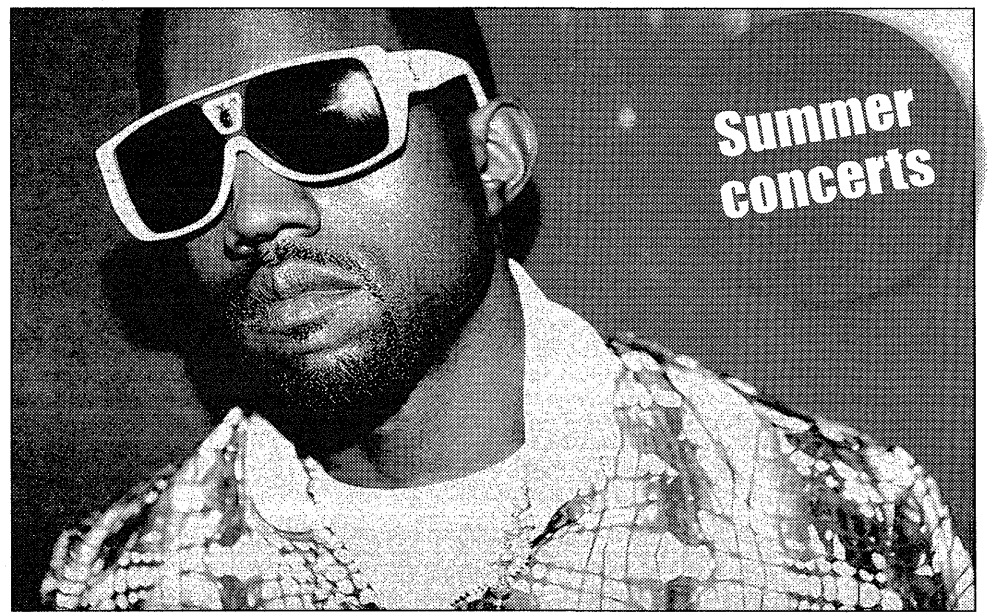
Dave Matthews Band with Paolo Nutini, 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$75 pavilion/\$40 lawn.

Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$137.50 pavilion/\$37.50 lawn.

True Colors Tour with Cyndi Lauper, Rosie O'Donnell, The B-52's, Tegan & Sara, The Cliks and host Carson Kressley, 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$50-\$75 pavilion/\$20 lawn.

John Michael Montgomery, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$37.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

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See Kanye West May 22, at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Nicks and Boston, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 15, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$39.50-\$125 pavilion/\$25 lawn.

Jack Johnson with Mason Jennings and Money Mark, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$49.50 pavilion/\$35 lawn.

Newsboys with Superchick and DecembeRadio, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 19, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$35.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Bachman Cummings, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 20, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$32-\$45 pavilion/ \$15 lawn.

Chicago and The Doobie Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$39.50-\$67.50 pavilion/\$25 lawn.

Abba The Tour, a tribute show, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 22, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$32.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Steve Miller Band with Joe Cocker, 7 p.m. Friday, June 27, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$39.50-\$59.50, pavilion/\$25 lawn.

The StepCrew, 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$15-\$25 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Tracy Morgan, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 28, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$29.50-\$39.50, pavilion/ \$10 lawn.

The Temptations and The Four Tops, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 29, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$36.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe: The Musical, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$15-\$25 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

1964 The Tribute, 8 p.m. Thursday,

July 3, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$20 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Ted Nugent, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 4, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$39.50 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

Jonas Brothers with Demi Lovato, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 5 DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$57-\$67 pavilion/\$32.50 lawn.

Bon Jovi with The All-American Rejects, 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50 \$132.

Martina McBride with Jack Ingram and Chris Young, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 11, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$49.50 pavilion/\$25 lawn

Anita Baker, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 12, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$45-\$65 pavilion/\$15 lawn

Creedence Clearwater Revisited, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 13, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$34.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn

Crüe Fest with Mötley Crüe with Buckcherry, Papa Roach, Sixx:A.M. and Trapt, 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$65.50-\$85.50 pavilion/\$30 lawn.

Kidz Bop Live! 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$15-\$25 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Trace Adkins with Kellie Pickler and Jason Michael Carroll, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17 Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$49.50-\$65 pavilion/\$22.50 lawn.

John Mellencamp with Lucinda Williams, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$49.50-\$85 pavilion/\$20 lawn.

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Royal Oak school teaches kids to rock

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

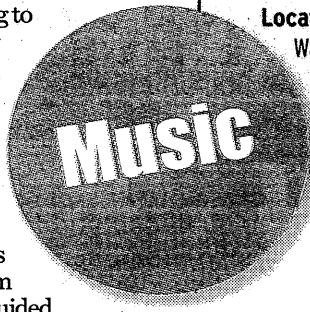
There are jazz schools to educate musicians about Django Reinhardt and classical music schools to teach composers about Bach. There isn't, however, a high level institution to explore important rockers like Jimi Hendrix or Joey Ramone.

Every Detroit band learns the business aspect of music through trial and error — usually the only advice they receive is from friends or other bands with little experience.

Imagine an accountant trying to master his work without proper schooling.

Enter the The Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music in Royal Oak, which opened its doors just a few weeks ago. Here, students of all ages can practice musical instruments, try new instruments from horns to strings to drums, and perform with other people while being guided by professional music producers.

At the Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music there are summer camps, auditions to put new bands together, a recording studio, a gallery space for local artists to showcase their work, classes for adult musicians who want to stop playing in their basement and starting playing paid gigs, band rehearsals just for girls, sound & lighting classes, music business 101 classes, regular instructional music courses, and then ... concerts by those who go to the school.



DETROIT SCHOOL OF ROCK & POP

Owner: Jason, also of the band the Mega 80s

What: Regular classes where aspiring musicians can sample different instruments, summer camps to teach young musicians how to work and perform in a band, girls rock band classes and more

Location: 1109 S. Washington, Royal Oak, 1-888-988-ROCK, www.detroitsschoolofrock-andpop.com

We're not talking about cheesy recitals, we're talking real concerts.

The school is owned by Jason Gittinger, a classically trained jazz musician who is also a well-established rocker playing in successful bands like the Mega 80s — the 80s cover band that performs high-quality production shows with music mastered from nearly every '80s genre. He can play music from Prince to Poison — not an easy feat.

Gittinger was also a music and technology teacher at both Grosse Pointe South High School and a jail for teenagers in Highland Park.

Now he has a new goal:

To help motivated musicians become successful performers.

If you truly care about music and would rather play instead of talk about it

— Gittinger opens the doors of his school to you.

"As schools continue to cut art programs in the educational system, we can provide important life skills that music endears upon young people such as self-esteem, organization and patience," said Gittinger.

The school's tagline is "Stop Practicing ... Start Performing."

Gittinger hosts auditions for the bands that he helps put together. Not everyone is accepted.

"I ask not whether they are good or bad, but rather if they really care," Gittinger said. "I can only help people who want to help themselves. This school is there to support them during hard times and teach the ins and outs of music theory."

Forget the starving artist attitude here.



Jason Gittinger at his Detroit School of Rock and Pop in Royal Oak.

"You don't have to be the tragic artist," Gittinger said. "You can embrace the community. If everything you do is high quality, if you strive for perfection, no one can stop you and say that you're awful. Everyday there are between 3,000 and 5,000 kids taking music lessons in Michigan. There's a lot of teachers who are more into selling kids new instruments rather than teaching music."

"My vision is to build a creative community for all types of artists focused on the greater good of helping each other," said Gittinger.

Gittinger's school is not associated with The Paul Green School of Rock, the school that inspired the Jack Black film "School of Rock," in Rochester.

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Birmingham native produces popular children's show

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Fans of any age who missed *Go Diego Go Live! The Great Jaguar Rescue* on its first stop last year to Detroit's Fox Theater, and anyone ready for a second helping, can see the colorful stage spectacle May 10-11 in the city. Based on characters from the popular Nick Jr. shows *Dora The Explorer* and *Go Diego Go*, it features both Diego and, to a lesser extent his cousin Dora, in a musical romp complete with plenty of audience participation.

"I like to think we're helping build a theater audience for the future," said Erich Jungwirth, a Birmingham native and producer of the show.

Jungwirth left the mitten state 14 years ago — first pursuing an acting career. A graduate of Seaholm High School and the University of Michigan, he'd been performing in plays since grade school. Though he initially intended to study medicine in college, Jungwirth instead earned a degree in musical theater.

After graduating, he moved to Los Angeles and then set up shop in New York City, where he currently resides. Over the years,

GO DIEGO GO LIVE! THE GREAT JAGUAR RESCUE

What: A live stage production returns featuring Diego and Dora, of "Dora The Explorer" fame.

When: Saturday-Sunday, May 10-11.

Where: Fox Theatre,
2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Tickets: \$18.50-\$40.50, call (248) 433-1515 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Jungwirth became more and more involved with the business side of the entertainment industry. "It was a good direction for me," he said.

That direction led to *Go Diego Go*, a production where the audience is anything but passive. Much like the television shows that inspired it, children are encouraged to "get up and dance," Jungwirth said. Seeing 2,000 kids in a theater reacting the same way "is the greatest feeling," he added. And that excitement isn't limited to youngsters. Parents can't help but sing along and tap their feet. "That's when you know you've got a great live experience," he said.

on stage



Dora and Diego help a jaguar find its roar in the return of 'Go Diego Go Live! The Great Jaguar Rescue' May 10-11 at Detroit's Fox Theatre.

Jungwirth attributed the show's continued success to everything from its original music to inspired puppetry. The puppets were designed by a former *Sesame Street* cast member, Snuffleupagus to be exact. He also answers to the name Marty Robinson. The show's composers George Noriega and Joel Someillan have earned multiple Grammy awards for music they created for the television show.

When he's not working on large-scale touring productions like *Go Diego Go*, Jungwirth runs the 99-seat Ohio Theater in New York

City, where he produces independent works.

Though he's not likely to make it into town this month, he does visit family members in Birmingham and in Traverse City when he can. Jungwirth said he's likely to stop for a slice of Primo's Pizza or a meal at Olga's Kitchen while in the area. "I love coming home," he said. "And I still call it home. Coming back to places like the Fox Theatre makes me really proud. It's the greatest stage in Michigan."

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ART

Art Leaders Gallery: The sculpture of Frank Hart, "An American Legacy: Beauty, Truth and Goodness," through May 31, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com.

CPOP: Miguel Linares "The Rite Of Spring," through May 24, encore opening 7-10 p.m. May 10, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com.

Downriver Council for the Arts: "20 Dollars!" Art Exhibit & Sale, walk in for \$20, walk out with artwork of your choice, 5-8 p.m. May 9, 20904 Northline, Taylor, (734) 287-6103, www.downriverarts.org.

Habatat Galleries: 36th Annual International Glass Invitational Awards Exhibition, through May 26, 4400 Fernlee Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.habatat.com.

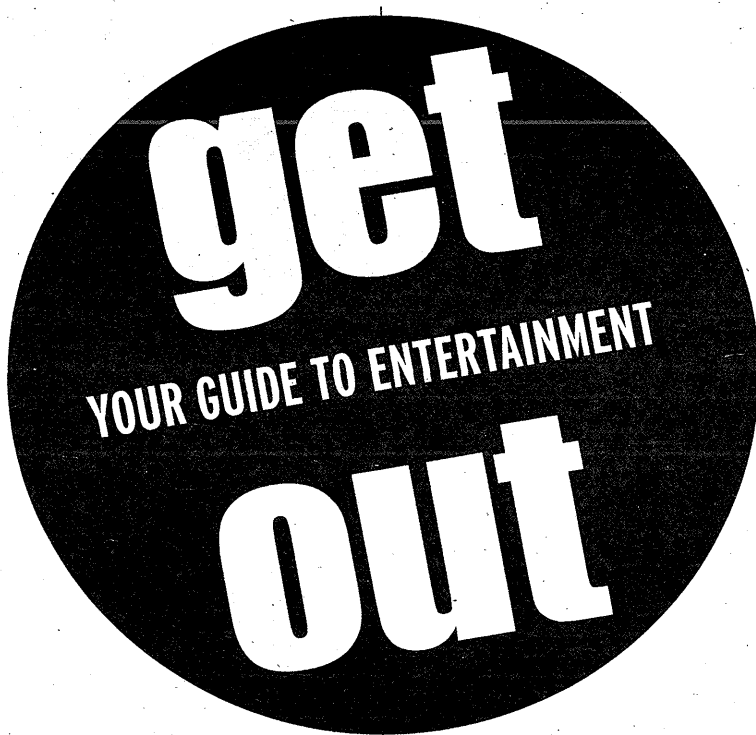
Paul Kotula Projects: Melissa Mytty "Urban Couture" and Amy Vogel "At Two With Nature" through May 10, 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.

Pewabic Pottery: "Anat Shifftan Recent Works of Still Life" and "Historic Pewabic Pots from 1903-1964," through May 9, 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit, (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.com.

BOOKS

Detroit Working Writers: Spring Readings, 1-4 p.m. May 18, Charley's Crab, 5498 Crooks Road, Troy, \$20 adults, \$10 children 5-12, includes brunch, (248) 816-8469.

Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center: William Christen, author of "Pauline



Cushman: Spy of the Cumberland," 10:30 a.m. May 15, register by May 8, (248) 203-5270.

Borders Birmingham: John Sandford, "Phantom Prey," 2 p.m. May 11; Joan Anderson, "The Second Journey: The Road Back to Yourself" 7 p.m. May 13, 34300 Woodward Ave., (248) 203.0005.

CHAMBER

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Detroit Jazz Legends" Nightnotes concert in memory of saxophonist Donald Walden, 8 p.m. May 9, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, \$20/\$10 students, advance; \$5 additional at door, (248) 559-2095, www.detroit-chamberwinds.org.

University Musical Society: Sir James Galway, honored with 2008 UMS Distinguished Artist Award and performs 6 p.m., May 10, \$10-\$75, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538, followed by gala reception, dinner and dancing, \$300, Michigan League, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 647-8009, www.ums.org.

CHORAL

Farmington Community Chorus: "Every Day of My Life" spring concerts, 8 p.m. May 9-10, Seligman Performing Arts Center of Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (248) 669-4146.

Measure for Measure: Men's Choral Society's 19th Annual Spring Concert, 3 p.m. May 11, \$18/adults, \$14/seniors, \$7/students, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, (734)-649-SONG, www.measure4measure.org.

CLASSICAL

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Opus 9 Series with Jupiter String Quarter, May 17; Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, \$43-\$75, students \$25, (248) 855-6070, www.ComeHearCMSD.org.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, 10:45 a.m. May 9; 8:30 p.m. May 10, part of the Buick Favorites Series; Honda's ASIMO robot conducts to open concert with cellist Yo-Yo Ma, 8 p.m. May 13; 8 Days in June Festival, "The Power of Change" June 13-21, (313) 576-5111, www.detroit-symphony.com.

Macomb Symphony Orchestra: "Memorable Movie Musings," 8

p.m. May 9, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township, (586) 286-2222, www.macombsymphony.org.

Plymouth Symphony League: Entertainment book sale, with coupons for entertainment purposes, purchase a 2009 book and get a 2008 book free while supplies last, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

CLUBS

Berkley Front: Crashing Cairo with Satin Peaches and Ashlawn, May 10, 3087 12 Mile Road, (248) 547-3331.

Bosco: NoWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Crofoot Ballroom: Loffest with Sponge, Taproot, Bob Guiney, Peter Searcy, Crud, Dirty Americans, Noir Leather, more, 8 p.m. May 10, \$15, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.

Edison's: Larry Lee, May 8; Aaron Vaughn Band, May 9-10; The Blue Kings, May 15; The Push, May 16-17, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

Ginopolis on the Grill: Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

Magic Bag: James McMurty, May 8; The Muggs CD Release Party with Tres Bien & The Sisters Lucas, May 9; Savoy Brown feat. Kim Simmonds, May 10; Marty Willson-Piper (of The Church) May 15; Down the Line & Enter the Haggis, May 17; Lez Zeppelin, June 15, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

The Magic Stick: Los Campesinos and Jeffrey Lewis, May 24, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

Mario's in Troy: Expedition, 7:30 p.m. May 10, 1477 John R., (248) 588-6000.

O-Zen Lounge: Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

COMEDY

Fox Theatre: Jerry Seinfeld, May 16, \$48-\$78; George Lopez, Sept. 20, \$49.50-\$59.50, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Alonzo Bodden, May 9-10; Open Mic, May 14; Kathleen Madigan, May 15-17, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Craig Ferguson, June 13,

318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Thrive, May 15, Badfish, a tribute to Sublime, May 30; Rancid, Aug. 1, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.

Comerica Park: Van's Warped Tour, July 18, featuring The Academy Is..., Relient K, Gym Class Heroes, Reel Big Fish, Everytime I Die, Norma Jean, From First To Last, Anberlin, The Bronx, As I Lay Dying, Street Dogs, Pennywise, Against Me!, Say Anything, Bouncing Souls, Story Of The Year, Cobra Starship, Angels And Airwaves, more, \$32-\$35, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit, call (313) 471-6611.

The Fillmore-Detroit: MIA, May 8; Dream Theater, May 14, The Mars Volta, May 15; Nick Swardson, May 17; Panic at the Disco, May 20, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, call (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: Death Cab for Cutie, Rogue Wave and Sea Wolf for 89X B-Day Bash, June 4; Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, June 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Freedom Hill Amphitheatre: Return to Forever, June 21; Yes, July 19; Poison with Dokken, Sabastian Bach, Aug. 9, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights, call (248) 645-6666.

Joe Louis Arena: Raven-Symone, June 6; Rush, June 10; Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, Aug. 23, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

Majestic Theatre: Was (Not Was), May 9; Locapalooza 2008 w/ Dangerous Pursuit, Chaos Theory, Shot of Adrenalin, D-Skreet, Ghost Click, Nero, Rival, Break The Routine, Kardia & First To Fall, 5 p.m. May 10, all ages; X, May 15; Arch Enemy, May 17; 2008 Rock City Festival with Matt and Kim, Thunderbirds are Now, The Javelins and DJ Franki Chan, 8 p.m. June 12, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700.

Masonic Temple Theatre: Duran Duran, May 15; Raven-Symone, June 6, 500 Temple, Detroit, (313) 433-1515.

Michigan Theatre: Flight of the Conchords, May 10, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (248) 645-6666.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Bootsy Collins, A Tribute to James Brown, May 9; Filter, May 16, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

St. Andrew's Hall: Tantaric, May 9; Scary Kids Scaring Kids, May 13, Augustana, May 14; Menudo, May 15; Mike Ness, May 19; Tiger Army, May 21, She Wants Revenge, June 5; Fresh Rhymes Tour with Dilated Peoples, June 21, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

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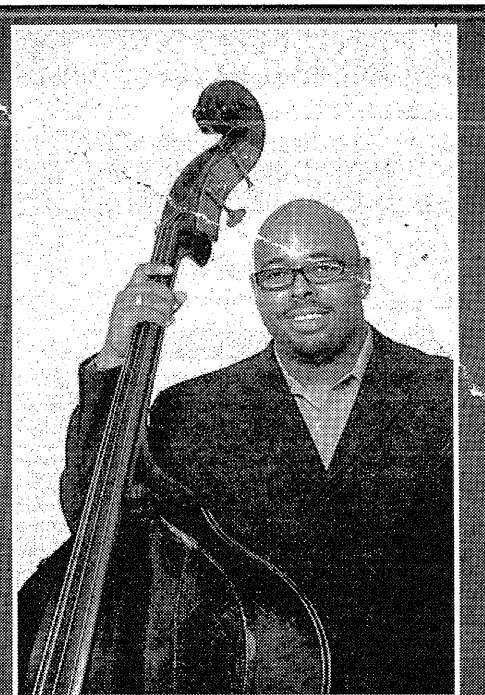
Fred Astaire Studio: Dancing with the Stars Finale open house, free dance lessons, 7:45-10 p.m. May 20, 2510 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 454-1715, www.fadsmichigan.com.

FAMILY

Baby Loves Disco: 1-4 p.m. May 31, \$12 per walking human; non-walkers free, Eden Nightclub and Ultra Lounge, 22061 Woodward, Ferndale, www.babylovesdisco.com.

Borders Birmingham: Barenaked Ladies perform songs from "Snacktime," 3:30 p.m. May 9, followed by meet and greet and CD signing, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 203-0005, www.bordersgroupinc.com.

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Detroit International Jazz Festival

Philly's Christian McBride is this year's Artist in Residence for the 2008 Detroit International Jazz Festival, which will carry the theme 'A Love Supreme: The Philly/Detroit Summit.' The festival will take place Aug. 29-Sept. 1, with six stages spanning Hart Plaza to Campus Martius. The star-studded lineup was just announced — visit www.hometownlife.com to see who else is coming.

free puppy to donate to charity, Somerset Collection, (248) 822-8988; and Twelve Oaks, (248) 374-8987.

Detroit Children's Museum: 2nd Saturdays on Second continues with Healthy Lifestyles = Healthy Families, 1-3 p.m. May 10, (313) 873-8100.

Jaws Jumbo Burgers: Family Adventure Movies Saturdays 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 29216 Orchard Lake Rd. Farmington Hills (248) 855-2228, www.myspace.com/jawsjumboburgers.

Shield's Pizzeria: Children's characters visit 6-8 p.m. Mondays: Horton, May 12, 1476 Maple Road, Troy, (248) 637-3131.

FESTIVALS

Birmingham Fine Art Festival: Featuring 220 fine artists, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 11, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, (248) 644-0866, www.BBArtCenter.org.

Irish Music Festival and Competition: "Fleadh Cheoil," May 9-10, \$15, Battle of the Bands, 7 p.m. May 10, \$8, Doubletree Hotel, 5801 Southfield Fwy., Dearborn, (248) 837-8022, www.detroitirma.org/.

FILM

Compuware Arena: Drive-in theatre, sneak peek weekends, May 16-17, May 23-25; seven days a week June 13-Sept. 7, gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies at dusk, 14900 Beck Rd., Plymouth, (734) 927-3284, www.compuwarearena.com.

Jewish Community Center: 2008 Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival, May 11-15, Uptown Palladium 12, Birmingham, (248) 432-5461, www.djff.org.

Magic Bag: Brew & View, "The Bank Job," May 14, 22; "In Bruges," May 21; "Leatherheads," May 28; "Semi Pro," May 29, doors 8 p.m., film, 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

PAH Fest: Christopher Coppola's film festival May 8-13, awards on May 18, all at Madonna University, Livonia. Visit www.pahnation.com.



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Love Letters

Spare staging and emotion-packed readings characterize A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters," May 9-18 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. During the course of the play's run a rotating cast of actors, including Randy Wagner and Lauren Allen of Royal Oak (shown), will play Andy and Melissa. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, \$12-\$15, can be purchased by calling (734) 464-6302, or clicking on www.trinityhouse.org.

Redford Theatre: "Grease," May 16-17; "The Magnificent Seven," May 30-31, all at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. www.redford-theatre.com.

The Green Screen: Youth Environmental Film Festival (9 p.m. June 2, Royal Oak Main Arts Theatre) seeking environmental documentaries by youth 13-18, submit by 5 p.m. May 15 to 3901 Margaret St., Detroit, MI 48221, www.emeac.org.

FOOD AND WINE

The Splendid Table: Lynne Rossetto Kasper, host of the food program, "The Splendid Table," on Michigan Radio, will be conducting a cooking demonstration at Schoolcraft College, Livonia 1-3 p.m. May 10, ticketmaster.com, (734) 763-TKTS (734-763-8587).

JAZZ

Arturo's Jazz Theatre and Restaurant: Jazz guitarist Stanley Jordan, May 9-11; One Year Anniversary Celebration featuring 6 performances by keyboardist Alex Bugnon, May 15-17, 25333 West 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, (248) 357-6009, arturosjazz.com.
Percussive Arts Society: Jazz drummer Jeff Hamilton featured in "A Day of Percussion," 9 a.m. May 10, Varner Hall, Oakland University, \$10 general/\$5 PAS members, (248) 370-2033.

MORE MUSIC

Andiamo Celebrity Showroom: A Tribute to Frank Sinatra with Mark Randisi, 8 p.m. May 14, (586) 268-3200, www.andiamoshowroom.com, or (248) 645-6666.

Birmingham Temple: Chenille Sisters, 8 p.m. May 10, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington, call Joyce Cheresch, for tickets call (248) 788-0338

Concert Eclectique: Benefit concert features contemporary jazz and classical pianist Christina Dragone, classical and contemporary pianist Brandon Faber, dulcimer player Renzo Hutchinson, fortepiano piano and harpsichord player Diana Munch, and vocalist Linda Munch, 8 p.m. May 17, 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 478-7272

Detroit Historical Society: "Behind the Scenes" series continues with a special performance by The Players and a tour of their Playhouse, 6 p.m. Friday, May 9, (313) 833-1801, or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Art Museum: "William Massie: An American House," through Oct. 31, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) 60-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.

Cranbrook Institute of Science: PGA Championship History Exhibit, golf artifacts and memorabilia, May 23-July 30, free with museum admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.

Detroit Institute of Arts: "Black, White + Gray: A Celebration of Sam Wagstaff" 5:30 p.m. May 21; German electro artists Cluster perform 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. May 16; "Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan School's Brush with Leisure, 1895-1925," through May 25; 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Science Center: "Shipwreck: Pirates & Treasure," through Sept. 1; New IMAX, "Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk"; New planetarium show "Bad Astronomy: Myths and Misconceptions," opens May 10; Ford Free Fundays complimentary admission on May 11, 5020 John R. Street, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

The Henry Ford: Submit chocolate cake recipe and it might be featured in The Henry Ford's Chocolate Cafe during "Chocolate: The Exhibition," May 31-Sept. 7, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 982-6001, www.hfmvgv.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: "Considering Detroit" with works by Ellen Cantor, Maurice Greenia, Jim Gustafson, Allie McGehee, Heather McGill, Gordon Newton, and TIME STEREO, May 10 through July 28, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit Derby Girls: Championship Double-Header, May 10; Detroit Derby Girls vs. Grand Raggy Roller Girls, May 31, all events 7 p.m. at Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit, www.detroitderbygirls.com, (248) 645-6666.

Natural Health Expo: Second Annual Michigan Healthy Living "Spring into Health" Natural Health Fair and Expo, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 10, Oakland Schools Professional Development Center, 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, www.MichiganHealthyLivingExpo.com.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," May 30-June 14; (248) 737-3587 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com, 400 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills (248) 737-3587, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

Spotlight Players: "Company," May 9-10, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers.net.

Stagecrafters Contemporary Theatre: Auditions, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," ages 8-18, 2:30 p.m. May 10; "Beauty and the Beast," May 23-June 15, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org.

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SUMMER

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Weird Al Yankovic, 8 p.m. Friday, July 18, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$35.50 pavilion/\$18.50 lawn.

Kid Rock, Saturday-Sunday, July 19-20, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets to be announced.

Crosby, Stills & Nash, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 19, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$45-\$75 pavilion/\$20 lawn.

Laugh-A-Palooza featuring Jon Reep, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$25, \$19.50 pavilion only.

Cinderella and Warrant with Lynch Mob and Lynam, 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 21, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$37.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Live and Collective Soul with Blues Traveler, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 24, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$29.50-\$45 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

O.A.R. with The Beautiful Girls, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$35.50 pavilion/\$20 lawn.

The Police with Elvis Costello and the Imposters, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$97.50-\$232.50, pavilion/\$47.50 lawn.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart in the Meadow, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 26, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$30 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

Earth, Wind & Fire, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$42.50 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 27, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$30 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

Peter Frampton, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$35 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

3 Doors Down with Staind and Finger Eleven, Wednesday, July 30, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets to be announced.

Neil Diamond, Thursday, July 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$55-\$120.

Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huck Jam with Mike Relm, Thursday, July 31, DTE Energy Music Theatre Parking Lot Event. Tickets \$38.

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie: The Musical, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, July 31, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$15-\$25 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

LaserSpectacular featuring The Music of Pink Floyd, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$20 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Night at the Opera, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$30 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

Hippie Fest featuring Eric Burdon and The Animals and more, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$35.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn

Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Russian Spectacular, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$30 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

Gipsy Kings, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug.



ANDREW SOUTHAM

Martina McBride takes over the DTE stage on July 11.

3, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$37.50 pavilion/\$18.50 lawn.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Salute to Bernstein and Sondheim, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$30 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

Sheryl Crow with James Blunt and Toots & The Maytals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$39.50-\$59.50 pavilion/\$25 lawn.

Rod Stewart with Bryan Adams, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$85-\$150 pavilion/\$35 lawn

Mayhem Festival featuring Slipknot, Disturbed, Dragonforce, Mastodon and more, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$47.25-\$57.25 pavilion \$32.75 lawn.

Chelsea Handler, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$29.50-\$39.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Los Lonely Boys with Los Lobos, 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$32.50 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

The Wiggles, Tuesday, Aug. 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets to be announced.

WYCD Birthday Bash featuring Travis Tritt with Keith Anderson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$35 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

70's Soul Jam featuring the The Stylistics, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes and The Main Ingredient with Cuba Gooding, Sr., 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$35.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Chris Isaak, 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$37.50 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

Metal Masters Tour with Judas Priest, Heaven & Hell, Motörhead and Testament, Monday, Aug. 18, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets to be announced.

Music Builds Tour with Third Day, Switchfoot, Robert Randolph & The Family Band, Jars of Clay and more, Thursday, Aug. 21, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets to be announced.

George Thorogood & The Destroyers and Buddy Guy, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$35 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

UB40, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$36.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Frank Caliendo, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$49.50 pavilion/\$19.50 lawn.

Nine Inch Nails, Saturday, Aug. 23, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets to be announced.

Brooks & Dunn and ZZ Top with Rodney Atkins, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$39.50-\$59.50, pavilion/\$29.50 lawn.

Wine & Food Festival, 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 23-24, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets to be announced.

Regeneration Tour with The Human League, Belinda Carlisle, ABC, A Flock of Seagulls and Naked Eyes, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$34.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Get Back! Cast of Beatlemania, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$15-\$25 pavilion/\$10 lawn

The Allman Brothers Band and Bob Weir & Rat Dog, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Sashabaw Road at I-75, Independence Township. Tickets \$49.50 pavilion/\$20 lawn.

Maroon 5 and Counting Crows with Augustana, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$45-\$75 pavilion/\$30 lawn.

The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$32.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

Legends of Motown: The Temptations Revue featuring Dennis Edwards and The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$35.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn

Barrage presents High Strung: The Musical, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$19.50-\$29.50 pavilion/\$10 lawn.

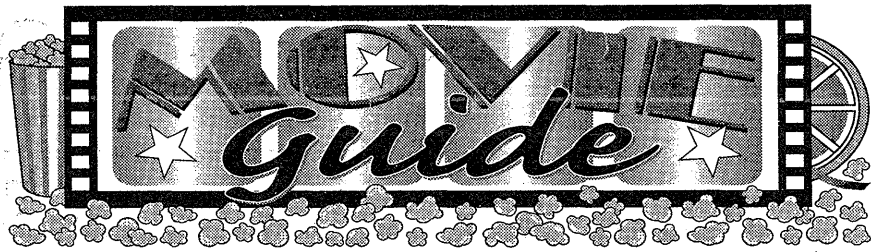
Journey with Heart and Cheap Trick, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets \$39.50-\$85 pavilion/\$27.50 lawn.

Toby Keith and Montgomery Gentry, Sunday, Sept. 14, DTE Energy Music Theatre. Tickets to be announced.

Celine Dion, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$49.50-\$152.50.

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Southfield native Leah Dexter takes the stage in MOT's 'La Traviata'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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This month the Michigan Opera Theatre will present the final production of its 2008 Spring Opera Season, a classic in Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*.

In it, Mezzo Soprano Leah Dexter, of Southfield, takes on the role of Annina, a maid to courtesan Violetta. *La Traviata* isn't Dexter's first foray onto the stage from the chorus, her debut came in the role of Annie for the MOT's rendition of *Porgy & Bess* in 2006.

Dexter had been bound for a career on the stage. The Southfield High graduate began her artistic foray in the form of dance — from ballet to jazz to modern dance she studied for 15 years. All the while she found herself singing and taking up instruments from violin to cello. "My parents were always very supportive in any endeavor," she said, calling from the Detroit Opera House on April 30.

Dexter toyed with becoming a dancer or studying medicine, but it was her middle and high school choir teacher who truly made an impact on her future. Though Irma Street has since retired and moved to Alabama,

Dexter credits her for the direction her career has taken. Street took her to see operas and musicals early on. Dexter was introduced to performers and opera stars at places like Detroit's Orchestra Hall and Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

"From there it just kind of stuck," she said. "I started taking private lessons. I always appreciated classical music, since I was a child."

When Dexter realized it was something she could do, she sought to hone her skills and enrolled into the School of Music at the University of Michigan. "There was always something you could do, a show you could audition for, a musical or concert," she said. She earned her bachelor's degree in 2002 and her master's degree two years later. Rather than flee for New York City or beyond, Dexter chose to stay in Metro Detroit and joined soon the chorus of the Michigan Opera Theater. It gave her an opportunity to continue to learn and to work with an array of directors and conductors — all while performing in the chorus. "It's a very good national company," she said.

Over the last three years she's continued to grow as a performer and has begun taking

on small roles — like the one she earned for *La Traviata*. "In *Traviata*, I play Violetta's maid, she's the lead soprano and the actual fallen woman."

While directors have cast the role of Annina either very young or much older, Dexter will play her with much zeal, or as she described "full of life." "She knows everything that is going on and is at Violetta's beck and call."

It's a show Dexter knows well. "I have seen the opera two other times and it is one of the classics in the repertory," she said. "The music is very powerful. It's Verdi. It has large orchestral accompaniments and orchestral arrangements."

The storyline follows a familiar tale of forbidden love between Violetta and her suitor Alfredo. When Alfredo's father convinces Violetta that the relationship has brought disgrace to his family, she leaves Alfredo. Only later, on her deathbed, does Alfredo learn the truth. It is a show wrought with emotion — from joy to sadness, loneliness to despair. Dexter said she wants the audience to experience those emotions alongside the performers, and to enjoy themselves.

On stage



Leah Dexter

LA TRAVIATA

What: Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata* (The Woman Who Strayed)

Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10; Wednesday, May 14; Friday-Saturday, May 16-17; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11 and May 18.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Tickets: \$25-\$107, (313) 237-SING (7464) and online at www.MichiganOpera.org.

"I love being on the stage, performing for an audience," she said. "It was just natural to me. I want more. I want to be heard as a solo artist."

La Traviata opens May 10, with Italian maestro Giuliano Carella conducting the MOT Orchestra.



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2008 Academic All-Stars set standard of excellence

The 2008 *Observer Newspapers* Academic All-Stars represent the brightest of local public, private and parochial high school students.

The young men and women you read about here shine in many ways — test scores, academic honors and grades and in extracurricular activities and community work. They deserve recognition for their commitment and hard work, and encouragement for their goals and aspirations.

"The All-Stars are intelligent, ambitious and generous with their time and talent in helping others. They are a credit to their families, schools and the communities where they live," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer* & *Eccentric Newspapers*.

Every public, private and parochial school principal in the *Observer* coverage area was invited to nominate two students to the all-star program. All-stars are selected on the basis of grade point average in academic subjects and ACT or SAT test scores.

We present 17 All-Stars, some of the most accomplished high school students in the metro area. Twenty-seven other students were selected as runners-up. They, too, are outstanding examples of academic success.

This newspaper started the Academic All-Stars program 23 years ago at the urging of Robert Schramke, who was principal at Redford Union High School in Redford Township. He believed academic success should be celebrated in a very public way. We agreed and a tradi-

tion was born.

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

"As the Bank Invested in People, we look forward to honoring each student for their academic and civic success," said Rebecca Smith, regional president of Huntington Bank.

"At Huntington, we are proud to support the *O&E* and *Mirror Newspapers* each year during the Academic All-Stars event.

In addition to this special section, the All-Stars and their parents were honored earlier this week in a breakfast awards ceremony sponsored by the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Students were presented with an U.S. Savings Bond, courtesy of Huntington Bank and a certificate of achievement from the *Observer* & *Eccentric Newspapers*.

Here are the 2008 *Observer Newspapers* Academic All-Stars in order of ranking: Catherine Kent, (tied for second order of placement) are Sarah Londal, Meghan Murray, Knithika Shanmugasundaram and Xavier Ziemba. Followed by George Wasylshyn, Ted Wakar, Halimah Oral and Xin-Kan Su of Canton. They were followed by four students with tied scores — Matt Durak, Kathryn Labelle, Marc Lecerf and Gina Rotondo. Rene Perry and Molly Roseland were followed by Deanna Abrash and Alexandra Buckley who rounded out the outstanding 17-member team also with tied scores.



Catherine Kent
Franklin High School

Catherine Kent of Livonia plans to attend the University of Michigan and study neuroscience or philosophy.

"I would like to become a medical researcher or science journalist," wrote Kent in her all-star application. "I will do something that helps other people."

Kent is a National Merit Finalist and an AP Scholar. In her senior year, Kent was named the Franklin DAR Good Citizen of the Year (Plymouth Chapter). She also received the Livonia PTSA Founder's Day Outstanding Youth Award, is an Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship National Finalist.

She has won several awards for writing including honorable mention in the American Foreign Service Association National Essay Contest, PTSA Reflections 2005 Award of Excellence and *Detroit Free Press* Award of Excellence in Essay.

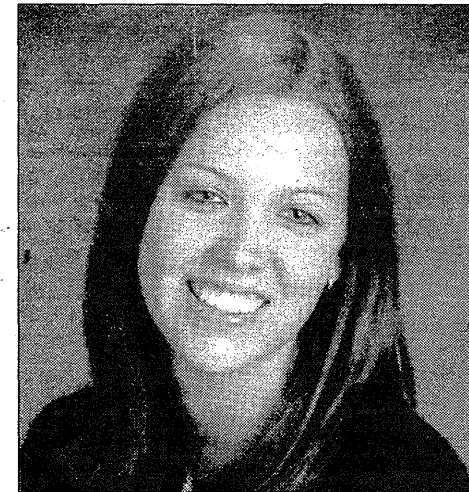
Kent is president of the Franklin High School National Honor Society of which she's been a member since her sophomore year. She was captain of the girls varsity swim team (grades 11 and 12) and a varsity swimmer since her freshman year; president of InterACT Community Service Club and Livonia Libraries Teen Advisory Committee. She's been a summer reading program and early literacy volunteer. She was a freshman mentor, participated in track and field and is a member of her church group.

Kent said Mike Vasich of Frost Middle School (MACAT language arts and social studies) and Molly Evans (AP government and international relations) of Franklin High School had the greatest influence on her school career.

"Mr. 'V' treated us with respect as though we were adults yet also allowed us to have fun," said Kent.

"Ms. Evans' extensive knowledge about politics really sparked my interest in the subject."

Kent is the daughter of Richard and Marie Kent and the sister of Andrew, 20.



Sarah Londal
North Farmington High School

Sarah Londal of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Michigan and study engineering.

"I want to have a job I love, and I want to be good at it," said Londal.

Londal has three academic letters. She received three department awards each for French, science and math. She is a National Merit Commended Scholar and an AP Scholar.

Her extracurricular activities include Student Senate, National Honor Society, Step Team, track, marching band (she was a section leader and drum captain), Farmington United Percussion Ensemble and The Crash (a youth group).

She plays piano and also is a percussionist with the school's symphony band. She volunteers with the Highland Park Baptist Church orchestra and the multimedia team at The Crash. She also works part time at Einstein Bagel.

Math teacher Jeff Simpson (honors algebra II and BC calculus) is the teacher who most influenced Londal.

"Mr. Simpson has not only taught me a great deal of math, he has taught me about life and learning in general," wrote Londal in her all-star application.

"Learning is not a boring thing. His outgoing personality and constant sense of humor somehow make learning math fun. He has shown me how seemingly impossible problems can be solved if approached confidently and taken step by step: a lesson applicable to math, but also many other problems encountered throughout life," added Londal.

She is the daughter of Dave and Robin Londal of Farmington Hills. She has two brothers, Cody, 19, and Alec, 12.

This section is dedicated to Mary Klemic, former *O&E* Special Sections editor, who worked on the All-Star publications with joy and passion for the previous six years. She died in February after a nine-year battle with cancer.



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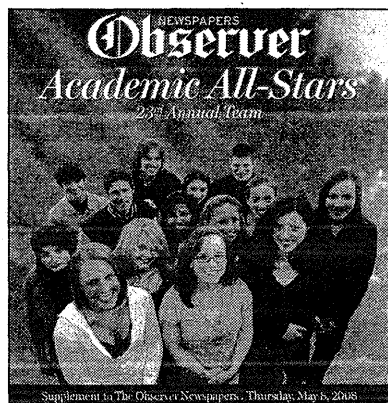
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The 2008 *Observer Newspapers* Academic All-Stars are (front row, from left) Alexandra Buckley, Rene Perry, Kathryn LaBelle and Catherine Kent; (second row, from left) Halimah Oral, Molly Roseland, Krithika Shanmugasundaram, Gina Rotondo and Meghan Murray; (back, from left) Matt Durak, Marc Lecerf, George Wasylshyn, Deanna Abrash and Xavier Ziemba. Not pictured are Ted Wakar, Sarah Londal and Xin-Kan Su.



Meghan Murray
Churchill High School

Meghan Murray of Livonia plans to attend Olin College and study biomedical engineering.

An honor roll student and Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete, Murray is an AP Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Commended student. She was a finalist (top 106 of 10,000 students) in the Michigan Math Prize Competition and is named in Who's Who Among American High School students.

Murray received a Madame Curie Medal for Excellence in Math and Science. She was also a citywide participant in the National Vocabulary Competition and named an outstanding youth for the Livonia PTSA Founder's Day.

Her extracurricular activities include Student Council (four years), Michigan Association of Student Council Summer Leadership Camp (2007), cross country (three years), varsity track (four years), Irish dancing (top 25 in Midwest region and top 50 in North America) and Quiz Bowl (four years includes being rank 186th individually at high school quiz bowl nationals).

Other activities include National Honor Society (three years), Relay for Life Team co-captain, Michigan State University Engineering Institute (2007), Ulster Project (worked with other teens — Protestant and Catholic Irish teens to build friendships and solve problems) and peer mentoring group (two years).

Murray also works part time baby-sitting and at Arby's.

Mary Buda and Kelly Granowicz are the teachers who most influenced Murray.

"Ms. Buda taught me to push limits and reach my goals, Ms. Granowicz (social studies) taught me to be positive."

Murray is the daughter of Dennis and Denise Murray of Livonia and the sister of Marilee, 20, and Allison, 14.



Krithika Shanmugasundaram
Farmington High School

Krithika Shanmugasundaram plans to study pre-medicine and nuclear science at either Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University or Johns Hopkins University. She wants to be a pediatric oncologist.

Her honors include National Merit Finalist and National Merit Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction, top female mathematician and silver medalist in Michigan Math Prize Competition (2007), Top 50 in Michigan Math Prize Competition (2006), Top 100 in Michigan Math Prize Competition (2005), Top in School for Michigan Math League, Distinction in Euclid, Gauss, Fryer, Hypatia, Galois and Pascal math exams, Distinction in Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (2006 and 2007), and qualified for American Invitational Math Exam (2006 and 2007).

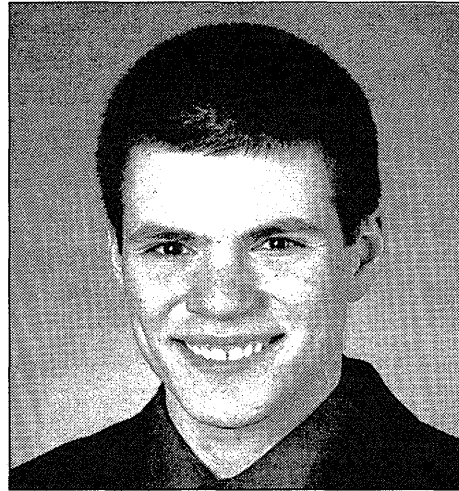
Her extracurricular activities include varsity tennis, carnatic music, president of debate club, student teacher at Chinmaya Mission Balavihar, captain of varsity quiz bowl, National Honor Society and American Regional Math League.

She participated in American Legion Auxiliary Girls State (2007). She also participated in the High School Honors Science Program and worked on a biological research project. She volunteers at the Farmington Community Library, Botsford Hospital, Karmanos Cancer Institute and tutors at Gill Elementary School.

Brian Shaw (pre-calculus) and Jeremy Gold (Quiz Bowl coach and AP U.S. history teacher) are the teachers who most influenced her.

"Mr. Shaw's charisma and dedication to the subject and his students pushed me to success, not only in his class, but throughout my high school career. Mr. Gold's enthusiasm and eagerness to help inspired to me live up to his selfless example."

She is the daughter of Ammugam and Geethanjail Shanmugasundaram of Farmington Hills. She has one sibling, Priyanka, 11.



Xavier Ziemba
Churchill High School

Xavier Ziemba of Livonia plans to attend Olin College and major in biomedical engineering.

"I intend to pursue biomedical engineering and apply it to a career in law focused around ethics and good practice in the emerging biomedical markets," said Ziemba.

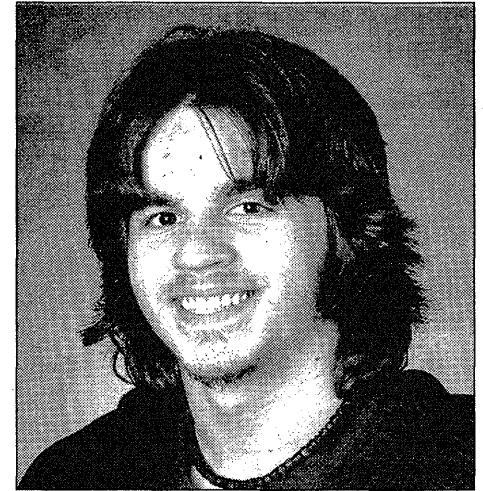
Ziemba is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit Scholar Finalist and a National Hispanic Scholar Finalist. He participated in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition for four years placing in the top 100 in 11th grade and top 100 his senior year. He's been on the honor roll and summa cum laude for four years and received the accelerated Math, Science, and Computer program outstanding achievement awards for chemistry, computer science, physics at Churchill, AP biology, AP calculus, AP computer science and accelerated analysis, among others.

Active in Scouting since 1996, Ziemba has received many awards including Order of Arrow Brotherhood membership and Eagle Scout. He was a patrol leader (10th grade), senior patrol leader (11th grade) and junior assistant scoutmaster (12th). He attended the National Scout Jamboree in 2005 and the World Jamboree in 2007.

His other activities include *Livonia Observer* Teen Journalism Program (11th grade), Quiz Bowl, computer club, marching band (alto sax grades nine-12), Ford Exploring Post 1951. Ziemba was also a swimmer and diver in 12th grade and has played piano since first grade.

The teachers who have influenced him the most are Ellen Betel "for inspiring and cultivating my interest in law," Mary Buda for shaping and cultivating his math and scientific interests and Joel Meloche "for inspiring my interest in the bioengineering field."

Ziemba, the son of Daniel Paul and Mercedes Ziemba, has one brother, Linus Leopold Ziemba, 14.



George Wasylyshyn
Canton High School

George Wasylyshyn of Canton Township plans to attend the University of Michigan and study psychology.

His career goals include "something in the field of psychology — either some sort of research or perhaps having my own practice."

Wasylyshyn is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and a member of the National Honor Society.

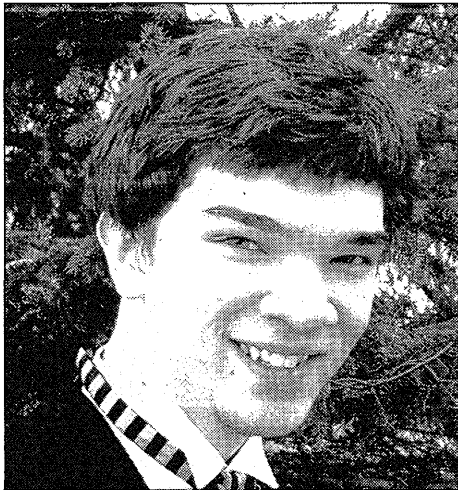
His extracurricular activities include St. John Neumann Catholic Church Parish Youth Leadership Team (three years), student/substitute instructor at East West Martial Arts (nine years), member of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Improv Club (3.5 years), member of Sketchy@Best (performance troupe of Improv Club, two years).

In addition, Wasylyshyn participated in the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, raised money for Souper Bowl of Caring and worked on weeklong mission trips to Beattyville, Ky., with Habitat for Humanity (two years).

Dr. Stephen Williams (political and economic systems in sophomore year) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Wasylyshyn.

"Although I was not particularly taken with the subject, I was inspired by Doc's effort to teach his students how to see the world around them, rather than just the information necessary to pass his tests. Indeed, his explanation of the Power of the Situation, The Merchants of Cool and many other topics still helps me analyze my world today," wrote Wasylyshyn in his all-star application.

He is the son of John and Vicki Wasylyshyn of Canton and brother of Nick, 15.



Ted Wakar
Plymouth High School

Ted Wakar of Canton Township is undecided about where he will attend college, however, he has been accepted to the University of Michigan and several other schools. He's considering a career in mathematics or music composition.

A National Merit Finalist, Wakar also received an academic letter. He received certificates of merit and distinction in the American Mathematics Competition in 2005, 2005 and 2007.

He was a three-time American Invitational Mathematic Examination Qualifier. He was in the top 10 percent of the Michigan Math Prize Competition in 2006 and the top 100 in the state. In 2006 and 2007, he achieved the highest score in the competition at Plymouth High School. He also placed in the top 100 (top 1 percent in the state) in the competition.

Wakar received a one (the highest rating) at the State Choral Festival in 2007 and at the 2007 State Solo and Ensemble Festival. He received a first place and the Esprit de Corps Award for Music at the Parks 2007.

Wakar is a crew leader and training to be a supervisor at the downtown Plymouth Cold Stone Creamery. He was an *Observer* carrier in grades nine-11.

His extracurricular activities include treasurer of Thespian Troupe No. 354, Improv Club (grades nine-12), drama club (nine-11) Math Olympiad (nine-12), Second Stage Players (nine-12), Park Players (grades 10 and 12), Festival Singers (grades 11 and 12).

Wakar's passion is theater and his resume is impressive. It includes house manager *Comedy of Errors* (2008), supporting leader *The Apple Tree* (2007), lead role *Divine Stella Devine* (2007), cast member/writer for *Fancy Schmancy Sketch Comedy Show II* (2007), supporting role for *Our Town* and supporting lead *Into the Woods* (2007), all with the Second Stage Players.

Scott Thomas (debate) is the teacher who most influenced Wakar.

"Mr. Thomas brought charisma into the classroom. He really cared about what he did," wrote Wakar in his all-star application.

He is the son of Ted and Theresa Wakar of Canton, and the brother of Megan, 19, Joey, 9, and Erik, 6.



Halimah Oral
Salem High School

Halimah Oral will attend the University of Michigan and major in biology. She plans to be a pediatrician.

Oral said she wants to make "psychiatric evaluations part of regular health care."

She was named a National Merit Commended Scholar. She won the school science fair in 10th grade and has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school.

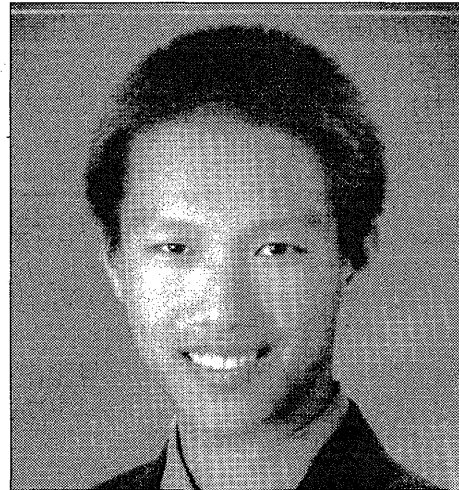
Her extracurricular activities include karate classes for six years where she earned a junior black belt and was a leading member of the demonstration team, volunteering at the Islamic Community Center, karate instructor for Family Self-Defense Centers and volunteer student aide at the Michigan Islamic Academy, helping teach pre-kindergarten through third grade. She helped establish a new karate school for the Islamic Community Center. She also participated in the chess club and worked on the yearbook committee.

Sharon Caldwell (honors and AP biology) is the teacher who most influenced Oral in her high school career.

"She helped teach me to hold myself to high standards academically and to face up to my mistakes," wrote Oral in her all-star application.

"Mrs. Caldwell strongly influenced my decision to go into medicine. She gave me an interest in science and the confidence to pursue a challenging career path."

Oral is the daughter of Hamid Oral and Hamidah Kaufman of Canton Township. She has five siblings, Aminah, 18, Rabiah, 14, Sabirah, 13, Muneerah, 9 and Buraq, 6.



Xin-Kan Su
Canton High School

Xin-Kan Su of Canton Township will attend the University of Michigan to study biomedical engineering.

"I hope that I can find new techniques to cure terminal diseases such as Alzheimer's disease through scientific research," wrote Su.

Su is a National Merit Finalist, an AP Scholar with Distinction. He placed in the top 500 in the Michigan Math Prize Competition (grades nine-12) and was named to the National Honor Roll (grades 10-12). He received varsity letters for Math Olympiad and Quiz Bowl (grade 10) and was a member of the first place Wayne County Regional Team for Science Olympiad in 2005 and 2007.

His extracurricular activities include Science Olympiad (grades nine-12, captain 11-12), Math Olympiad (grades nine-12, secretary/treasurer 10-11 and vice president 12), Quiz Bowl (grades nine-12, varsity captain 10-12), National Honor Society (grades 11-12), Asian Pacific American Club (grade nine-12) and Student Council (grades nine-10).

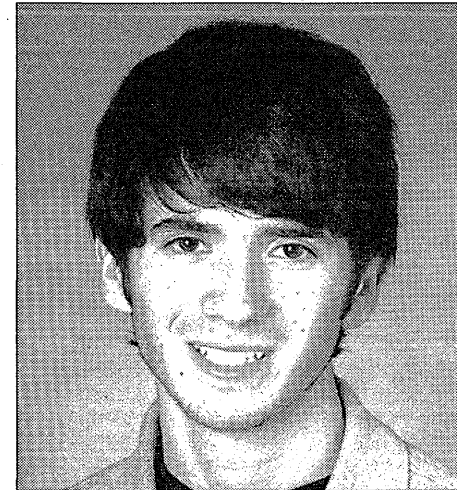
Su plays piano. He competed and received honors in various state competitions. He participated in the U-M Math and Science Scholars Summer Program (2006) and the Uri Kochiyama Leadership Program.

He works part-time as a teaching assistant at Kumon Learning Centers.

Dr. Stephen Williams (political and economic systems) is the teacher who most influenced Su.

"Dr. Williams revealed to me the importance of education and obtaining knowledge and gave me the motivation to apply myself throughout my high school career," wrote Su in his all-star application.

Su is the son of Xiangying Su and Hong Jiang and the brother of Peter and Scott, both 13.



Matt Durak
Plymouth High School

Matt Durak of Canton Township will attend either the University of Michigan or the honors college for computer engineering at Michigan State University.

He plans to pursue a master's in that field and become a computer engineer.

His academic honors include Professorial Assistantship at MSU, Alumni Distinguished Semifinalist at MSU, a merit scholarship from the U-M, Michigan Promise Scholarship, National Merit Commended Student, USAA National History and Government Award and Student of the Month.

Durak is a member of the National Honor Society, Ski and Snowboard Club and Key Club. He participated in a computer programming competition last year at the University of Michigan-Flint.

He plays the guitar and enjoys snowboarding. He has logged more than 50 hours of volunteer work at a soup kitchen and Bentley Elementary School. He works part-time at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

Russell Carlson and Stephen Williams are the teachers who most influenced Durak during his high school career.

"Mr. Carlson (computer programming) because he introduced me to programming and helped me get interested in computer engineering and Mr. Williams (AP U.S. history) because he made history somewhat interesting," wrote Durak in his all-star application.

The son of Thomas and Lisa Durak of Canton Township, he is the brother of Allison, 15, and Nicholas, 13.



Kathryn LaBelle
Stevenson High School

Kathryn LaBelle plans to attend the University of Notre Dame, Northwestern University, Case Western, Michigan State or the University of Michigan and major in engineering and piano performance.

"I'm not absolutely sure what I want to do after college but I am considering being an engineer or a math professor. If I end up at a university, I would like to be involved in research with professors," she said.

An honor roll student and summa cum laude (three years), LaBelle was a semifinalist in the Michigan Math Prize Competition in 2006 and 2007. She achieved the top 2 percent of scores in 2007.

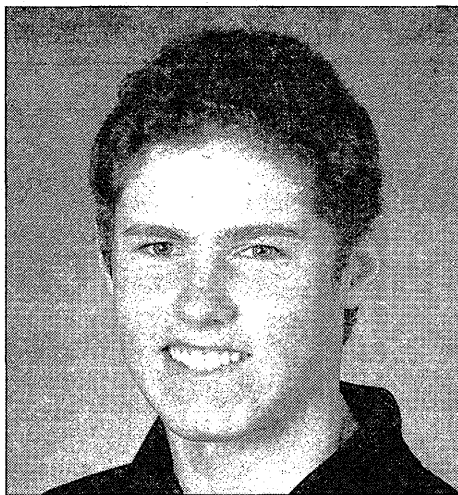
Her activities at Stevenson include class council, National Honor Society, orchestra, community service club and Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). She was the fund-raising coordinator for annual summer mission trips and student leader for the Mt. Hope Church Youth Group. She also sings in the church choir. Her other activities include competitive piano, violin, tutoring at Holmes Middle School and Stevenson High School, early literacy volunteer at Buchanan Elementary School and AAA pregnancy center volunteer.

Two high school teachers had the most influence on LaBelle.

"Kathy Ladd, my 11th-grade English teacher, improved my writing skills immensely and taught me to look at literature in an analytical light. She has also been very encouraging as I try to finalize my plans for the future.

"Marilyn Snabb, my calculus teacher, encouraged me to pursue a career in mathematics and made calculus easy to understand," wrote LaBelle in her all-star application.

She is the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth LaBelle of Livonia, and the sister of Cory and Joel, both 14.



Marc Lecerf
North Farmington High School

Marc Lecerf of Farmington Hills will attend the University of Michigan and study engineering. He wants to pursue a career in aerospace engineering.

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist and member of the National Honor Society. He also received North Farmington Academic Awards in chemistry, physics, French, mathematics and economics.

Lecerf's extracurricular activities include varsity tennis, robotics, piano (10 years) and tutor for the National Honor Society. He did volunteer work for Friendship Circle and Summer in the City.

The teachers who most influenced Lecerf are Susan Szegedi (chemistry) and David Ruehl (physics).

"My chemistry and physics teachers have been two of the most influential forces in leading me towards my passion for the physical sciences and an eventual career in engineering," wrote Lecerf in his all-star application.

"Both Mrs. Szegedi and Mr. Ruehl have a deep love for their work and the subjects they teach. I love how when I have questions or am curious about the topic at hand, they share a similar inquisitiveness. They have inspired me to go beyond the limits of the curriculum — this energy is the quality I find to be the most inspirational in a teacher," wrote Lecerf.

"I have had Mrs. Szegedi since my sophomore year and Mr. Ruehl since junior year. They have been a very strong guidance for these past three years of my high school experience," added Lecerf.

He is the son of Oliver and Diane Lecerf and brother of Danielle, 19.



Gina Rotondo
Mercy High School

Gina Rotondo of Plymouth is uncertain about what college she'll attend. She's deciding among Northwestern University, Boston College, University of Notre Dame, University of Michigan, Carnegie Mellon and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

She plans to pursue a liberal arts education.

Her career goals are to "become a leader and an expert in my field, to influence and improve the lives of others, to discover truth, to communicate with the world beyond barriers, to never cease to be restless."

Rotondo is a member of the National Honor Society, IACL scholarship winner, Spanish Honor Society and Scholastic All-Catholic Team (2005, 2006, 2007). She received the National Science League Award in Biology (top score in school) and Chemistry and third place for sports feature story and sports page spread from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association.

Her extracurricular activities include varsity soccer, varsity basketball (captain and member of the All-Catholic Academic team 2006-07), managing editor of the school newspaper, PB&J Ministry, Spirit Choir, Providence Hospital volunteer, Pro-Life Club, Student Council, schoolwide secretary junior, sophomore and freshman class secretary.

She received a varsity letter for forensics team, two-time national qualifier and first in Detroit Catholic League for Oratorical Declamation (2006), second in Detroit Catholic League for original oratory (2007).

Rotondo says four teachers have influenced her academic career. "Michelle Hazzard (junior high English) gave me the invaluable tools to become a writer," wrote Rotondo.

"Mike Gruber (English), as my first high school literature teacher impressed me with the power and beauty of words."

Tom Schusterbauer (history and English): "taught me to notice, and challenged me to think broader, deeper, harder, longer and about more things at once than ever — while smiling."

"Sue Noll (math): She showed me that nothing is impossible."

Rotondo is the daughter of Michael and Karen Rotondo and the sister of Nicole, 19, and Teresa, 15.



Rene Perry
Salem High School

Rene Perry of Canton Township will attend Oberlin College or Kalamazoo College and study creative writing, journalism and calculus.

She wants to become a rich and successful creative writer of fantasy and adventure novels.

A National Merit Commended Scholar, Perry has been active in Girl Scouts. She is treasurer of the SALSA Club at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) and played the euphonium. She spends time baking and volunteering at soup kitchens, raking lawns for senior citizens, supporting U.S. troops overseas and on community cleanup projects.

Perry is also a writing tutor at the Salem Writing Center (one of three at the PCEP) and is "very honored to help students at all levels from beginning to college level writers."

The teacher who influenced her the most during her high school career is Cynthia Burnstein (English 9 and honors Shakespeare).

"She's always been very supportive of my dream to become a writer. She was more than helpful in recommending classes that would develop my skills as a writer and a creative thinker," wrote Perry in her all-star application.

She is the daughter of Brent and Susan Perry of Canton, and sister of Keith, 16.

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Grad, 76, Realizes Nursing Degree Dream

It's never too late to pursue a dream. Just ask Lillian Anderson.

The 76-year-old Coldwater resident joined 47 other Madonna University nursing graduates at a pinning ceremony at Laurel Manor in December 2007. Anderson delivered the keynote/inspirational speech and was honored with the writing award and the O'Neill Award for Humanistic Nursing for her compassion and caring.

It hasn't come easily.

"Ever since I was a kid I wanted to be a nurse, but life got in the way," she said. "When I turned 70, I needed a new direction and some friends sat me down and asked what had I always wanted to do and I said I wanted to be a nurse."

Anderson worked 48 years as a secretary, 20 years at Ford Motor Co., retiring in 1995. She already had a degree from Madonna.

"I had graduated from Madonna with a bachelor's degree in business management. I decided to take business because it tied into my work at Ford Motor Co.," she said. "I thought I was too old to be a nurse, but I guess I'm not."

She actually began her business degree studies in the 1960s but had to put them on hold when her son, Kevin



Lillian Anderson with Teresa Thompson, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health at Madonna University.

Giedre, was diagnosed with bone cancer. She cared for him until his death at 18 in 1973. She finally earned that first bachelor's degree in 1989.

She registered for Madonna's hospice program in 1991, but never attended classes because her second husband became ill and she cared for him until he died in 2000.

She began the nursing program in 2002, but her daughter, Judy Zammit, had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She died earlier this year at age 54.

"For my immersion, I worked at Angela Hospice, a wonderful place," she said.

At Madonna an "immersion" is a real workplace experience allowing students to be immersed in the real work world.

"I worked with a preceptor, Paula Bending, who is the epitome of what a nurse should be," Anderson said.

After passing the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) exam, Anderson now works part-time as an oncology nurse at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, and as a nurse for In-House Hospice Solutions.

"What an inspiration, she is," said Teresa Thompson, dean of the College of Nursing and Health. "It's been a pleasure to watch her grow, and care, and give to so many. She's become part of who we are at Madonna."

Madonna Education Job Fair Attracts Schools and Future Teachers

Story and photo by Derek Blair, communications director for Madonna University Society of Future Teachers.

They've been the students. Now they're ready to be the teachers. Madonna University's College of Education recently hosted its annual job fair attracting dozens of seniors and recent graduates. Representatives from eleven local and national school districts were on hand to interview Madonna teaching candidates.

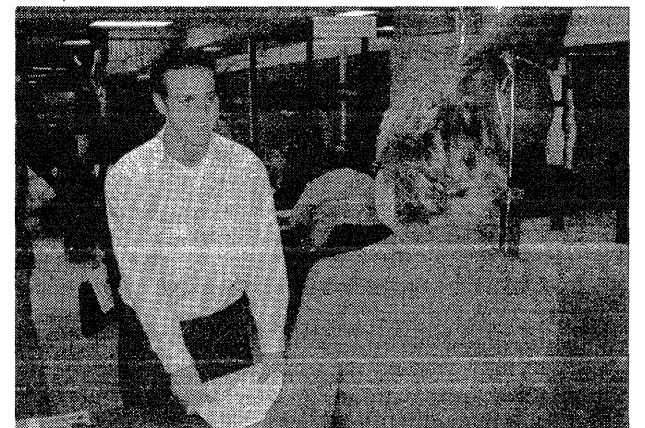
"As the baby-boom generation ages, we are starting to see more retirees in a lot of districts," said Karen Obsniuk, chair of teacher education at Madonna University. "The next few years should be very good for graduates of our teacher program."

Madonna delivers one of the most rigorous and demanding teacher programs in the state. It is the only school to require students pass both the State Basic Skills

test as well as the Praxis exam to even enter its program. The Michigan Department of Education recently awarded Madonna's program "exemplary" status, an honor bestowed on only a few of Michigan's Teacher Education Programs.

Student teaching sets Madonna's program apart, according to Mike Fenchel former principal of Livonia Franklin High School, and current supervisor of student teaching at Madonna University. "With over 100 hours of classroom observation, which is not the norm in many other schools, this exposure puts students in an excellent position to be a better student teacher and ultimately, a better teacher," Fenchel said

Bernard LaPorte, from the Wayne-Westland School District, interviewed students at the fair. "Madonna has one of the best teacher programs in the Midwest," he



Madonna student Steven Robinson interviews with a Divine Child representative.

said. "We're very fortunate to have a quality program like this in our backyard."

For more information about Madonna University's Teacher Education Program contact, Karen Obsniuk at 734-432-5644 or mailto:kobsniuk@madonna.edu



Student-athlete produces sports videos

The life of a college student is very busy. However, Becca Rufli's schedule is more intense than most.

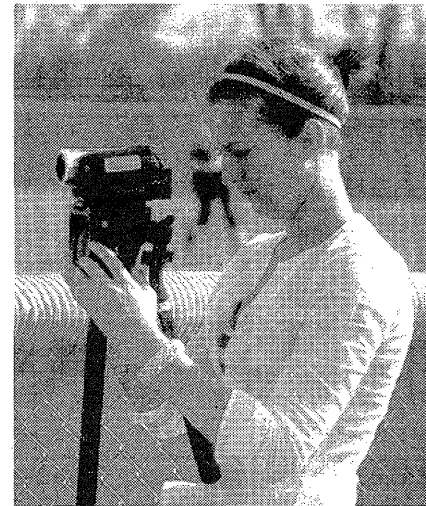
A senior majoring in Broadcast and Cinema Arts at Madonna University, Rufli plays on the women's basketball team for her second season, and produces video clips for the University's athletics Web site <http://www.madonnacrusaders.com>.

Madonna University athletics is at the top of its technology game with an interactive Web site where Crusaders fans can hear home and away games broadcast live, get up-to-the-minute e-scores and team news, and watch video clips. Rufli produced all of the team videos, seasonal highlight videos, and the entertaining video for the Crusaders Blue & Gold Awards. "Doing the video for the Web site is my income right now," said Rufli.

In addition to her demanding basketball practice and game schedule, Rufli found time to manage her video internship and still complete her homework. "I don't sleep much, but I love everything I do and that I'm involved in. Somehow I'm able to balance it all," said Rufli.

"We could've done better than finishing fourth in the regular season, but we ended up making a good run in the playoffs, so in no way was it a disappointing season," said Rufli. She averaged 6.7 points per game while playing in 27 contests and starting six.

When she graduates, Rufli will focus on getting a job in video editing. Her dream job would be working for ESPN, putting together the 90 seconds of film the anchors need to do highlights or producing ESPN's "Ultimate Highlight," just as she has done for Madonna.



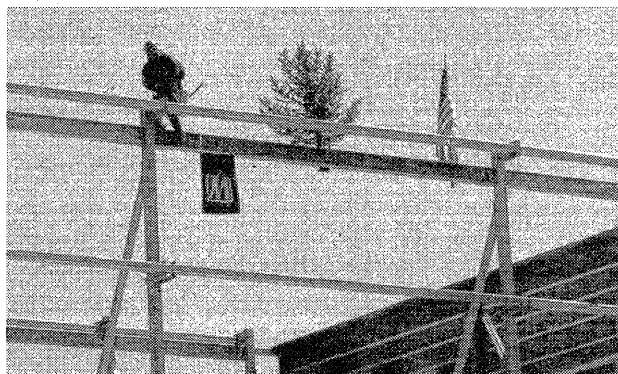
Students Sign Beam for Topping Off Madonna's "Green" Building

In early April 2008, Madonna University marked another milestone in the construction of the Science and Media Center – Livonia's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-(LEED) certified building. On a sunny spring day, a Madonna University banner, an evergreen tree, and the U.S. flag were affixed to a steel beam and hoisted to the top of the building and put in place.

John DeBrabander, Clark Construction superintendent, explained the topping off ceremony as a tradition within the industry that marks the moment when the highest structural point in the building construction has been attained without loss of life or serious injury, and it also is a good luck charm for the occupants of the building.

Today, the tree has different meanings for different people. Some explain it as a symbol of the workers' respect for nature's contribution to the building construction, which reflects Madonna University's Franciscan values. Others believe it symbolizes new growth, which also is demonstrated in Madonna's strategic plan.

The Science and Media Center will house state-of-the-art science labs and digital television and audio studios, as well as a lecture hall and student gathering area. Proposed opening of the Center is Fall 2009.



Students, faculty and staff filled a ceremonial steel beam with signatures and well wishes.

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Molly Roseland Stevenson High School

Molly Roseland of Livonia will attend the honors college at Michigan State University to study biochemistry.

She plans a career as a pediatrician - "any opportunity to pursue the sciences while interacting with children."

Her academic honors include summa cum laude (four years), AP Scholar, National Merit Commended Scholar and MSU Alumni Distinguished Scholarship which provides full tuition.

Her extracurricular activities include Quiz Bowl (three years) co-captain (varsity and junior varsity), yearbook editor and ELVS volunteer for two years.

Craig Barker (AP U.S. history) and Sean Horgan (AP chemistry) are the teachers who most influenced Roseland's high school career.

"Mr. Barker's passion for the subject made it at once relevant and exciting and his genuine warmth instilled me with the confidence needed to succeed in his class and in others," wrote Roseland in her all-star application.

"The ease with which he (Horgan) was able to 'translate' chemistry into understandable forms was inspiring - enough so to influence my desired major," added Roseland.

She is the daughter of James and Carole Roseland of Livonia.



Deanna Abrash Plymouth Christian Academy

Deanna Abrash of Northville will attend the University of Notre Dame and major in music composition and film production with a pre-law curriculum.

Her career goal is to practice law in the entertainment industry.

Her academic honors include National Honor Society, high honor roll, class salutatorian, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Merit Commended Scholar, National Society of High School Scholars, U.S. Achievement Academy All-American Scholar Award, U.S. Achievement Academy Leadership and Service Award, U.S. Achievement Academy National English Merit Award.

Her extracurricular activities include sports (karate and varsity cross country), piano (private lessons, recitals and competitions for 13 years), Swing City Big Band in Canton (grades 10-12), member of pit orchestra for Ever-After Productions Youth Theater (grades 10-12), played piano and organ in church (grades nine-12), member of the praise and worship team (grades 11-12) and participation in high school musicals (grades nine-12).

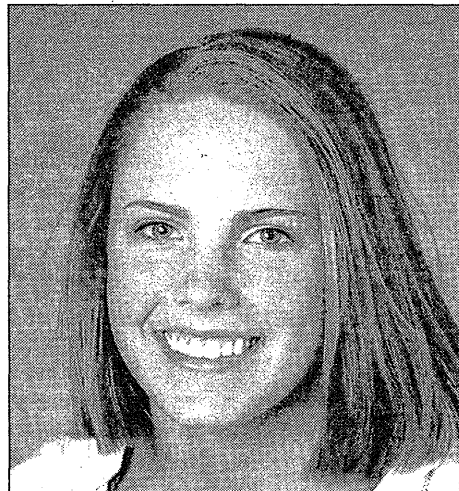
She has been a Safety Town volunteer for the city of Northville each summer in grades 10-12, a helper at vacation Bible school and member of the church choir.

The teachers who most influenced Abrash include Wesley Sherman (biology I and II), Dr. Jerry Smith and Laura Landrum (performing arts), Patricia Frye (English) and Emily Carlson (German).

"All of these teachers have given me great encouragement and have sincere concern for me," wrote Abrash in her all-star application.

"They have true dedication for the subjects they teach and can make even the mundane interesting. Each of them exhibit a contagious excitement for the subject they teach."

Abrash is the daughter of Michael P. and Claudia Abrash of Northville.



Alexandra Buckley Farmington High School

Alexandra Buckley of Farmington Hills plans to attend Michigan State University and major in animal sciences.

"I hope to stay at MSU and apply to the School of Veterinary Medicine," said Buckley, who wants to own her own practice.

"At the moment, I am leaning toward working with farm animals, especially horses," she added.

Her academic honors include AP Scholar, Michigan Math Prize Section I finalist, scholar athlete (grades nine-12).

She is vice president of the National Honor Society and the senior class at Farmington. She was publicity manager for REACH Multicultural Club (grades nine-10).

Buckley has played soccer, basketball and tennis in high school. In her senior year, she was co-captain of the varsity soccer and basketball teams.

Her community service works includes youth group and other volunteer activities at The Servant Church of St. Alexander Church, Oakland County Rebuilding Together, St. Patrick's Senior Center, Gleaners Food Bank, Make-a-Wish Foundation Walk, Race for the Cure, and St. Jude's Hospital fund-raiser.

Jeffrey Dwyer (AP biology) and Leanne Young (AP literature and composition) are the teachers who had the greatest influence on Buckley's high school career.

"Not only has he (Dwyer) fostered my love for biology, he has also challenged me to push myself in everything I do. I think it is this drive that has instilled in me that will help me to be competitive in the selection process for veterinary school.

"Ms. Young has taught me to appreciate and learn to enjoy all subjects even if they are not your best. I will take this advice with me into college and challenge myself to take a wide variety of classes to expand my knowledge. I have learned that I cannot restrict myself to only the subjects I have a passion for," wrote Buckley in her all-star application.

She is the daughter of Kimberly and Terry Buckley of Farmington Hills and the sister of Ashley, 20, Austin, 16, and Aaron, 13.



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High school principals who selected the 2008 Academic All-Star teams are (from left) Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm High School, Rick Jones of North Farmington High School, Carolyn Witte of Farmington Hills Mercy High School, Lara Dixon of Troy Athens High School, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School and Dan Willenborg of Livonia Franklin High School.

Principals vital to All-Star effort

High school principals from Oakland and Wayne counties met in late March to select the *Observer*, the *Eccentric* and the *Mirror* Academic All-Star teams.

This year's committee included **Lara Dixon** of Troy Athens High School, **Charlie Hollerith** of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, **Rick Jones** of North Farmington High School, **Terry Piper** of Birmingham Seaholm High School, **Dan Willenborg** of Livonia Franklin High School and **Carolyn Witte** of Farmington Hills Mercy High School.

The committee's job is to verify the information on the application. The principals examine grade point averages (academic subjects only), ACT and SAT scores.

Only those applications accompanied by transcripts, test scores and signed by the school principal are considered.

The committee selects the all stars based solely on academic credentials.

Once again, high schools throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties nominated some exceptional students.

"The depth of the talent pool is incredible," said Jones of North Farmington.

"Reading their resumes - seeing their achievement is even more humbling," said Lahser's Hollerith.

"These are great kids destined to do great things," said Willenborg, adding, "I'll match these kids against any others from around the world."

The principals noted that not only are the all-stars smart, they are well-rounded, caring members of their schools and communities.

Runners-up get high marks, too

Lauren Adlof
Huron Valley Lutheran High School



College prospects: Grand Valley State University or Madonna University to study physical therapy and athletic training.

Academic honors: Highest honors, Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit, and first place Voice of Democracy Post Winner.

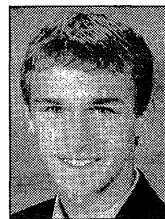
Extracurricular activities: Varsity basketball, volleyball, softball, class treasurer (10th grade), class vice president (11th and 12th grades), Sunday school and vacation Bible school teacher at St. Peter's in Plymouth.

Career goals: "I want to study physical therapy and athletic training, become a physical therapist and help people," wrote Adlof in her all-star application.

Influential teachers: Grace Mattek (English and government). "She teaches us to think and makes learning fun. I always look forward to her classes."

Adlof is the daughter of Ben and Sherry Adlof of Canton and the sister of David, 14.

Ryan Baglow
Lutheran High School-Westland



College prospects: Michigan State University for pre-medicine.

Academic honors: Co-valedictorian, National Honor Society, Honor Roll all seven semesters.

Career goals: "My goal is to have a successful career in the medical field. I hope to use the first years of

college to narrow down my abilities and interests and find a program for which I am passionate," wrote Baglow in his all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Captain of basketball, soccer and baseball teams (eight varsity letters), Student Council president, Concert Choir member for three years, member of Chamber Singers, usher and youth group member at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Walled Lake. His volunteer work includes Lutheran High Westland Booster Craft Show helper, work with St. Matthew Lutheran grade school soccer teams and church choir.

Influential teacher: Kevin Wade (biology, advanced biology). "He taught me the benefit of hard work and taught me to strive for perfection. He also made learning biology interesting," wrote Baglow.

He is the son of Tim and Sue Baglow of Walled Lake, and brother of Austin, 16.

Colin Beerbower
Huron Valley Lutheran High School



College prospects: Cornell University or Northern Michigan University to study psychology.

Academic honors: Highest honors all four years.

Career goals: "I want to be an intern with a psychologist and hopefully own my own business," wrote

Beerbower in his all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Student government, class president (grade 10) Student Council (grade 12), drama, yearbook and journalism, Hawk Singers, baseball, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher.

Influential teacher: Grace Mattek (English, composition, government, British literature).

Beerbower is the son of Brian and Joann Beerbower of Livonia.

Alexander Brown
Belleville High School



College prospects: New York University to study linguistics and pre-law.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist, Outstanding Scholar at Belleville High School, Outstanding Student of America, Outstanding Junior Musician Award

Belleville High Symphony Band, Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association State Proficiency Exam for French horn superior rating, Laureate National, Le Grand Concours National French Contest Level 2 (grade 10) Level 1 (grade nine), sixth place state of Michigan American Association of Teachers of French.

Career goals: "My background of involvement with people of various cultural backgrounds has led me to the field of international law," wrote Brown.

Extracurricular activities: American Chemical Society Chemistry Club, Junior State of America Debate Club, National Honor Society, Michigan Youth Band (French horn), Belleville High School Symphony Band, Metro Youth Symphony, Marching Band (participated in the Chicago State Parade, Outback Bowl and America's Thanksgiving Day Parade), American Red Cross volunteer, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Belleville High School peer tutoring, Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk, MDA Bowlathon, Clean Water Action field canvass staff, Belleville Swim Club coach, Blue Lake International Program Blue Lake Southern Winds — traveled to Austria, Germany and France playing with a band of 62 musicians

Influential teacher: "Michael Van Tassel, my former band director taught me the importance of working for something bigger than myself," wrote Brown in his all-star application.

Brown is the son of Lisa Brown Taylor and Fred Taylor of Belleville.

Ashley Burton
Garden City High School



College prospects: University of Michigan Ann Arbor to study business and Japanese.

Academic honors: Top 10 Freshmen and Sophomore, Scholarship to Japan by Youth For Understanding-USA.

Career goals: "I would like to work in marketing or advertising at a Japanese company," wrote

Burton in her all-star application. **Extracurricular activities:** Key Club, Students Against Dangerous Decisions, Model United Nations, volunteer at Westland public library

Influential teacher: "Vicki Curlee, Japanese teacher, because she has continued to keep my interest in Japanese alive and

Keith Penski, calculus teacher, for making math fun."

Burton is the daughter of Michele and Jonathan Burton of Garden City.

Stephanie Butman
Harrison High School



College prospects: University of Michigan or Michigan State University to study education with a concentration in math or psychology.

Academic honors: Academic Varsity Letters (grades 10-12) 4.0 GPA during entire high school career, National Honor

Society.

Career goals: "If I pursue the field of education, I would probably become a middle school or high school math teacher. If I pursue the field of psychology, I would like to become a school social worker or counselor or possibly a high school psychology teacher."

Extracurricular activities: Student Council (grades 11, 12) class president (2006-08), class treasurer (2005), class public relations officer (2005), marching band section leader, editor of marching band newspaper (grades 11,12) jazz band (grades nine-12), vocal ensemble and Young Life Christian Organization. Butman also participated in winter drum line, school musicals and plays and district and state solo and ensemble competition. Her extensive volunteer work includes soup kitchens, Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Goodfellows, Vacation Bible School and mission trips to Mississippi and New Orleans. She worked full time baby-sitting in the summer of 2007 and part time as a piano and trumpet teacher.

Influential teacher: Michael Teachman (honors algebra and pre-honors calculus). "He made math make sense for me. He helped to make it fun instead of being such a chore. He seemed to really care that his students succeeded in his class."

Also Angela Leach (psychology). "She sparked my interest in psychology as a possible career." Kristina Pittman (English) "helped me to not only become a better reader, but to really enjoy what I read."

Butman is daughter of Michael and Jeanne Butman of Farmington Hills, and sister to Melissa, 20, Andrew, 15, and Katie, 13.

Megan Craig
Mercy High School



College prospects: Emory, Bucknell or University of Michigan to study pre-medicine.

Career goals: "Pursue a career in the medical field working with children as a nurse or physician," wrote Craig.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, DeLoris Yager Nominee, Archdiocese of Detroit Scholastic All-Catholic Team 2006 and 2007, U-M Regents Scholarship, Honor Roll.

Extracurricular activities: Mercy varsity swimming captain, Coach's Award, All-State Swimming, All-Catholic Swimming, All-American Swimming, Club Wolverine Swimming, swim lesson instructor, Science Club, volunteering at Mott Children's Hospital, Mercy Open House, food drive representative, Mercy Mentor.

Influential teacher: Bob Ciske, pre-calculus.

"Mr. Ciske challenged his students while making class enjoyable and math easier to understand," wrote Craig in her all-star

application.

Craig is the daughter of Christine and Joseph Craig of Ann Arbor, and sister of Matthew, 20, and Emma, 14.

Kyle Cupp
Garden City High School



College prospects: Lawrence Technological University to study computer science.

Academic honors: Honor roll, Bev Fristick Award for Math.

Extracurricular activities: Plays clarinet, performed in marching band for two years, participates

in youth group at Solid Rock Bible Church.

Career goals: Work in computers or math. **Influential teachers:** Keith Penski, "an excellent teacher. He has allowed me to see I enjoy math." Carl Lenze "encouraged me to challenge my own thinking and beliefs."

Cupp is the son of Steven and Eileen Cupp of Garden City and the brother of Janna, 5.

Sarah Ann Drum
John Glenn High School



College prospects: Saginaw Valley State University or Grand Valley State University for chemistry, cosmetic chemistry or forensic chemistry.

Academic honors: Academic letter and pins, Best Social Studies Student (grades 10, 11), 2007 Law Day essay winner;

Detroit News/Catch Outstanding High School Graduate Program nominee.

Career goals: "I hope to become a cosmetic chemist or forensic chemist after earning a bachelor's and master's in chemistry," wrote Drum.

Extracurricular activities: Vice president of Thespians, treasurer of Thespians, National Honor Society member and secretary, freshman kick-off mentor, member and assistant manager and stage manager of Crew, 2008 class secretary-treasurer, volunteer at Westland public library, Wayne Actors Community Theater volunteer, Wayne-Westland Junior Miss participant.

Influential teacher: Tom Buckalew (American history).

"My 10th-grade American History teacher Tom Buckalew had the greatest influence on me because he helped me believe I could excel at anything I put my mind to," she said.

Drum is the daughter of Martin and Kelly

Drum of Westland and sister of Jennifer, 14.

Kaitlynn Dwyer
Franklin High School



College prospects: Michigan State University, pre-veterinary medicine/microbiology.

Academic honors: High school honor roll, AP Scholar with Honor, Livonia Career and Technical Center Honor Roll.

Extracurricular activities: Patriots Relate, Model United Nations, Junior State of America (grades 11, 12), student assistant (Spanish), Diversity Club, Chess Club (11th grade); math and Spanish tutor (10th grade), Students Against Driving Drunk (grade nine).

Career goals: "I plan on becoming a veterinarian and opening my own animal hospital

and rescue shelter," wrote Dwyer.

Influential teachers: Mary Helen Diegel (World History, AP U.S. History) "taught me to work hard and make the best of my education because not everyone has the opportunity," wrote Dwyer in her all-star application.

Dwyer of Livonia is the daughter of Richard Dwyer and stepdaughter of Sandy Dwyer and daughter of Diane Gasparian and stepdaughter of Zak Gasparian. She is the sister of Stacey Dwyer, 25, and Brian Dwyer, 21.

Ashley Hall

Clarenceville High School

College prospects: Michigan State University or University of Michigan to study political science.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, freshman and sophomore English department awards, summa cum laude (three years).

Career goals: "I hope to attend law school and one day get involved in politics," wrote Hall in her all-star application.

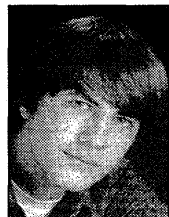
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, freshman class president, Student Congress E-Board president and secretary, marching band (flute). She played varsity basketball for four years and was captain for one year. She also participated in varsity track for two years (one year captain).

Influential teacher: Brady Gustafson (math) "helped me believe in myself inside and outside the classroom" and Bobbi Butman (English) "improved my writing tremendously."

Hall is the daughter of Steven and Gloria Hall of Livonia and sister of Stephanie, 22.

Jesse Hendrickson

Belleville High School



College prospects: University of Michigan, to study chemistry or computer science.

Academic honors: Student of the Month, certificate of Congressional Recognition.

Career goals: "I plan to study chemistry to pursue a career in chemical engineering," wrote Hendrickson.

Extracurricular activities: Marching Band drum major, secretary National Honor Society, plays clarinet in nationally-recognized Symphony Band, swim team member and Junior Statesman of America.

Influential teacher: Christine Diehl (chemistry and AP chemistry). "She not only expanded my interest in chemistry, but also taught me proper work ethic applicable to many areas in life," wrote Hendrickson in his all-star application.

Hendrickson is the son of James and Debbie Hendrickson of Belleville and brother of Kyle, 19.

Melanie Hutchings

Thurston High School



College prospects: Wayne State University or the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, to study pre-medicine for neonatal or pediatric medicine and music.

Academic honors: Student of the Month, Golf All Academic and All Conference.

Career goals: "To help decrease the mortality rate of premature babies," wrote Hutchings.

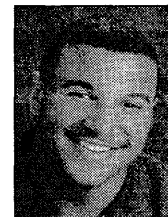
Extracurricular activities: President of the National Honor Society, chair of the Redford Youth Commission, Science Olympiad, tutoring, golf captain, Link Crew leader, drama program participation where she acted in school play and served as a tech for four others, assistant store manager, plays tuba in Marching Band, Honors Band, Chamber Winds, played euphonium in Concert and Jazz bands, member of Glassmen Drum & Bugle Corps.

Influential Teacher: Edward Lucius (band) and Jeanette James (calculus).

Hutchings of Redford is the daughter of Karen Duhonich and Steven Hutchings and sister of Brian, 19, and Stephanie, 17.

Chase Kelly

Wayne Memorial High School



College prospects:

University of Michigan or Grand Valley State University and other schools including Harvard University to study political science and minor in Spanish.

Academic honors: Academic Letter Award (2005-08), Honor Roll

(2005-08), Outstanding Social Studies Student (2007).

Career goals: "I hope to either serve the public in the field of law or serve as an elected official. My goal would be to inflict positive change in the world through diplomatic processes and philanthropic works," wrote Kelly in his all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity football, track and field, freshman and junior varsity basketball, Upward Bound, National Honor Society, National Hispanic Honor Society, power lifting and Student Senate. Extensive volunteer work at Salvation Army, Bright Futures (Head Start program), school office and library and several elementary and middle schools in the district.

Influential teachers: Shannon Pypa (history 10th grade and political science 11th grade): "She challenged me in a subject I loved and whetted my appetite for political science." Catherine Coccia (Spanish teacher): "I have developed my understanding of the language due to her exciting teaching style."

Kelly is the son of Bridget Kelly of Wayne.

Emily Klimas

Redford Union High School



College prospects:

University of Michigan, to study writing, teaching, design or music.

Academic honors: Honor Roll (four years), Academic Achievement Awards (last three years), varsity letters in choir and drama, nominated for membership in the National Society

of High School Scholars, invited to several leadership conferences.

Career goals: "I plan on going to college to gain a surplus of knowledge and find who and what I am to become. Some dreams I have had are to become a kindergarten teacher, journalist, Broadway star or fashion designer. Maybe in the course of my life, all of them will come true," wrote Klimas in her all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Students Advisory Council treasurer, Madrigal Chorale, Drama, with lead in *Singing in the Rain*, and most improved award, dance lessons, Link Crew mediation program, soup

kitchen volunteer and summer Vacation Bible School volunteer.

Influential teacher: Judy Korybalski (English). "She taught me not only the curriculum, but how to be myself, to open up through writing and eventually through life. She pushed me to be the best I could be. She believed in me and saw the potential in me."

Klimas is the daughter of John and Tina Klimas of Redford, and the sister of Elizabeth, 19.

Jessi Kramer

Plymouth Christian Academy



College prospects:

Hillsdale College, Hope College, University of Michigan to study biology or medicine.

Academic honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Merit Commended Student.

Career goals: "I hope to have a career in a scientific/medical field — doctor or research scientist — and also help people in the process. This might involve being a missionary doctor," wrote Kramer in her all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Playing the piano, math tutor, teaching a class at church, youth group member, Student Council, National Honor Society.

Influential teacher: Kerri Quigley (English, history eighth grade) and Jeff Schmidt (AP U.S. history).

Of Quigley, she said: "She helped me believe in myself and had a great love of her students." And of Schmidt, she said: "He pushed me to work harder than I ever have before; yet he is still kind and encouraging."

Kramer is the daughter of Matthew and Jennifer Kramer of Ann Arbor and sister of Kelly, 19, Lauren, 12, Aaron, 10, Morgan, 8, and Jordan, 4.

Kayliegh Lemon

Agape Christian Academy



College prospects: Spring

Arbor University or the University of Michigan-Dearborn to study science or graphic design.

Academic honors: Superior Awards (2005-07), All Academic Medal, awards in Bible, biology, English, advanced math, computers and Spanish II

and III.

Career goals: "If I chose to pursue scientific studies, I hope to find new ways to better help and improve the lives of others," wrote Lemon in her all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Varsity cheerleading (four years — captain grades 10, 11 and co-captain in grade 12), varsity softball (grades nine-12) and basketball (grade 11), National Honor Society president (grade 12) and historian (grade 11), senior class secretary, help organize weekly school chapel services.

Influential teacher: Kitty Bobbitt. "She had a major influence on me in my academic career because she expected high quality work, which led me to be a better student."

Lemon is the daughter of Michael and Karen Lemon of Plymouth, and sister of Brendon, 22.

James "J.J." Mariani

Clarenceville High School



College prospects:

Michigan State University (Lyman Briggs College) to study entomology, chemistry, biology or environmental biology (pre-medicine).

Academic honors: Summa cum laude (grade nine) and magna cum laude (grades 10, 11).

Career goals: "I plan on receiving my bachelor of science degree and then furthering my dream by attending medical school to attain a position in the sciences. I see myself as a doctor because the sciences have always held the most interest to me and my passion for making a difference in the world would best be suited in a career that aims at human services," wrote Mariani in his all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Student Congress Executive Board (vice president), National Honor Society, Choraliers (audition choir), district musical and American Red Cross volunteer. He works part time at Ritter's Frozen Custard.

Influential teacher: Barbara Gutman (AP language, advanced composition), and Patricia Wasechle (biology and anatomy). "They have both designed strong curriculums that allow me to challenge myself every day, and they both possess the qualities that demonstrate what hard work and determination are all about. They are also sponsors for our Student Congress, which focuses on leadership abilities and the capability to make a difference in our school."

Mariani is the son of Juliette Tondreau, and Jim and Rebecca Mariani, and brother of Jake, 14, Jeana, 11, and Jonah (newborn).

Ayush Mathur

Harrison High School



College prospects:

University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Kettering, University of Michigan-Dearborn to study bio-medical engineering.

Academic honors:

2004-05 President's Education Award, 2004-2005 Who's Who Among High School Students, 2004-2007 4.0 District Honor Roll, 2008 AP Scholar Award

Extracurricular Activities: RoboHawks (robotics) team member, Interact member, earned "one" rating at district solo and ensemble, full orchestra member, concertmaster, JV tennis captain, varsity tennis (four doubles district champion), tutor for foreign language department, assistant instructor for music students at Beechwood Elementary, National Honor Society, Boys State Attendee (sponsored by American Legion Post 346), AP Scholar Award, peer mediator

Influential teacher: Stacey Schildberg (biology/chemistry) "Mrs. Schildberg has brought forth my interests and love for science," wrote Mathur in his all-star application.

Mathur is the son of Isha and Gursaran D. Mathur of Farmington Hills and brother of Ankit, 20.

Temitayo Olojo
Agape Christian Academy



College prospects: University of Michigan, Spring Arbor University and University of Toledo, to study pre-medicine.

Academic honors: Superior Award, Soccer All-Academic Team, academic awards in math, science, history, English, computers.

Career goals: "I plan on studying pre-med in college then continuing in medical school. After internships, I want to become a physician and eventually open up my own clinic," wrote Olojo in his all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society member and sergeant at arms, class vice president, varsity soccer and basketball, sang carols at a veteran's hospital, volunteered to serve concessions at University of Michigan football games.

Influential teacher: Kitty Bobbitt (biology, history and English). "She always made sure I understood the material and was not just memorizing terms in order to pass the test."

Olojo is the son of Sheyi and Helen Olojo of Westland and brother of Shola, 19, Folahe, 14, and Enit, 11.

Lauracindy May Plague

Westland John Glenn



College prospects: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, studying psychiatry.

Academic honors: Honor student, Foreign Language Student of the Year (2004-05), Fine Arts Student of the Year (2004-05), Academic Letter.

Career goals: "I hope to go through pre-med with a focus in psychology and eventually go through medical school to become a psychiatrist," wrote Plague in her all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: D.A.R.E., National Honor Society, Student Council representative, Marching Band (color guard), Chemistry Club, class government (vice president), Varsity Quiz Bowl, Drama, Glenn Singers (choir vice president), Girl Scouts.

Influential teachers: Lynn LeBlanc and Susan Curtis: "They were two of the best English teachers I have ever had. They taught me to be myself, even if I didn't fit the typical mold."

Plague is the daughter of Corinne Fine and Kerry Plague of Canton and the sister of Parker Plague, 23.

Laura Renaud

Redford Union High School



College prospects: Wayne State University to study vocal music education.

Academic honors: Honor Roll, American Legion Award Winner, National Society for High School Scholars, Who's Who Among America's High School Students.

Career goals: "Establish myself teaching in a high school. I'd then like to return to college and obtain my master's and eventually my Ph.D. in musicology. From there I'd like to work at a university as a professor and researcher. I'd like to study music and its impacts on society as a universal language," wrote Renaud in her all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Drum major,

Madrigal Choir, National Honor Society president, diversity trainer, drama department, volunteer for Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Gleaners Food Bank, Relay for Life.

Influential teacher: Mary Keyser (English) "Ms. Keyser is just such an awesome person (she has her eyebrow pierced for Pete's sake). She was the first teacher I had who gave a care about the opinions of her students, and by doing that she opened my eyes to a whole new world of learning. She made me genuinely love learning and for that, I cannot thank her enough."

Renaud is the daughter of Nava and Chris Renaud of Redford and sister of Nava Renaud, 20, Merritt Eagling, 28, and Clark Eagling, 26.

Samantha Santeiu

Ladywood High School



College prospects: Iowa State University to major in meteorology and possibly minor in math, music and/or history.

Academic honors: Summa cum laude, Foreign Language Award in Spanish, Music Award for Vocal Ensemble, District Vocal Solo and

Ensemble Festival First Division rating (2008), District Instrumental Solo and Ensemble First Division Rating (2007), Education Communications Scholarship Foundation

Finalist, District Choral Festival Second Division Rating (2006), National Society of High School Scholars, National Honor Society, Varsity Letter in Chorus, National

Honor Roll, Mathematics Award (grades nine-11), Academic Scholastic Award (grades nine-12), U.S. Achievement Academy All American Scholar (2005 to present), Honor Roll Principal's List, Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Career goals: "I aspire to become a successful severe storm meteorologist, combining my talents in science and mathematics, my passions for music and nature, and my skills in analysis and problem solving. I hope to become a strong leader and provide service to my community," wrote Santeiu in her all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: University of Detroit Jesuit High School choir and theater, Ladywood High choir, Michigan District 12 and Michigan State Vocal Solo and Ensemble Festival (piano accompanist and vocalist), Severe Weather Spotter for the National Weather Service and member of the American Meteorological Society. Santeiu's volunteer experience is extensive and includes tutoring, fund raising for several nonprofits including the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, St. Dunstan and St. Raphael Vacation Bible Schools, Rainbow Rehabilitation Closed Head Injury Institution and Caroline Kennedy Library.

Influential teacher: Gale Schwalm (algebra II, trigonometry, calculus). "Every class I learn something new and my love for math has grown greatly. Mrs. Schwalm drives me to work hard and be the best student I can."

James Duffin (AP U.S. history, government), "teaches in a way that is interesting and easy to learn from."

Also, Juanita Jeffries (vocal and instrumental music): "Mrs. Jeffries and the music program have encouraged me to be a leader."

Santeiu is the daughter of Elizabeth and John Santeiu III of Dearborn Heights and the sister of John, 15, and Keri, 14.

Jacob Schofield

Wayne Memorial High School



College prospects: Abilene Christian University, to study physics and mathematics.

Academic honors: Honor roll all four years, outstanding student in Advanced Placement calculus and German I-III, dual enrollment

2007-08 University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Extracurricular activities: Band, trumpet, 2001-08; marching band, (2004-06), track and field (2004-08), cross country, (2005-07). National Honor Society.

Career goals: "To be content and happy with my job. I'd like to be a part of a research team."

Influential teachers: Denise Bateson (mathematics): "She was an excellent teacher." Ed McGovern (history and social science): "A coach who always pushed me."

Schofield is the son of David and Cindy Schofield of Wayne and the brother of Joshua, 25, and Austin, 20.

Alexander Tripp

Thurston High School



College prospects: Michigan Tech University to study mathematics.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Student of the Month.

Career goals: "I would like to be a high school math teacher," wrote Tripp in his

all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Marching band, honors band, wind ensemble (trumpet), theater (actor and director), Science Olympiad team manager, Venture Crew, National Honor Society.

Influential teacher: Jeanette James (AP calculus): "She is enthusiastic and inspiring and makes her students love math."

Kathy Gee (AP physics): "She is effervescent and inspired me to choose MTU."

Tripp is the son of Robert and Lucinda Tripp of Redford and brother of K. Scott, 20.

Kaitlyn Vitale

Ladywood High School



College prospects: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Notre Dame to study biomedical engineering or cell and molecular biology.

Academic honors: Foreign Language Award, Science Excellence Award, Mathematics Excellence Award, Literature Award,

Scholar Athlete Award for basketball and soccer (grades nine-12), Catholic League Scholar Athlete soccer (grade 11) and basketball (grade 12), Ladywood Honor Roll.

Career goals: "To pursue a career in the medical field."

Extracurricular activities: Varsity basketball captain for JV and freshmen, varsity soccer captain (grades 11, 12), Environmental Club (grades nine-12), National Honor Society president (grade 12) and vice president (grade 11), soccer and basketball camp counselor (grades nine-12), St. Michael's Youth Group, Salvation Army bell ringer, PB&J Outreach Volunteer, Livonia Meteors Soccer Club captain (grades nine-12), volunteer nurse's assistant at St. Mary Mercy Hospital (grades 11-12).

Influential teacher: Gale Schwalm (acceler-

ated algebra II/pre-calculus, AP calculus) and James Coleman (anatomy, physiology, genetics).

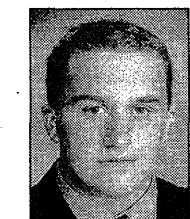
"Having Ms. Schwalm as my math teacher for three of four years has influenced my life. When difficulty arises, some teachers simply reveal the answer to the problem. However, Ms. Schwalm has worked with me when I have struggled and helped me to solve the problems myself. In doing so, I not only understood the answer, but also the overall mathematical concept. She has also pushed me to surpass my expectations and challenged me to reach my full potential."

"Mr. Coleman has a very in-depth scientific background and he continuously shares his knowledge and experiences with us in class. Instead of strictly following the book to teach, Mr. Coleman always brings in outside, recent sources to make science more interesting and relatable. Along with his extensive scientific knowledge, he is also very personable and willing to help in any way he can. On countless occasions, I have gone to him in search of career guidance and course selection assistance. As a result of being in his classes, I feel much more prepared and confident about my future in the science/medical field."

Vitale is the daughter of Colleen and Angelo Vitale of Livonia and sister of Andrew, 20, and Megan, 15.

Jacob Zeile

Lutheran High School-Westland



College prospects: Central Michigan University, Christ College at Valparaiso University, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina, Daytona University, Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University to study economics and Japanese.

Academic honors: National Merit Finalist and National Honor Society.

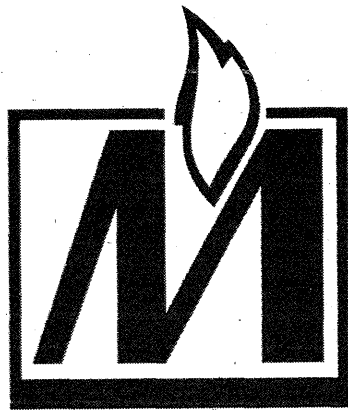
Career goals: Stock analyst, corporate accountant, chairman of the Federal Reserve (well, maybe not probable). "My primary goal is to earn enough money to easily support a stable family. My secondary goal is to create critical change, improvement or overhaul in the general economic theory or practice. My tertiary goal is to become irrevocably ingrained in American history," wrote Zeile in his all-star application.

Extracurricular activities: Cross country, forensics, violin, viola (and quartet), random odd jobs at church (comes with being a pastor's son).

Influential teacher: Kent Weier (world history and AP US history). "While two of my teachers had an indelible influence on me above all others, these two were my parents, so I shall decline to consider them," Zeile said. Instead referring to his history teacher Weier, he said: "Mr. Weier demanded timely completion of the homework. Despite my good grades and test scores, he threatened to kick me out of his class unless I began completing the assignments. I took the hint. This is the first influence: Mr. Weier forced a measure of work ethic on me that I had not before had."

"Secondly, I discovered my interest in economics in U.S. History (class). I found myself enjoying the mechanisms behind inflation, specie circular and the gold standard. This meshed quite nicely with one of my great academic joys, mathematics."

Zeile is the son of the Rev. Dr. Richard and Barbara Zeile of Detroit and brother of Aaron, 20, Rachel, 24, and Sarah, 26.



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