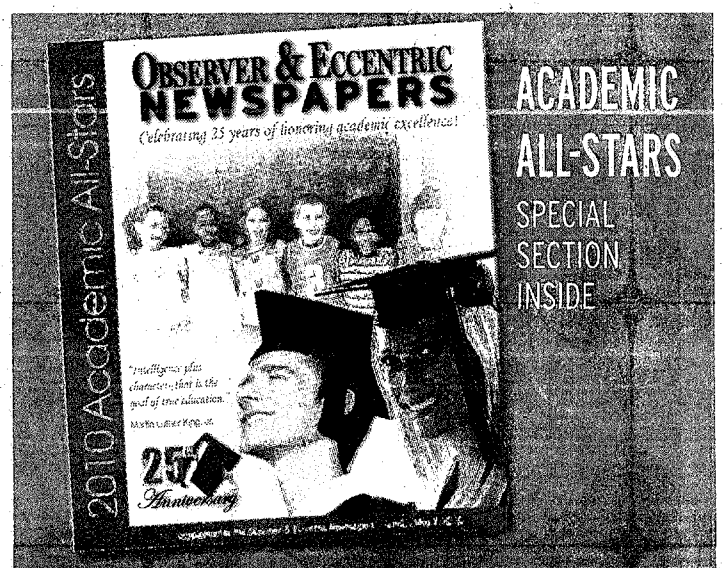


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Trivia challenge

The Plymouth Council on Aging is looking for seniors who love a good trivia challenge!

The Westland Friendship Center has issued a challenge for all communities to bring a team of up to 10 seniors to participate as a team on Friday, June 18, at 12:30 p.m. The Plymouth Community Senior Bus will be available to transport the Plymouth team for free along with a free lunch.

Spectators are also welcome for a charge of \$3 at the door and \$2 round trip fee for the bus.

Interested participants can call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, to sign up. Bus reservations can be made by calling (734) 459-8888.

Show and tell

"Show and Tell" takes on a new dimension at the Plymouth Historical Museum when collectors display their collections and possibly sell an item or two at the "Show and Tell ... and Sell" showcase set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 15.

The showcase will feature military collectibles, vintage buttons, and vintage purses and handbags. The showcase is part of the Plymouth Historical Museum's current special exhibit, "Show and Tell Collectibles," which runs through Sunday, June 6. The exhibit consists of an eclectic mix of personal and museum collections ranging from antique tools to chatelaines to stuffed animals. There are also fine pottery dogs, fire items, several porcelain or china collections, aprons, birthday collectibles, toy horses, and the museum's timeline of mannequins.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St., a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. For further information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit the museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org.

Cup soccer

The Canton Soccer Club is set to hold its 28th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament May 28-30 at various locations in Canton. The largest tournament of its kind in Michigan, The Canton Cup, will be held Friday from 5-9 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the 28th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, visit the Canton Soccer Club website at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or the tournament website at www.cantonsoccer.net. Additional information is available by contacting John Vaughn, Tournament director, at (248) 318-1590 (evenings only) or via e-mail at: johnvaughn@comcast.net.



Teacher Chris Hammond introduces George Leco from Farrand Elementary at Wednesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards luncheon, where more than two dozen students were honored.

Academic about face

Students honored for turning things around

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Taken by children's protection officials from her biological mother, rescued — and eventually adopted — by her grandmother, one could understand why Kimberly Schweim might have had issues going into high school.

Bad decisions, bad friends, bad attitude — Schweim had them all and, of course, her school work suffered.

Then she woke up — she says it happened headed into her junior year at Plymouth High School — and realized things had to change.

And they did, so much so that Schweim, now a senior at Plymouth, was handed one of more than two dozen Turnaround Achievement Awards at the 14th annual banquet, sponsored by Super Bowl, at the Summit on the Park in Canton Wednesday.

"I didn't care about my grades, didn't really put any effort toward school," Schweim said. "At a certain point, I realized I only had two more years, and I needed to change. I started to get over everything that happened. I started to care."

Schweim's story is similar to many of the students recognized at



Canton High School student Lisa Toner gets a big hug from her mom, Pat Toner.

the luncheon, sponsored annually by Community Bowling Centers to recognize students who have made significant changes in their lives. It's what makes the awards so special to sponsor, according to Mark Voigt, the proprietor of Super Bowl in Canton.

"This is one of our favorite things to do," Voigt said. "We get 'warm

fuzzies' from it."

Students are nominated by teachers and administrators. One student is chosen from each elementary school, two from each middle school and the rest from the three high schools.

Schweim was nominated, along

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Final Taco Bell holdup suspect turns himself in

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A day after the fifth suspect in an April armed robbery in Plymouth was arrested, a court hearing for all five men was postponed for two weeks.

Jerry L. Townsend, 21, turned himself in Thursday and was arraigned in 35th District Court on charges of armed robbery and using a vehicle during a felony. Judge Michael Gerou set bond at \$100,000.

Townsend and four others, each of whom face the same charges, are accused in the April 29 holdup of the Taco Bell on Main Street. The restaurant was robbed by three men, two of whom carried pistols, and a fourth man was waiting in a getaway car, police said.

Police say the holdup was an inside job; Townsend was a manager at the Taco Bell, said Plymouth Officer Jeff Jones, the detective in charge of the case.

With Taco Bell employees and supporters of the defendants looking on, Townsend and the other four suspects, all in custody, appeared in district court Friday to waive their rights to a preliminary hearing within 14 days of being charged. Judge James Plakas, in rescheduling the hearing for all five for Friday, May 21, said some defense attorneys had just been appointed or hired, and that more time was needed for evidence discovery.

The four other suspects are Caleb R. Johnson, 21, Romalice J. McDowell, 32, Derek M. Hubbard, 21, and Joseph D. Brown, 18, who is accused of being the getaway driver.

Plakas refused a reduction, sought by some defense attorneys, in the suspects' \$100,000 bonds.

"Had you come before me when you were arraigned, the bond probably would've been higher," the judge told Hubbard and Townsend.

Plakas, however, agreed that Johnson could be released with a 10-percent bond, or a posting of \$10,000. Unlike the others, Johnson had been held on a full \$100,000 cash bond.

No one was hurt in the holdup, which occurred before the restaurant opened. The robbers had the manager open the safe, police said, and men leaving the Taco Bell around the time of the holdup, one of whom was holding a pistol, were seen getting into a blue Chrysler 300.

Brown, McDowell, Hubbard and Johnson were arrested a short time later after a patrolling Livonia sergeant, having heard of the holdup, spotted a blue Chrysler 300 east-bound on I-96 and pulled over the driver.

Two BB pistols and a canvas bag with about \$3,000 in it were recovered, according to police.

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Flower shops' business blooms for Mother's Day

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Florists are traditionally busy just before Mother's Day, and those in the Plymouth area are no exception.

"Pretty much anybody who comes in the store today is going to be a Mother's Day shopper," Sarah Klatt, co-owner of Magnolia, a floral shop on Forest in downtown Plymouth, said Thursday.

"We're doing OK," said Victor West, who, with wife Jill, owns Vanessa's Flowers on Ann Arbor Road. "We're kind of beating the industry average, so I'm very happy about that."

They have gifts on hand for \$10 and up — a bud vase with a single flower, for example, or a small potted plant — but local florists put the average Mother's Day order at between \$45 and \$60. West said the

occasion, for his shop, also involves a lot more flower deliveries than other holidays.

"This is one holiday where most people do not chintz on flowers, because it's for their mother or their grandmother and they want to do it nice," said Lori Morrison, the owner of Ribar Floral Co. on South Main.

Bouquets, cut-flower arrangements and blooming plants remain traditional Mother's Day favorites, though Morrison and West noted increasing competition in some products, like hanging baskets, from big-box stores.

Shop owners say flowers that are popular for Mother's Day gifts include alstroemeria, cymbidium orchids (also known as boat orchids), pink roses and gerbera daisies; some said they offer flowers that shoppers might not see during other times of the year.

"Our flower selection is quite

immense for Mother's Day," Klatt said.

And the colors? "Anything pink," West said. "Pink and white."

Ribar also does a good business in delivering food baskets — fruits, gourmet items, chocolates, even a junk-food package if the customer desires, Morrison said.

April Marshall of Canton Township stopped in Friday afternoon at Magnolia to pick up a gift for her mother, Pattijo Marshall.

"Anything that makes her smile ... anything with pretty colors that smells good," Marshall said.

She said it was the first time she had shopped at a florist for a Mother's Day gift for her mom.

"Normally I buy her clothes, but she shops at a lot of floral places," she said.

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Forgot? Flower shops are open

Put off buying that Mother's Day gift? Forget to mark the calendar?

Florists in the Plymouth area have you covered.

Three local flower shops are open for limited hours today, Mother's Day, and all expect to have something in stock for the holiday.

Ribar Floral Co., 728 S. Main, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, despite what the store's website says. The phone number is (734) 455-8722.

At Magnolia, 551 Forest, the hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The phone there is (734) 414-0376.

Vanessa's Flowers, 545 W. Ann Arbor Road, will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Co-owner Victor West said cash and carry, with no deliveries, will be the policy for the day. The phone number is (734) 451-6866.



Gone green

Six schools from the Plymouth-Canton school district are among the winners of Michigan Green Schools Recognition Awards, and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia) was on hand to present them with certificates of appreciation from the county. Allen Elementary, Bird Elementary, Farrand Elementary, Miller Elementary, Our Lady of Good Counsel and Pioneer Middle School received the awards Monday at Wayne County RESA. The awards are given to schools who best exemplify the spirit and mission of Michigan Green Schools.org, which is dedicated to assisting all Michigan schools — public and private — to achieve environmental goals which include protecting the air, land, water and animals throughout the State of Michigan.

'Handshake agreement' temporarily averts police layoffs in township

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Layoffs in the Plymouth Township Police Department were averted — at least temporarily — when township and police union officials agreed last week to wage and benefit concessions and new contracts for officers and dispatchers.

Township officials, citing budget difficulties brought about by falling property tax collections and cuts in state aid, had sought a total of \$400,000 in concessions from police unions, but Supervisor Richard Reaume said the agreement "falls short of our target." The township is still in talks over concessions with the union representing the department's sergeants.

The layoff of up to seven

officers had been planned if the two sides had failed to reach a deal.

The "handshake agreement" — between the township and the Plymouth Township Police Officers Association was reached during bargaining Wednesday, and was to be put in writing this week, the two sides said. Both union members and the township Board of Trustees will then vote on the proposals, one for the 21 officers and another for the 11 dispatchers.

"Everybody's happy to avoid layoffs, but we've still got to get the membership and their vote," said Jerry Radovic, the PTOAM's business agent.

Both sides declined to reveal details of the concessions, pending final contract language, but said they involved wages, health benefits and retirement benefits. Radovic said the concessions will save roughly \$8,000 to \$9,000 a year per union member. The proposed contract, if approved, would expire at the

end of 2011.

Radovic called on township officials to cut their own pay in proportion to the pay cut members of his union are being asked to take. Reaume and Treasurer Ron Edwards, who declined raises for 2009 and 2010, have said they would cut their pay if employee groups agreed to concessions.

Two other township unions totaling about 30 workers, mostly clerical and public works employees, agreed to concessions earlier this year.

Firefighters, represented by the International Association of Fire Fighters, did not reach an agreement with the township on concessions, and three Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters were laid off in January.

The township and the Plymouth Township Command Officers Association, which represents the township's six police sergeants, are scheduled to meet on Wednesday.

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High-powered cast finds 'Salvation' in township

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township is putting in a new temporary street of sorts, *Salvation Boulevard*.

Cast and crew members of the movie tentatively scheduled for a 2011 release recently began filming scenes on a residential street in the south-central part of the township.

Based on a novel by Larry Beinhart, the cast of *Salvation Boulevard* includes Pierce Brosnan, Marisa Tomei, Greg Kinnear, Jennifer Connelly and Ed Harris.

Brosnan, who plays the charismatic pastor of a fundamentalist mega-church, is perhaps best known for playing super agent James Bond in four films in the Bond series.

There was no action Friday afternoon on the movie set, which included several trucks, tents, lighting equipment and portable restrooms. Crew members and a caterer were at the site, however.

Publicists for *Salvation Boulevard* could not be reached.

Brosnan, on his website, describes the movie as the story of a former Grateful Dead fan-turned born-again Christian who finds himself on the run from members of his



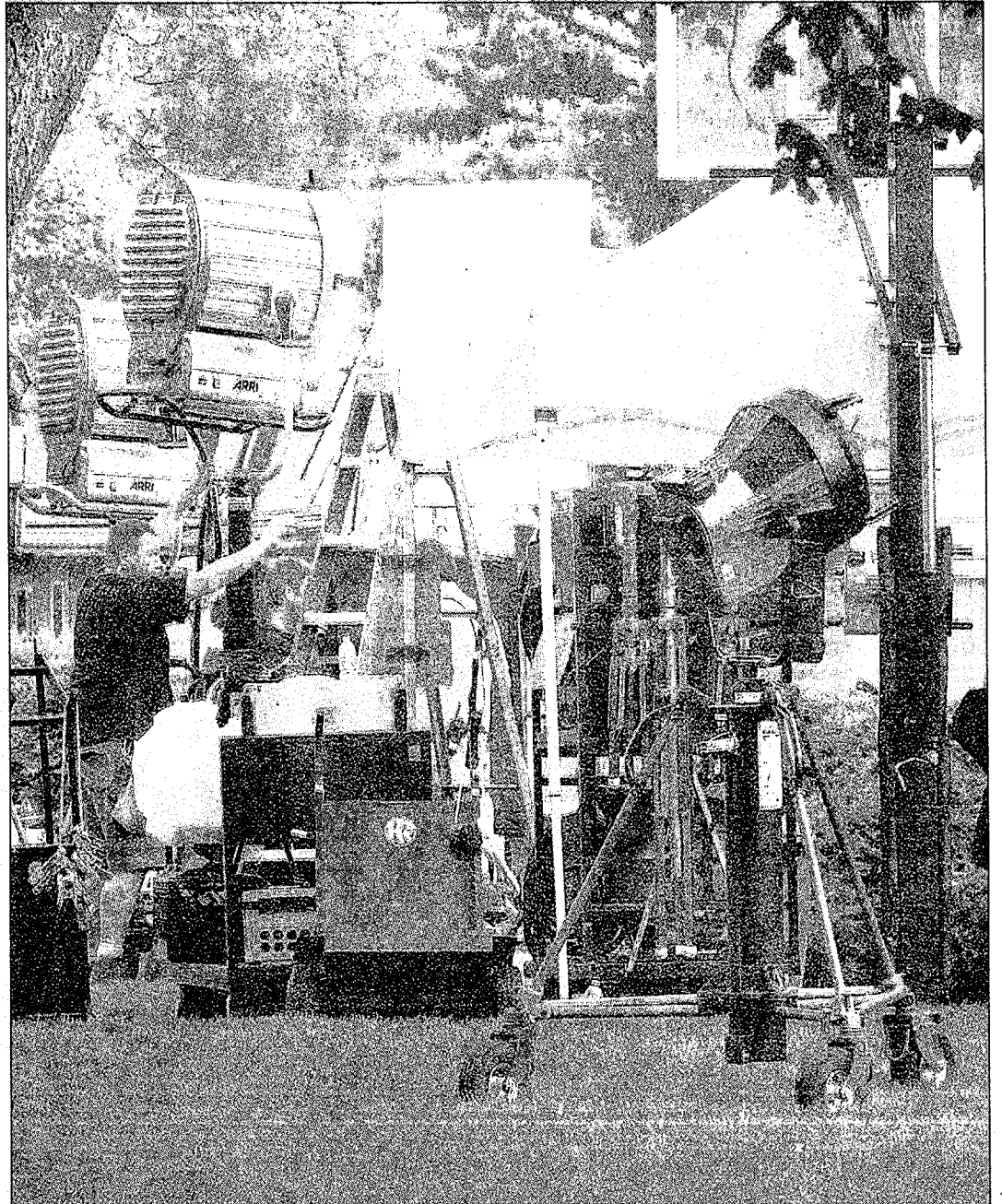
Karen DeBus, sisters Kathy Jalynski, Patty Gohl, Susan Evans and their mom Pat Diegel watch for Pierce Brosnan and Greg Kinnear sightings. "Greg Kinnear is supposed to be a hippie," said Susan Evans. Patty Gohl lives in Plymouth Township, just down the street from where 'Salvation Boulevard' is being filmed. The other sisters and mother live in Westland, except for Kathy Jalynski, who is from Menifee, Calif.

church, who will do anything to protect their larger-than-life pastor (Brosnan). The website imdb.com (Internet Movie Database) describes it as a comedy thriller.

Novelist Beinhart is also the author of *American Hero*, the 1994 novel upon which the movie *Wag the Dog* was based.

Salvation Boulevard is the third major film production to shoot scenes in the Plymouth

area in recent months. The cast and crew of the family drama *Trust*, directed by David Schwimmer (he played Ross on the television sitcom *Friends*), filmed scenes in Plymouth in November and December, and scenes for the comedy *Cedar Rapids*, starring John C. Reilly and Anne Heche, were shot at the Plymouth Roc (formerly Boulders) in December.

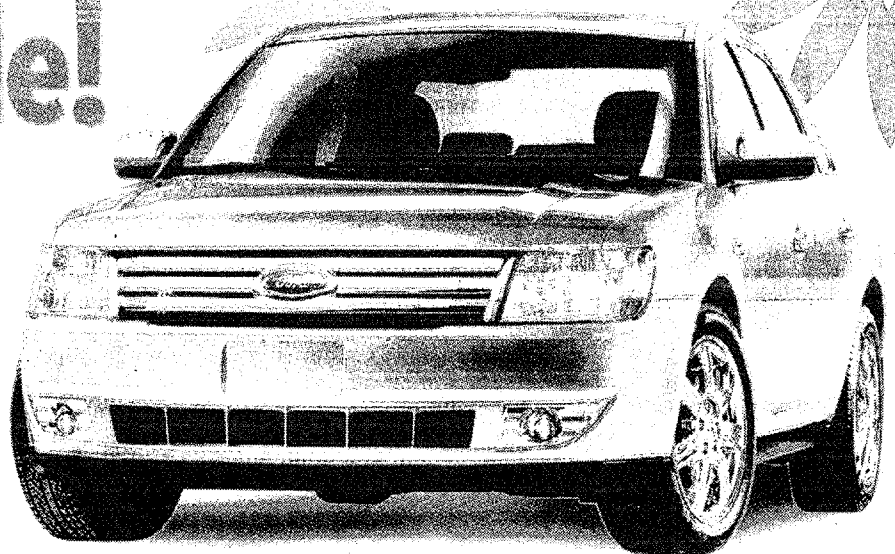


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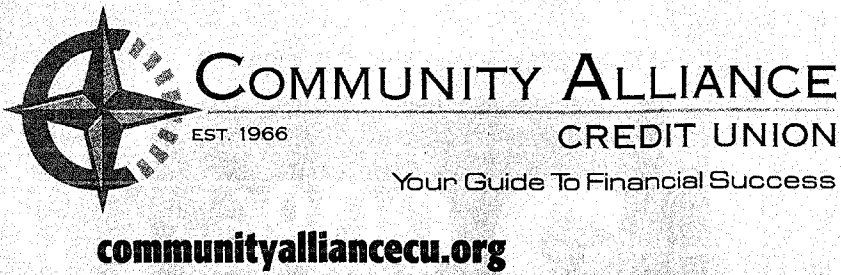
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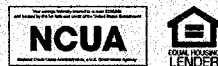
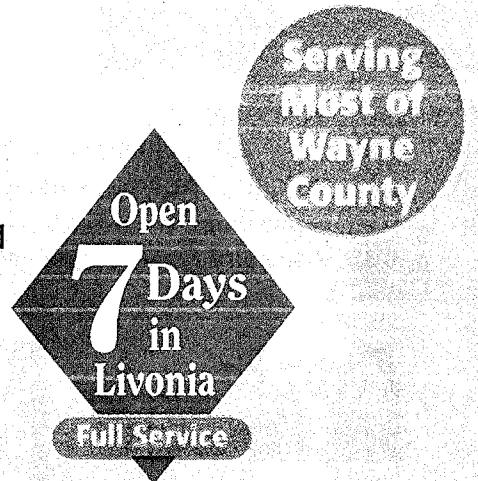
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Student government

Second-graders take charge of their classroom

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jessica Lopata runs her second-grade classroom at All Saints Catholic School like a city; she's the mayor, and her students fill a variety of roles including police officer, banker, librarian and mail carrier.

On Wednesday, the class got a visit from Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who came in to answer questions and show the kids how the professionals do it.

LaJoy, in his first term as township supervisor, spent time explaining how the township runs and answering questions posed by a discerning group of second-graders.

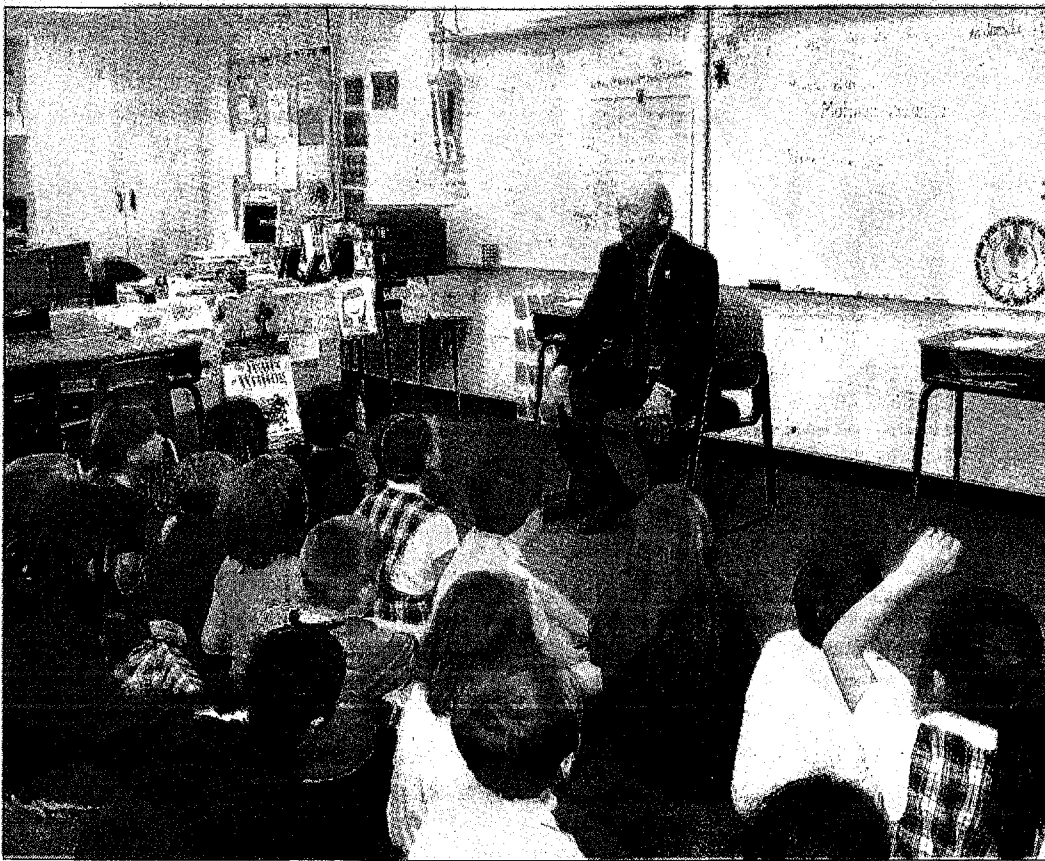
And he had a ball doing it. "I really enjoy that," LaJoy said of his visit, smiling. "They asked a lot of good questions. It's good to talk to them at their level."

Lopata, in her seventh year at All Saints (and her third teaching second grade), likes the idea of running the classroom like a municipality. It's called "Lopata Land," and the teacher takes the honor of being mayor seriously.

The students take it seriously, too. The police officers give tickets: Run in the hall, and it's a speeding ticket; talk loud in the classroom, and it's a noise violation; forget to push your chair back under your desk, and you get a parking ticket.

There's a librarian and a mail carrier, every draws salaries and pays bills (using play money, of course). Everybody switches jobs every quarter.

"It's a great thing to do in second grade," said Lopata, who got the idea from a col-



Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy fields questions from students in Jessica Lopata's second-grade classroom at All Saints Catholic School.

league. "Our social studies emphasis is on community. It's a great way to get them to remember."

Sarah Noonan, an 8-year-old from Canton, has been a police officer, a mail carrier, a caterer and a fine collector. "They're good," Sarah said of the jobs. "You get to learn how to do it if you want to do it when you grow up."

After talking about how Canton is run, LaJoy faced the music and took questions (both verbal and from letters students wrote him). Among his responses (most of them given with a broad smile):

- Does LaJoy have security guards? "We have police officers, but I don't have anyone protecting me," he said.

- Does he like his job? "I like my job very much. The thing I like the best is when you can help people with a problem. It's kinda neat."

- How long do you want to keep your job? "You want to know if I'm running for re-election?" LaJoy asked, laughing. "The people of Canton have given me the privilege of serving for four years. I have two-and-a-half left; after that, we'll decide."

- Is your job complicated?

"It can get pretty complicated, especially when people don't agree with me," LaJoy said, drawing laughs. "If everyone would just agree with me, this job would be a lot easier."

LaJoy appreciated the questions, and the interest the students showed in government.

"It's so important to get involved," LaJoy told the students. "We need a lot of people to be involved and represent the community. Maybe one day one of you will be supervisor. Just wait until I'm done," he added with a smile.

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choirs - including Allegro (above) - bring their concert, 'Singsation,' to the Salem High School auditorium stage 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Choirs bring 'Singsation' to Salem High stage

Concert-goers will get a chance to jump in their seat and dig a little deeper to cheer as nearly 300 choristers share their favorite music and traditions at "Singsation 2010," the PCEP Choirs' annual spring festival of popular music and salute to some 48 graduating seniors.

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Spring Choral concert, "Singsation," returns to the Salem High School Auditorium 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11.

This year's program includes selections made popular by the hit TV show, "Glee," as well as Disney, The Beatles, Van Halen, and The Black Eyed Peas.

Salem Senior Clare Cavicchio has even arranged Beyonce's Single Ladies for the Madrigal Singers.

Members of the PCEP Choirs - Park Singers, Allegro, Dulchissima, and Festival Singers - have been preparing for weeks to share what they say will be "an upbeat and exciting program" for their community.

A highlight of Singsation each year is a special spotlight on the seniors, who perform solos and duets that have been chosen through audition. The program closes with the combined choir offering a "Song to Tradition" in honor of the seniors.

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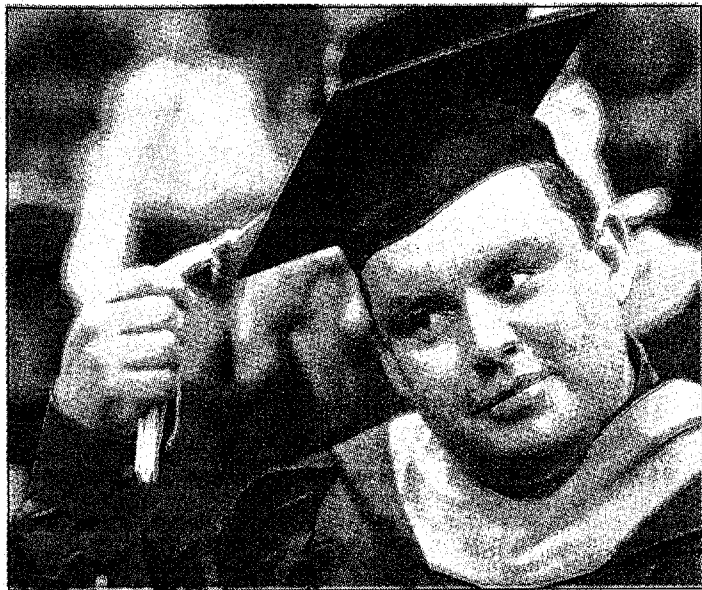
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Business grad April Sawyer receives her diploma from Board Chair Michael Obloy. April lives in Canton.



Jesus Ramirez, of Livonia, switches the tassel on his mortarboard from right to left, to signify that he is now a graduate.



Leslie Banks celebrates receiving her diploma. She is from Redford.

Madonna celebrates 63rd commencement

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Madonna University conferred degrees upon 958 graduates May 2 in a commencement ceremony at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Nearly 765 students received bachelor's or associate's degrees, with the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees were awarded to C. David Campbell, president of the McGregor Fund, and Lu Hongjun, president of Shanghai Institute of International Finance. The Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Sister Marie Ann Stamm, professor of religious studies.

Presiding over the 63rd commencement ceremony was Madonna University Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan.


As part of commencement, all graduates and their families were invited to a Graduation Mass April 29, at the Felician Chapel, in Livonia where Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archdiocese of Detroit, served as celebrant. A reception hosted by Sister Rose Marie Kujawa was held in the University Center dining room immediately following the Mass.

Madonna University is an independent, coeducational, Catholic liberal arts university sponsored by the Felician Sisters of Livonia.



Sarah Tupacz and Victoria Giesler of Canton help Heather Lacaria of Livonia, get ready for the processional.

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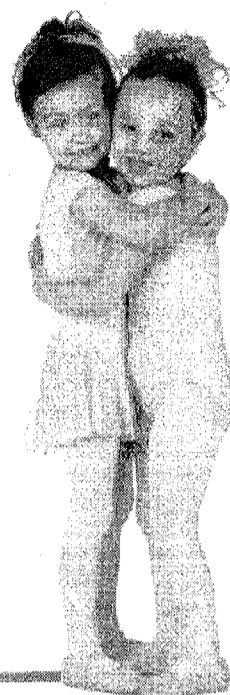


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MAKING THE GRADE

The following students were honored at Wednesday's Turnaround Achievement Awards:

- Farrand Elementary – George Leco
- Hoben Elementary – Damon Flores
- Central Middle School – Alex Kenrick, Sarah Reasoner
- Discovery Middle School – Madison Shafer-Smith, Hamad Abed
- East Middle School – Jesse James, Stephon McArthur
- West Middle School – Robbie Beydoun
- Canton High School – Lisa Toner, Cady Struble, Stephen Maude, Kevin Rempe
- Plymouth High School – Jordan Davey, Hayley Dufresne, Jake Panek, Kimberly Schweim, William Layton, Christian Mosier, Jessica Harris, Jonathon Johnson
- Salem High School – Stephen Abbott, Andre Moses, Alice Hitchcock
- Starkweather – Michael Hobson, Jessica Guinn

TURNAROUND

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with fellow Plymouth senior Jake Panek, by Plymouth counselor Julie Lublin. She was impressed, she said, by Schweim's ability to overcome all of the adversity she said led the student to make "some bad decisions" earlier.

Now, Schweim holds down a job at Canton Coney Island, works with youngsters at the district's Kiddie Campus and plans to attend college to study early childhood education.

"She has gone through so much in her personal life," Lublin said. "We saw something in her that made us believe she was going to turn it around, and she did."

Schweim's grandmother couldn't be more proud of the young woman Schweim is turning out to be. Schweim will be, Judy Urbanski noted, the first person on her side of the family to go to college.

"It was really hard for her when I first got her," Urbanski said. "She struggled through all the stuff she's gone through. She had to change her attitude, her lifestyle, her friends — she changed everything."

Discovery Middle School student Hamad Abed knew he had to make changes, too. A 13-year-old eighth-grader, Abed had been suspended twice over what he called "really big issues," and his grades were down. He made the kind of effort necessary to get things turned around, but he was still surprised



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Hoben Elementary School student Damon Flores shakes hands with lots of grownups at the Turnaround Achievement Awards luncheon.

when he found out not only that teacher Susan Young had nominated him, but that he'd won.

"I thought, 'This has to be a mistake,'" Hamad said. "I never thought I'd be noticed for something good I did in school. I feel pretty good about it."

Nancy Eggenberger said she's been known to get a little misty-eyed over the Turnaround awards, because of the obstacles some of the kids have overcome to get there. And there was plenty to get teary over Wednesday.

"I don't want to take anything away from the honors



Madison Shafer-Smith of Discovery Middle School was one of more than two dozen students honored.

students and others who receive accolades, because they deserve them," said Eggenberger, who serves as secretary on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

"But these kids have gone through a lot and they've worked so hard to get where they've gotten."

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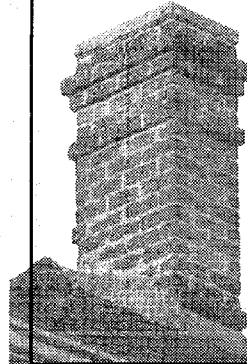
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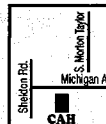
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Fund-raiser hopes to help homeless veterans

A fund-raiser combining poetry, music and coffee is taking aim at helping the Michigan Veterans Foundation.

The fund-raiser, a poetry and music event dubbed "Stand Up for Veterans," takes place 2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at Karma Coffee Shop, located at 3015 Wayne Road (next to the Dairy Queen) in Wayne.

The three-hour poetry and music event will include military

veterans among the performers. For those who want to give a cash donation, a check or money order needs to be made out to the Michigan Veterans Foundation.

"We are also looking for donations of canned goods and non-perishable items to help stock their food pantry for the homeless veterans who reside temporarily at the center until they are back on their feet and can move onto a better job and their own homes,"

said Cheryl Vatcher-Martin of Canton, an author-poet who is helping organize the event.

In order for these female and male veterans to procure a good paying job they must have professional clothing available to them to wear to an interview. Organizers are also looking for donations of busi-

ness attire for women and men that can assist them in the transition from homelessness to a secure job and residence.

Martin is a former Army Sergeant, Past Commander of a local DAV Chapter, Member of DAV 113, Member of American Legion Post #32.

"I am grateful that Former

USMC Cpl. John Smolinski is a big part of organizing our fund-raiser. John is also a talented poet and percussionist," she said.

Veterans who'd like to perform at this event can contact Martin at peroinc5@comcast.net or (734) 397-1626 in the evening.

"We are grateful to Karma Coffee Shop for allowing us to

hold our fund-raiser. Those who stop by can donate to a worthy cause, hear great performers read their poetry, and buy an excellent cup of coffee," Mrs. Martin said. "John and I are looking forward to helping the Michigan Veterans Foundation help fellow veterans," Mrs. Martin said.

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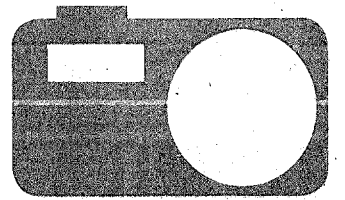
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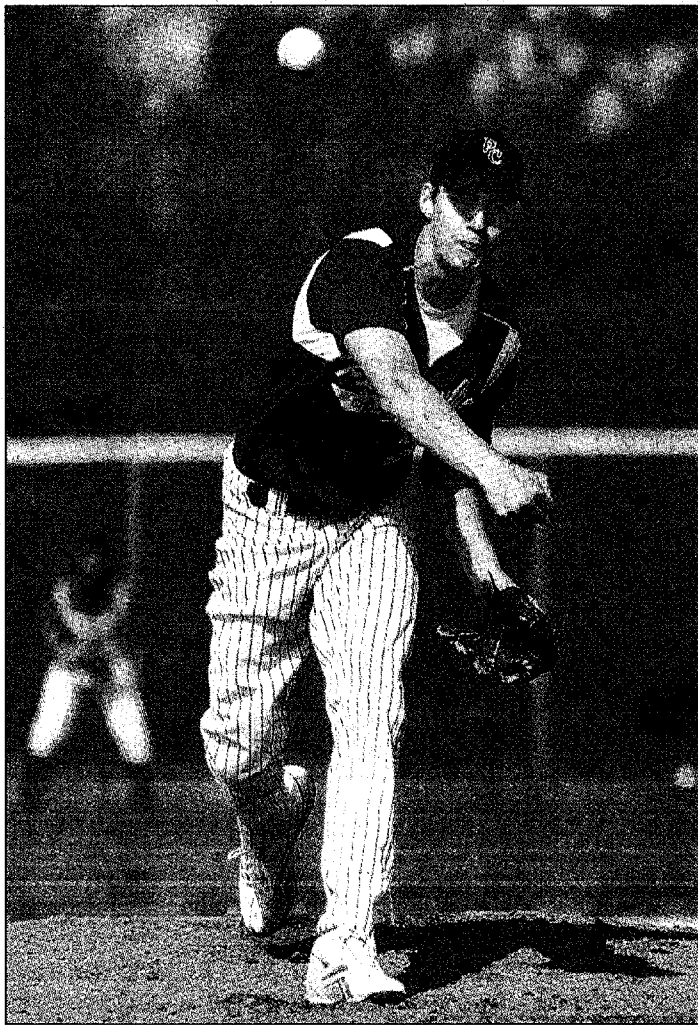
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Plymouth Christian senior Ethan Walker delivers a pitch toward home plate during Thursday's game. Walker didn't win the contest, but he did homer and double while driving in three runs.

Late rally clips Eagles

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A five-run seventh inning Thursday gave Huron Valley Lutheran an 11-7 win over host Plymouth Christian Academy to pretty much clinch the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference baseball title.

But PCA head coach Joe Bottorff said the way the Hawks have rallied to defeat his team in the late innings for the second time in a week will only crank up the motivation dial if the teams meet in the postseason.

"Unfortunately it probably means the conference for them (Hawks) since they're undefeated and we have two losses," said Bottorff following the contest. "We still have second place to play for. ... We still have the districts. These guys are in our district and we might get another shot at 'em and if we can do it then that would be pretty sweet." The winning rally, fueled

by back-to-back RBI singles by Bryan Gruenewald (4-for-5, 2 RBI) and Shawn Schaffer (2-for-4, 3 RBI), started with a leadoff walk to Tyler Wagaman.

But the key play was a pop up in foul territory that PCA catcher Dan Slater lost in the sky and couldn't track.

Had Slater squeezed the foul, there would have been two outs and three on base. Instead, Alex Harris walked to score the first run of the frame, making it 7-7.

"Our catcher didn't get a lot of communication from his pitcher (on the pop up)," Bottorff said. "He was saying 'Where is it?' but no one was telling him. Hey, Ethan (Walker) almost made another great play from first base, he almost got it."

GREAT EFFORT

As it was, Walker had a superb game, doubling off the fence for two runs in the first and hammering a homer over the centerfield fence in the fifth to give PCA a 7-6 edge.

It was Walker's first fence-clearing blast of the season.

"Ethan had a great game," Bottorff said. "As an individual effort you can't ask for more."

Walker also started the game on the mound, but needed to be relieved in the fourth after a single by Gruenewald knotted the score at 5-5.

According to Hawks head coach Matt Schaeve, whose team improved to 8-1 overall and 7-0 in the MIAC, it is gratifying to see how his team never gives up in any game.

"The last couple games we've had to play from behind and we just stuck with it," Schaeve said. "They've done a real good job."

About the leadoff walk jump-starting the deciding seventh, the coach noted that his team seems to have the mindset needed for comeback victories.

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

GAME WRAPS

Prep baseball

PLYMOUTH 6-0, JOHN GLENN 1-4: Wednesday's twinbill between KLAAs South opponents started well for the Wildcats, with junior lefty pitcher Mike Nadratowski winning his first game of the season.

Nadratowski gave up just one run and four hits in six innings while striking out four.

"It's nice to see Mike get a win," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "We've struggled to support him offensively this year."

But Nadratowski did get some offense against the Rockets, with Rich Guglielmi ripping two hits (including a double) and driving in a run. Matt Priebe chipped in with two RBI.

Plymouth (9-9, 4-7) managed one hit each by Ben Wohl, Phil Emminger, Nadratowski and Jake Beauchamp in Game 2 and it wasn't enough to back pitcher Andy Dodge (who dropped to 2-2 with the loss).

"Unfortunately, we just couldn't muster enough offense," Boyd said. "Defensively, we played pretty well."

CANTON 8-5, FRANKLIN 3-1: The Chiefs (15-3, 10-2) scored five runs in the third to take the lead in Game 1 and never trailed the rest of Wednesday's doubleheader.

In Game 1, Ben Staley was the winning pitcher, fanning seven Patriots in a complete-game effort. At the plate, Andrew Tidwell (3-for-3, three RBI) and Joe Galanty (triple, two RBI) paced a seven-hit attack.

The nightcap featured another complete game by Canton as Tidwell (5-0) struck out 10 and did not allow an earned run.

Catcher Seth Tschetter

Please see **WRAPS, B2**

Marathon at Massey

Rocks nip Chiefs in 14th inning to cap thrilling softball matchup

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thursday night's annual rivalry softball game under the lights at Don Massey Field in Plymouth had it all, including great plays, strikeouts galore and an inside-the-park home run.

And it was a good thing Salem and Canton had the benefit of artificial lights because they needed 14 innings to decide the KLAAs crossover thriller — with the Rocks winning 2-1 on an inside-the-park homer by leftfielder Sam Maksimovic.

The loss was Canton's first of the season, after 14 consecutive victories.

"It was amazing, it was my first home run of the season and to be against Canton, they're a big rivalry," said Maksimovic, still charged up about her game winner. "... I don't have

the words to explain it."

Because Massey's fence dimensions are much deeper than at typical high school softball fields, Maksimovic's smash over the head of Canton's rightfielder kept rolling. And she kept running, easily beating the relay throw to home plate.

"It's going to come down to that key hit in a game," Canton head coach Jim Arnold said. "When you're playing 14 innings hopefully it doesn't end on an error and it didn't."

"The kid got a nice hit over the head of the rightfielder, she deserved to win the game."

The homer almost didn't happen because of a mishap in the top of the 13th. A leadoff single by Canton's Heidi Lucke took a bad bounce and glanced off Maksimovic's neck, enabling Lucke

to take second.

Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland went out to talk to Maksimovic to make sure she was okay enough to continue.

"She's a tough kid and she didn't want to come out of the game," Southerland said. "... Obviously it paid off, so she wanted it pretty bad."

Fortunately for the Rocks (10-8 overall, 5-5 in the KLAAs), Canton senior Amy Dunleavy popped up a bunt and Salem junior pitcher Briana Lee wriggled out of the tight spot.

THAT'S ENOUGH

"My heart was racing, I wanted to get out of that inning so bad because I felt like I messed up," Maksimovic noted.

According to Maksimovic, she didn't

think her night was going to have such a sweet ending, especially after getting hit by the batted ball.

"I didn't think I was going to recover, but as you can see I did by hitting a home run," she said with a wide grin. "I just took all my frustration and jacked it."

Both starting pitchers were sensational in going the distance, particularly Salem's Lee — who struck out 18 batters and allowed just seven hits.

Lee seemed to be throwing just as hard in the 14th as she did in the first. "We were pumped up (to face Canton), but I basically came out here and played my game like I always do," Lee said. "And my team just backed me up and that helped a lot."

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Youngsters earn medals, praise

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton, young local gymnasts Maddie Toal and Vanasia Bradley certainly are raising the bar.

An unrelenting work ethic, augmented by the instruction of Spicher and assistant coach Justin Laury, built a springboard for excellence that both 11-year-olds are taking off from.

Last month, Maddie Toal won four of five events in the Jr. B age group at the Kalamazoo-hosted Level 8/Region 5 competition. Talented gymnasts from a handful of Midwest states (Michigan,

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky) that comprise Region 5 tried to out-do each other on April 17-18.

"Maddie is incredibly talented and works hard in the gym every day," said Splitz owner/coach Eileen Spicher. "She is very hard on herself, always strives for perfection."

"She had an awesome day. You will usually see a gymnast be a regional champ on one or two events but not four."

Toal — training at Splitz for six years — was victorious on vault (9.50 points), uneven bars (9.625), floor exercise (9.65) and all-around (38.225) while taking second place in balance beam (9.45).

"Maddie was in her zone

the week before the meet and everything she accomplished was well-deserved," added Spicher.

But Spicher said other Splitz gymnasts also did well at the regionals:

- In the Jr. D age group, Alyssa Green was regional champ on vault with a 9.55 and took third on floor and 13th in all-around

- In Sr. B competition, Sierra Yacoub took a regional championship on floor with a 9.275 while taking 13th on vault and 14th in all-around.

"Justin and I couldn't be prouder of these girls," Spicher said. "They train 22 hours a

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Wearing proud smiles for their recent gymnastics accomplishments are Maddie Toal (left) and Vanasia Bradley, who both train out of Canton's Splitz Gymnastics Academy. The facility is located on Old Lilley Road near Joy Road.

Benefit on hold

Plans are to still hold baseball games to raise funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation, but they take place Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 instead of this weekend due to bad weather.

Coaches for Salem and Plymouth decided to cancel Saturday's "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" games but they will be played later this week with money from a raffle, baked goods sales and \$3 programs to be culled for a donation.

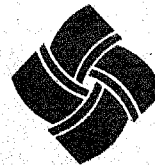
Varsity and freshman teams from both schools will play doubleheaders beginning 11 a.m. Saturday. Meanwhile, the JV twinbill is slated for 4 p.m. Friday.

The event, intended to raise at least \$1,000 for the cause, is jointly organized by the Salem Baseball Dugout Club and Plymouth Baseball Boosters.

High school teams throughout Michigan are hosting games this spring for "Strike Out Prostate Cancer."

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BASEBALL

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"I think they're thankful they have a second chance and they try to make the most of it," Schaewe said.

PCA (4-8, 4-2) got off to a quick 3-0 lead thanks to a string of four hits in the first against Hawks starting pitcher Schaffer.

Dan Slater singled and stole second and scored on a ground-rule double by Matt Dodson — who went 4-for-4 on the day.

Following with a single was Jon Slater and Walker bashed a two-run double off the fence in left to make it 3-0.

But Huron Valley scored four runs in the fourth for a 4-3 edge. A rising liner off the bat of Andy Barber (2-for-5) sailed over the head of PCA centerfielder Josh Johnston for two of those runs.

The Eagles came right back with two runs in the bottom

half for a 5-4 advantage with a two-run single to right by AJ Smith the big blow.

Both teams traded runs during the fourth and fifth, as the Eagles held serve. In the fourth, Dodson doubled to left-center to score a run and make it 6-5.

An error — one of five committed by PCA — tied the game at 6-6 in the fifth but Walker's home run off Huron Valley reliever (and winning pitcher) Barber restored the one-run lead for the Eagles.

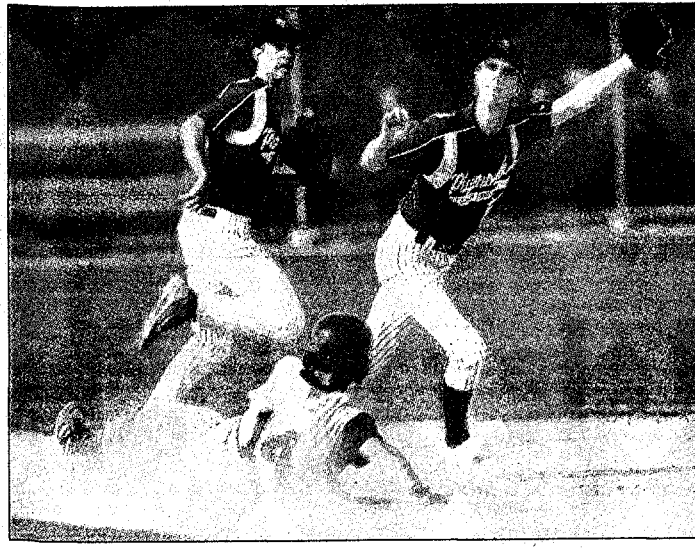
That's how the game remained until the seventh.

NO REPLY

"They got a couple guys on, strung some base hits together," said Bottorff, about the winning surge. "Every hit they got the louder their dug-out got, it builds."

Facing a huge deficit in the bottom of the seventh, leadoff hitter Walker tried to stoke a PCA rally with a shot to the gap in left-center.

But Huron Valley centerfielder Ivan Bell flagged the



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Reaching up to grab a high throw is Plymouth Christian second baseman Matt Hagelin (right) as Huron Valley's Alex Harris slides in safely. PCA shortstop Matt Dodson (No. 23) hurries to back up Hagelin.

ball down to dampen PCA's hopes. The Hawks as a group played much stronger defense than the home team did.

"We've been pretty good on defense the whole year, they've really got their heads in the game and they're

thinking what play could come next," Schaewe said. "We've got pretty good speed in the outfield and so I'm really happy with what they did."

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Hewlett tees off on diabetes

Former University of Michigan football quarterback and Salem alum Rich Hewlett and his wife Chris are hosting the "Swing to Cure Diabetes," golf outing May 17 at the University of Michigan Golf Course, 500 Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor.

The all-day event begins with an 11 a.m. shotgun start and supports the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes

Center.

Rich Hewlett is probably best remembered for being the starting quarterback in the 1979 Michigan-Ohio State game when he was just a freshman, but his latest effort is inspired by a father's will to find a cure for his son's diabetes.

Some of Rich's former Wolverine football teammates and legendary coach Lloyd Carr will be there to play.

WRAPS

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doubled twice in three at-bats, while Garrett Bryden (1-for-3, three RBI) also contributed to the win.

Girls soccer

SALEM 1, SOUTH LYON 1: In a hard-played KLAAs Central matchup, the Rocks played to a deadlock behind solid goalkeeping from Tabitha Mann (eight saves) and a goal from Emily Lundh. Setting up Salem's only tally was Lauren Booth.

CANTON 1, PLYMOUTH 1: Both Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals squared off Tuesday and left the pitch with a tie.

Canton got on the board first about 32 minutes into the contest when Lindsey Winters converted a feed from Jessikah McClendon. The Wildcats answered when Katie Moss found the net from about 25 yards out.

"It was a good game between the rivals," Chiefs head coach George Tomasso said. "I was happy with my team's performance."

CHURCHILL 0, PLYMOUTH 0: Livonia Churchill girls soccer coach Dave Hebestreit came away encouraged despite a 0-0 deadlock Thursday with host Plymouth.

Churchill, missing two starters because of injury, allowed just one shot on goalkeeper Kaylie Secord the entire game.

The Chargers had five corner kicks to Plymouth's two.

Marissa Williams also notched the shutout for the Wildcats (6-1-4, 4-0-2).

Boys golf

CANTON 176, WAYNE 192: The Chiefs remained unbeaten after six dual matches, thanks to Wednesday's triumph at par-35 Hilltop.

The medalist was Canton's Zach Conrad, with a nine-hole tally of 37 strokes. Other Chiefs on the varsity card included Brandon Laabs (46), Marty Peck (46) and Kyle Korte (47).

Also eclipsing the 50-mark were Frank Parzynski and Josh Maxam, with 49 strokes each.

Canton visits Livonia Franklin on Tuesday.

PLYMOUTH 149, CHURCHILL 157: Also unbeaten in KLAAs action, the Wildcats defeated the Chargers at Fox Hills.

Ryan Bauer, Josh Heinze and Kyle Rodes each registered 37 for the day while James Bryans finished with a 38.

Other Plymouth golfers were Ryan Rieckhoff (39) and Justin Bauer (42).

Plymouth will next take part in Monday's tournament at Walnut Creek Country Club.

Thunderbirds fastpitch softball

Thunderbirds Fastpitch Softball is looking for a few more enthusiastic and committed young women who love to play softball.

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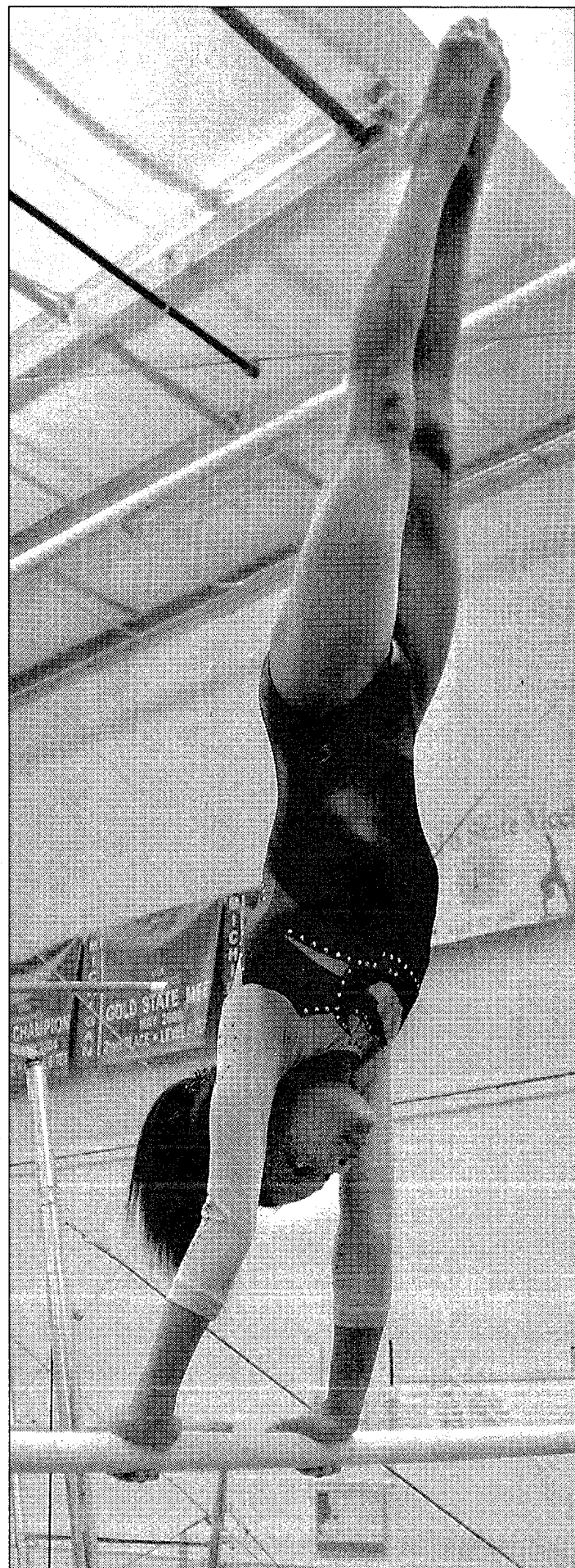
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Getting in some reps on the uneven bars during a recent training session is Vanasia Bradley.

GYMNASTS

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week, all year long, and it's nice to see them have moments like this."

STATE MEET SWEEP

The following weekend, it was Vanasia Bradley's time to shine. She sparked the Level 7 Splitz team to fourth in the team standings at the April 25 state meet in Midland.

In her third year of training at Splitz, Bradley claimed the title of state champion in all five events — vault, 9.575; bars, 9.50; beam, 9.60; floor, 9.45 and all-around, 38.125.

"She (Bradley) has unbelievable talent and is a very strong competitor," Spicher said. "She swept the meet, ... not winning one or two events but winning every event."

But there were other excellent performances in Midland:

In the Jr. 12A age group, Splitz gymnasts to make some noise included the following:

- Haley Moores, third on vault, seventh on bars, sixth on beam and third in all-around;
- Alyssa Schiller took eighth on vault, sixth on beam, fourth on floor and sixth in the all-around scoring;
- Lilly Bentley was third place on vault, ninth on beam and floor and seventh in all-around.

In the Jr. 14A age group, Kirsten Smith (7th, vault; 3rd, bars; 4th all-around) and Shainna Yacoub (5th, floor; 6th all-around; state champ on bars with a 9.325) all had noteworthy showings.

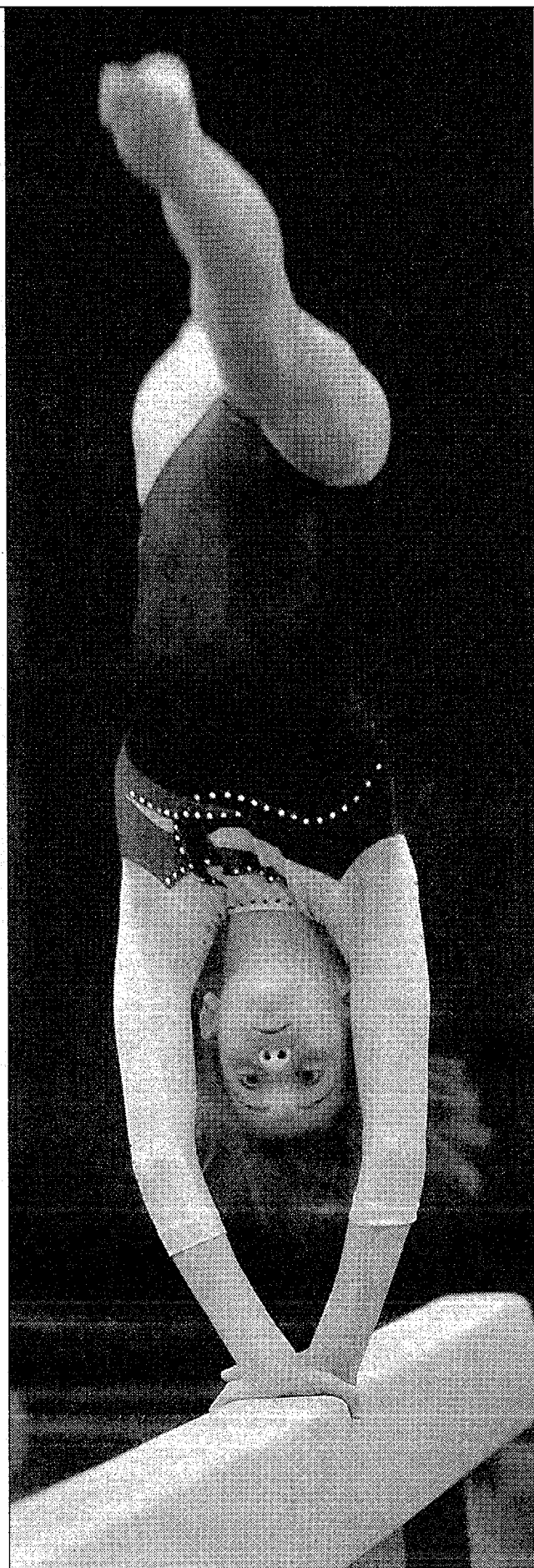
"Justin and I coach these girls and we were very proud of how they did and finished their season," Spicher said.

Maddie and Vanasia are inspiring others at the gym to get after it, too.

"It definitely helps motivate the upper level girls knowing they have these little girls coming up," Spicher said. "A little friendly competition in the gym is always good."

"But they are always happy for each other when someone learns a new skill."

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Perfecting her routine on the balance beam during practice at Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton is Maddie Toal, who won four events at the Region 5 competition last month.

TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 91

JOHN GLENN 46

May 4 at John Glenn

Plymouth 1sts: Ruffin, long jump (19-foot, 8.75-inches); Dhaliwal, high jump (6-0); Sankhwal, pole vault (12-10); Brindza, shot put (51-11); Choma, discus (129-2); 3200 relay (Johnson, Eiben, Gielereewski, Heck); 8:51; Piliagian, 110 hurdles (15.76 seconds); Porcari, 1600 run (4:40.18); Buzzard, 800 run (1:58.09); Neumann, 3200 run (10:19.74); 1600 relay (Buzzard, Dhaliwal, Porcari, LeMerise), 3:30.51; **2nds:** Bockstanz, pole vault (11-6); Birman, shot put (45-8.3); Brindza, discus (122-2); Wilson, 1600 run (4:55.43); Dhaliwal, 400 run (53.21); Deykes, 300 hurdles (43.26); Heck, 800 run (2:04.30); Askev II, 200 dash (23.53); Gierlereewski, 3200 run (10:29.96); **3rds:** Zuzo, pole vault (10-6); Cohn, shot put (44-5.5); Keys, discus (119-10); Deykes, 110 hurdles (17.29); Askev II, 100 dash (11.37); Neumann, 1600 run (4:55.67); Johnson, 800 run (2:10.18); LeMerise, 200 run (23.89); Wilson, 3200 run (11:25.35).

MIAC JAMBOREE

May 4 at Lutheran Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 183; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 129; 3. Plymouth Christian, 96; 4. Newport Lutheran South, 55; 5. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 6; 6. Birmingham Roeper, 4.

WHITMORE LAKE INVITATIONAL

May 1 at Whitmore Lake

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Whitmore Lake, 129 points; 2. Milan, 92.5; 3. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 91; 4. Michigan Collegiate, 88; 5. South Lyon, 72; 6. Lutheran High Westland, 61.5; 7. Adrian Madison, 35; 8. Plymouth Christian, 34; 9. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 12; 10. Detroit Community, 9.

GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 7

HARTLAND 2

May 6 at Hartland

No. 1 singles: Allie Carpenter (S) defeated Abby Haughie, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 2:** Anna Norman (S) def. Kelsey Retich, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Hope DesJardins, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 4:** Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Melanie Leonard, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Rachel Norman-Ashley Davis (S) def. Erika Paajanen-Elizabeth Jaros, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 2:** Ashley Walker-Mallory Rojo (S) def. Mary Villorot-Kaitlyn Ratliff, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 3:** Alex Lamb-Olivia Gonzalez (S) def. Lauren Hall-Jenna Christensen, 6-7(4), 6-1, 7-5; **No. 4:** Kaitlin Slack-Caitlin Distelrath (H) def. Ewa Zajac-Sarah Bellaire, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 5:** Reghan Moore-Alison Beaver (H) def. Emily Simmons-Lindsey Spaulding, 6-4, 7-6(3), 6-2.

Dual match record: Salem, 5-2 overall and 5-2 KLAA.

PLYMOUTH 6

W.L. WESTERN 3

May 6 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Jillian Bean (W) defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 2:** Janani Sadasivan (W) def. Priya Joshi, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Vicya Sadasivan, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Anna Saeki (W) def. Kirithi Duraiswamy, 7-6(3), 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong (P) def. Melissa Witkowski-Sam Segal, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6(2); **No. 2:** Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson (P) def. Shayna Lickfold-Sophia Shui, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose (P) def. Chelsey Eicher-Megan Blaze, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 4:** Annie McKenzie-Iulia Fratila (P) def. Caribel Andrade-Emily Wang, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 5:** Jahnvi Patel-Mariah Tesarz (P) def. Ashley Lucas-Ashley Lustre, 6-4, 6-0.

Dual match record: Plymouth, 5-2 overall and 5-2 KLAA.

BRIGHTON 7

PLYMOUTH 2

May 4 at Brighton

No. 1 singles: Taylor Parrish (B) defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Julia Peterson (B) def. Priya Joshi, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Lindsay Stemberger (P) def. Kelsey Moellmann, 6-3, 6-7, 10-1; **No. 4:** Lia Mancuso (B) def. Kirithi Duraiswamy, 6-1, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Emily VanNorman-Mary Wojtala (B) def. Allison Santori-Lauren Jeong, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 2:** Kayla Griffey-Britta Swanson (P) def. Shannon Urban-Rebekah Wright, 7-5, 6-3; **No. 3:** Katie Ayaub-Aubry Russell (B) def. Andrea Haidar-Brittany Rose, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 4:** Rachel Rameses-Alyssa Pratt (B) def. Annie McKenzie-Iulia Fratila, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 5:** Courtney Logghe-Maddie Heatley (B) def. Mandy Martin-Mariah Tesarz, 7-5, 7-6(1).

Madonna ties record with 43rd win

The No. 11-ranked Madonna University baseball team tied the program record for victories in a season on Thursday with a sweep of Rochester College.

MU, now 43-7 overall, took the opener, 7-0, before completing the sweep with a 5-4 walk-off win in the nightcap at Ilitch Ballpark to close out the 2010 regular season.

MU's 43 wins this season ties the 1993 squad for the most victories in school history. The Crusaders have now posted 30 or more wins in the last seven seasons and the 43 triumphs are the most since the 2005 team registered 40.

Dan Harder's RBI single scored Steve Pelletier in the bottom of the seventh to complete the sweep.

Harder went 2-for-2, while Mike Gansser added two hits and an RBI.

MU used fourth pitchers with Kyle Bolton

going the final two innings to improve to 8-0 overall.

In the first game, MU racked up 13 hits as lead-off man Ted Toune went 3-for-3, including his ninth homer of the season, to go along with two RBI.

Jeff Bultinck went 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Spencer Sarel contributed two hits.

The Crusaders used three pitchers - John Ballarin, Jeremy Gooding and Sam Haldane - to combine for the 6-hit shutout.

Ballarin went the first three innings followed by Gooding, who went the next three to improve to 8-1 on the year. The two combined for eight strikeouts and no walks.

Rochester falls to 16-31 overall.

MU, winners of its last 23-of-26 games, will open the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs beginning at 10 a.m. Monday against Concordia University at Ilitch Ballpark.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Greenhills at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Royal Oak, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 11
Plymouth at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at University Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 13
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Roeper at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
Tuesday, May 11
South Lyon at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 3:45 p.m.
MIAC Jamboree at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14
Kensington Conf. Meet at Novi, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 15
River Rat Relays at A.A. Huron, 9:30 a.m.
Warrior Inv. at Luth. Westland, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS GOLF
Monday, May 10
W. Wayne Inv. at Walnut Creek, 11 a.m.
John Glenn vs. Canton
at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.
Wayne vs. Plymouth
at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Salem vs. S.L. East
at Links of Novi, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 11
Wayne vs. Plymouth
at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12
Northville vs. Salem
at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Plymouth

at The Woodlands, 3 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton
at Idyl Wyld G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, May 14
Plymouth vs. Bedford Hills (JV), 8 a.m.
Wayne County Inv. at Dearborn C.C., 9 a.m.
Saturday, May 15
MIAC Tourney at Lutheran N'west, TBA.
Bedford Invite at Legacy G.C., 9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Monday, May 10
Ladywood vs. Notre Dame Prep
at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11
KLAA crossover at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Salem at KLAA crossover, 4 p.m.
KLAA crossover at Canton, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12
Ladywood vs. F.H. Harrison
at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 15
Kensington Conf. Tourney at Novi, 9 a.m.
Catholic League Tourney, TBA.

BOYS LACROSSE
Monday, May 10
Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12
University-Liggett at Canton (JV Field), 7 p.m.

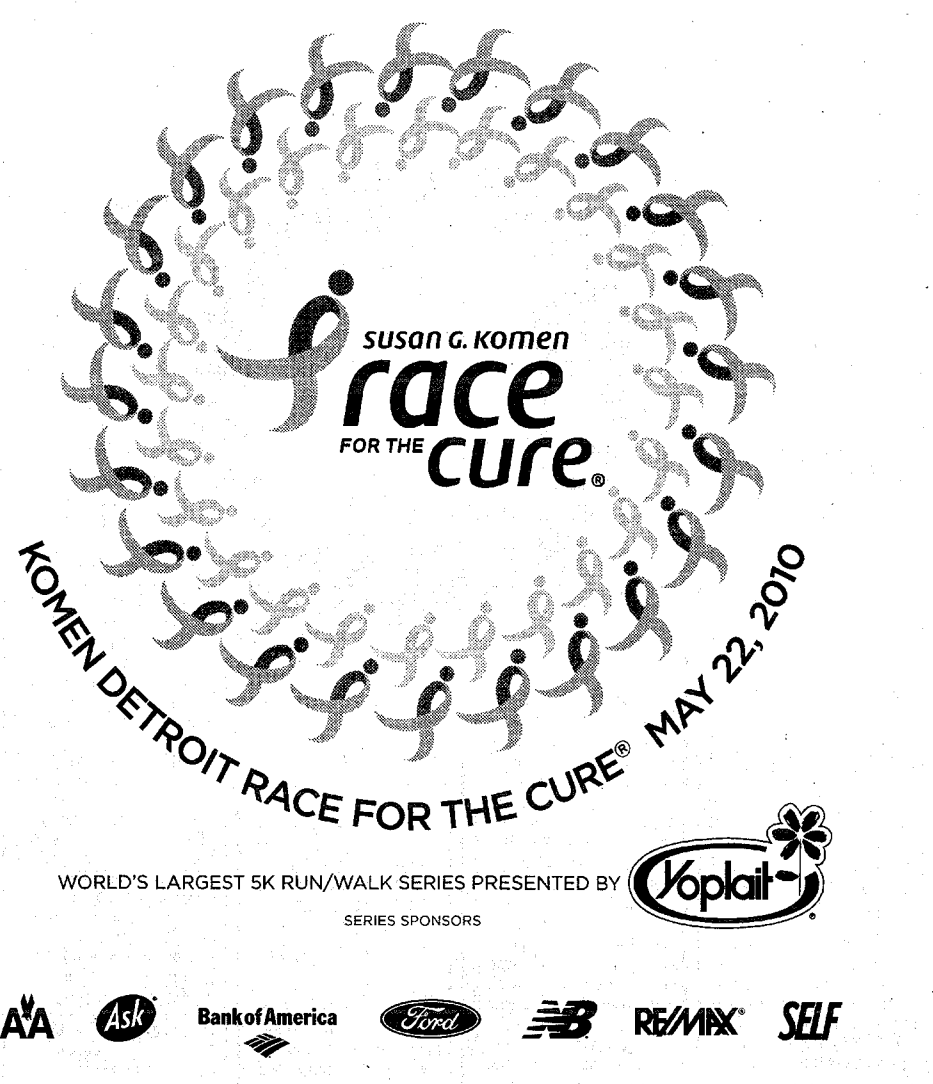
Thursday, May 13
Saline at Plymouth (Varsity Field), 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 13
Salem at Lincoln, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Wednesday, May 12
PCS at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 13
PCS vs. Huron Valley at Milford Stadium, 7 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.



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MASSEY

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The Chiefs scored in the top of the first when centerfielder Lauren Leskovitz (2-for-6) singled to left to score courtesy runner Sarah Wagner and that run held up until the bottom of the seventh.

But that was it, with Canton not taking advantage of the few scoring chances they had.

In the sixth, Lee loaded the bases by hitting a batter and serving singles to CarolAnn Sexauer and Leskovitz. The threat fizzled, however, when the next batter bunted into a double play.

"We didn't hit the ball as well as I thought we should," Arnold said. "We were a little anxious. But we'll rebound."

Also strong was Canton's Dunleavy, who fanned 14 Salem batters while scattering 11 hits (3 each by Lee and Salem catcher Alexis Powell). Dunleavy nearly blanked the Rocks, but gave up the tying single to Jenny First with two out in the seventh to score Kelly Janiczek (2-for-5).

RISE TO THE OCCASION

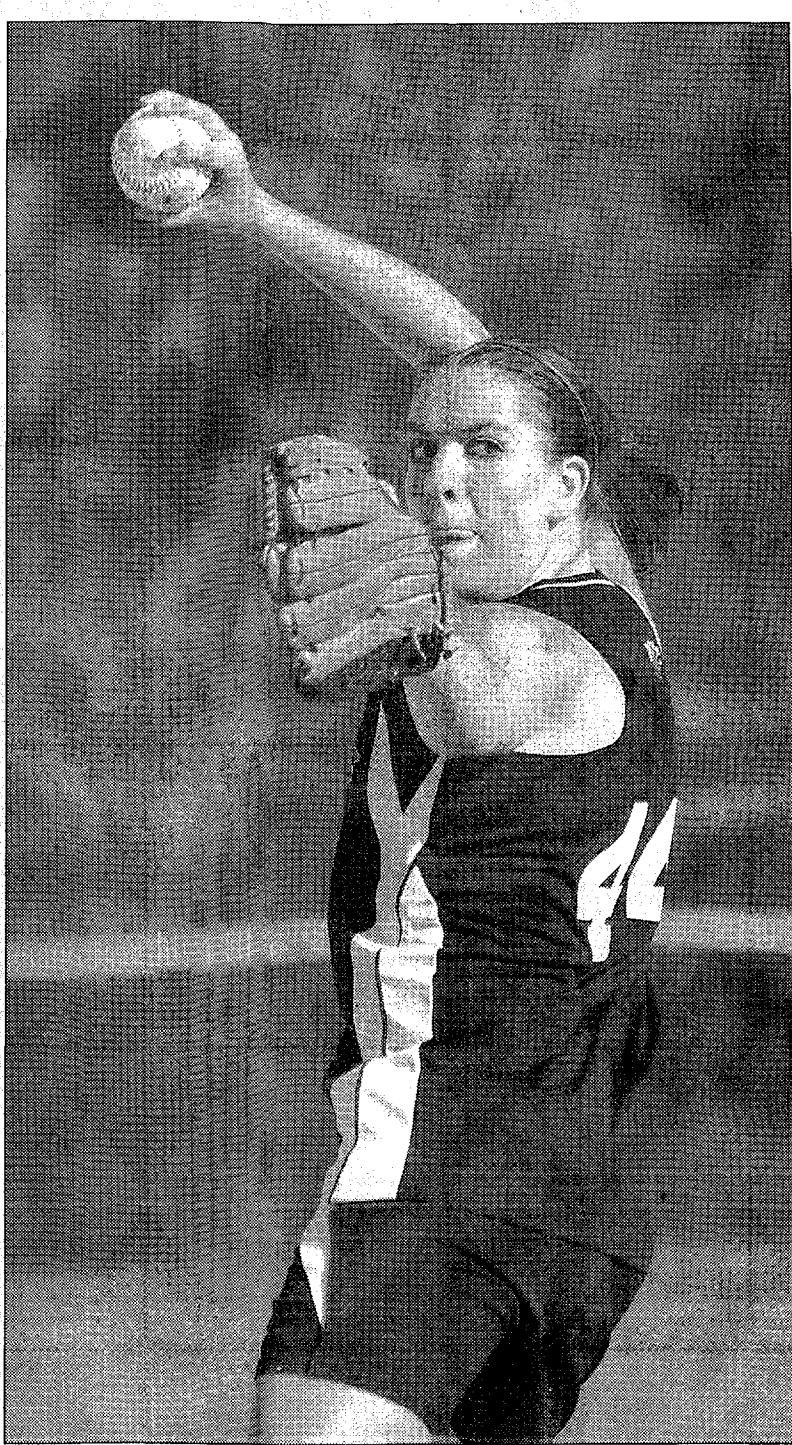
Salem nearly made it 1-1 in the fourth when Lee (3-for-5) drove a liner over the Canton centerfielder's head.

Lee rounded third and headed home in a bid for a homer, but the Chiefs worked a perfect relay — Leskovitz to shortstop Sexauer to catcher Jessica Larner (who slapped a tag on Lee's arm).

With red-and-white balloons on one side of the diamond, blue-and-white balloons on the other and plenty of Canton and Salem alums in the stands, the marathon game (more than 3 hours) was fitting for such a festive setting.

At the center of it all was the showdown between Lee and Dunleavy, each pitching as if the game wouldn't be decided until dawn.

"You had two of the best pitchers in the league pitching today," Southerland said. "It's always a great game, it's a lot of fun and it's such a good rivalry."



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Eagle eye

Eying her target during Thursday's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference softball game is Plymouth Christian Academy sophomore pitcher Katie McCormick. Unfortunately for the Eagles, Huron Valley Lutheran was a bit better, taking the game 16-2 in five innings. PCA dropped to 4-7 overall with the defeat.

Canton bats boom in sweep

Canton couldn't be stopped Wednesday, rolling to a softball doubleheader sweep against KLAAs South rival Livonia Franklin, 10-0 and 11-8.

The victories gave the Chiefs a 14-0 record, including 8-0 in the KLAAs, entering Thursday's game against Salem (see related story).

"It was a team effort, they don't give up," said Canton head coach Jim Arnold. "Our hitting has been exceptional."

Senior pitcher Amy Dunleavy allowed just two hits and fanned nine Patriots in Game 1, which ended after five innings due to the

mercy rule. The Chiefs collected 15 hits, with Sam Partain (4-for-4), CarolAnn Sexauer (3-for-3) and Katie Mattson (3-for-3) doing most of the damage.

In the nightcap, Canton broke an 8-8 tie with three runs in the eighth for the victory.

Consecutive hits by Dunleavy, Jesse Webster and Partain followed an inning-opening error to account for the runs. Partain drove in all three with a double to center.

Partain and Sexauer led the Chiefs' attack, each going 2-for-5. Partain drove in three runs while Sexauer knocked in two.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Plymouth grid meeting

Next season's Plymouth Wildcats football players and their parents are invited to attend a mandatory meeting slated from 6:30-to-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School. Head coach Mike Sawchuk and his entire staff will be introduced and parents will receive "all the important paperwork necessary for your student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season." Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth football boosters club, also will speak about getting involved with that program as well as fundraising responsibilities. Sawchuk stated in a letter to parents about the May 25 meeting that the 2010 season is "just around the corner and we are as fired up as ever to continue our excellence on and off of the field." Any questions, please contact Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 or via e-mail at Mike.Sawchuk@pcssmail.net.

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Not bugged by acting: Seniors prove they've 'still got it' on stage

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Joanna McKay hadn't performed since high school when she joined a community theater troupe a few years ago.

But at 73, the Canton woman, like the other actors in Still Got It Players, possessed life experience, a plus when developing characters for the stage.

"You're never too old. Whatever dreams you have, as long as you have the fortitude to move around, you can do anything you want," said McKay, now 76.

That enthusiasm and life experience sets senior actors apart from the pack, says Debbie Lannen, who directs Still Got It Players, a performance group for age 50 and up.

"They're a unique group to direct. What's nice is they do have experiences that are totally different from kids. They've been through it," Lannen said. "When one of the characters says he enlisted in the army in 1965 and another (mentions) Vietnam, of course these guys remember that. They lived through it."

Lannen, former performing arts coordinator for Novi and a seasoned director, convinced Spotlight Players in Canton to take the Still Got It Players under its wing last year. The troupe's first show was in August 2009. It's gearing up for its second production, a set of four one-act plays, Wednesday-Saturday, May 12-15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill,



"Dinner Plans" features Pat Watson, (left) Madeline Carpenter, Bella Glenn, and Caroline Zamarka.

Canton. Show times are 1 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, 19-59; \$13 for seniors, 60 and up and students under 19; and \$12 per ticket for groups of 15 or more. They're available by phone at (734) 394-5460, online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater, or at the door.

The one-act plays are *How to Marry the Minister*, *Dinner Plans*, *The Committee* and *At Half Time*.

"They are hilarious," Lannen

said. She selects plays that both an older audience and senior cast will enjoy.

"Choosing a play can be hard — just the actual logistics of being on stage. The last time around we had them on a platform, but they were used to working on a flat floor. We had one lady in her 80s, we had to make sure we had a stage hand there to help her down."

Working with elderly actors requires some adjustment in staging, as well as the performance material. Lannen prefers shorter plays because the

material is easier to memorize. "The first one we did last year went off very well. The seniors who auditioned and were involved loved it. Most came back and re-auditioned this time."

"It's a new concept. Whenever there's a senior group in the area, they seem to do musical revues and the senior might only be in one or two numbers in a two-hour show. We went with acting. This way, they have more to do in an actual production. We might do a full length play at



Lanna Collins, (left) Lee Thomas and Robin Hoover rehearse "How To Marry the Minister."

some time, but if we do we'll stick to a farce."

McKay, who plays a "grouchy" member of a senior women's basketball league in *At Half Time*, said she loves keeping active and is involved in everything from playing cards to Wii bowling to the Red Hat Society. Family and friends will watch her perform this week, like they did last year. She also performed with the now defunct senior troupe at the Summit in Canton for a few seasons.

She said "the thrill of being on stage and having a big family so a lot of people are there" compels her to continue acting. She loves hearing grandchildren say "Do it again, Grandma."

Tom Strock, 70, also of Canton, worked with the Summit senior players for a few years before joining both Still Got It Players and the Spotlight

Players. Before that he'd acted in high school plays.

"I thought it was nice to portray different characters when I was in high school so long ago. I always thought, watching films on TV, it's kind of neat being an actor. They are able to play different characters and remember lines. I thought it's a wonderful profession," said Strock, who worked in the insurance industry for 31 years.

He portrays a man eager to join a senior housing complex in *The Committee* this week and plans to continue acting.

"It's enjoyable to take on a new role and meet up with people you've known from other productions."

To learn more about auditioning for a Still Got It Players show, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org and click on Still Got It.

Livonia actors perform reader's theater

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Patti Wachtel promises that "everyone will recognize themselves" in the humorous readings her cast of senior actors will perform Friday, May 14 in Livonia.

Diva and Drama Queens, the Livonia Civic Park Senior drama group, will read three short comedies, including "Ladies at Lunch" which offers a mix of recognizable characters from "the whiner" to the perfectionist.

The free Reader's Theater performance starts at 1 p.m. and runs about a half hour at the senior center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Reserve a spot by calling (734) 466-2555.

Wachtel, a recreation director at the center, selected reader's theater scripts that are written specifically for a senior cast and audience.

"I was new to the center last year and wanted to add programs. I added creative writing and I threw it (reader's theater) out there to see if they'd jump at

it. And they did," said Wachtel, who has experience in community theater.

The cast, which ranges in age from "late 50s" to 91, is costumed and uses props.

"We carry the script and have action," Wachtel explained. "I have two men and six women. One man came to bring his friend for the play and he was going to sit and read while she

practiced, but he read twice and he was hooked.

"It's really neat because they are bonding as a group. They practice one day a week for about an hour and a half. It's different from community theatre where you're practicing every night."

As of last week, 50 friends and family members had signed up to see the show.

Wachtel said the group will take the summer off and tackle new reader's scripts in September for a fall performance.

Activities, including Diva and Drama Queens, at the Civic Park Senior Center are open to all seniors. There are no residency requirements. Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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The second problem is the cost. Methotrexate is inexpensive, a three month supply of the injectable form is \$34. Unfortunately, the Anti-TNF runs between \$1500-\$2200 a month, or nearly \$24,000 a year. Patient assistance programs exist to help patients with inadequate funds and/or health insurance policies insufficient to carry the expense. However, these assistance programs have limits on what they offer.

Furthermore, the physician must monitor the methotrexate and Anti-TNF combination by laboratory tests on a four week basis. This surveillance brings added expense. Finally, the requirement that the patient see the doctor on a monthly basis carries a cost that cannot be ignored even if it cannot be calculated.

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Art – the road to a brighter future, panelists say

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CORRESPONDENT

Could art be a catalyst for change? The answer was an overwhelming yes as leaders of the arts community and state Sen. Hansen Clarke, D-Detroit, took part in a lively discussion on Wednesday at Daimler Financial Services Americas Headquarters in Farmington Hills.

This is the second year Daimler hosted the evening to promote the arts as a road to a brighter future. Lora Viranda, Daimler Diversity and Communications manager, said part of a successful business is continuing to be innovative.

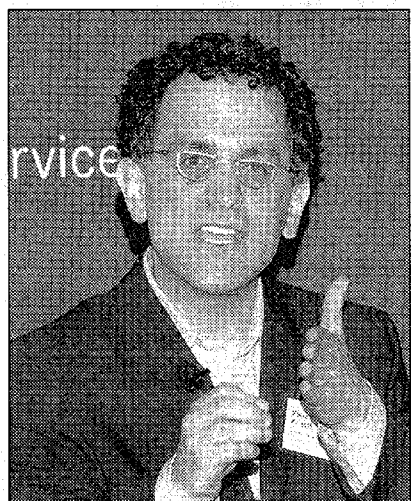
"The goal at Daimler is we want to see positive change in the community," said Viranda of Berkley. "It's a challenging economic time in Michigan. We need to have creative solutions. The arts can inspire these new ideas. We have to think about business, the economy in a different way. It's critical that the arts community continue to have a strong presence."

The consensus was the arts inspire creative thinking. Franz Reiner, CEO and president of Daimler Financial Services, opened the discussion: "Art is something special that drives diversity, innovation and creativity."

'CATALYST FOR CHANGE'

"Art can be a catalyst for change," said Reed Kroloff, director of Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. "I came from New Orleans and saw art and designers take a city smashed by nature and revitalize it."

It was Jurgen Walker, then Daimler Financial Services chairman, who approached Cranbrook with an interest in forming a partnership in 2001 to display contemporary art. Today, a number of programs benefit students and Daimler. A yearlong exhibit of 60 works allows graduate students to show paintings, prints, and mixed media while providing a creative



Reed Kroloff, director of Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, makes a point at last week's panel on the arts.

environment for employees.

"As a company we're part of the community and thought how can we use our facility here to discover what the role of art can be, to see what can come out of it," said James Ryan, director of communications and corporate marketing, and discussion moderator. "We want to inspire in a creative way, use art as a platform."

Panel members agreed that education in music, visual arts and theater develops future leaders. Among those in the audience was Pamela Good, founder of Beyond Basics which brings art and tutoring to students at Thinkell Elementary in Detroit. She is grateful for Daimler funding.

"Daimler is committed to education, literacy and the arts," said Good of Birmingham. "I found Beyond Basics after realizing the vast difference in public education. These children are mostly behind in school because they can't read. Art is essential to breaking down that aversion to reading."

Carol Hofgartner believes equally in the value of art. In 2004, she founded Art Road, a nonprofit that



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Carol and Stephen Hofgartner, founders of Art Road. The Hofgartners are Livonia residents.

introduces clay and various media to 400 children at Edison Elementary School in Detroit every week. Daimler is a corporate sponsor for Art Road and several programs in Metro Detroit. Hofgartner estimates only half of Detroit schools have art and music.

"Art gave me my start in life," said Hofgartner, a Livonia resident with a master's degree in architecture. "Art is intrinsic to our beings."

HANDS-ON EFFORT

Next week, 50 Daimler employees are going to Art Road to help create five Art Dogs that can be taken out into the community to illustrate program benefits. A couple of years ago, 40 employees renovated the art room and greenhouse and created an art gallery.

The large-than-life Art Dog on display was created by 125 of the elementary students. It stood next to

seating for the panel of Reed Kroloff, Clarke, Rick Sperling, founder of Mosaic Youth Theatre, Aaron Dworkin, founder of the Sphinx Organization, and Terry Blackhawk, founder of InsideOut Literary Arts Project that sends poets into Detroit Public Schools. Andrew Barnhill, a University of Detroit Jesuit High School senior who works with DPS elementary students as part of InsideOut, preceded the discussion by reciting a poem inspired by the experience.

"The publication of the children's work, the beauty of their ideas brings everybody together," said Blackhawk during the discussion.

Sperling proudly spoke of the fact that 95 percent of children in Mosaic Youth Theatre go on to college. He founded the nonprofit in 1992 to provide performing arts training for youth. Students have gone on to perform on Broadway as well as to

practice law.

"Arts are the window to those opportunities," said Sperling. "Whether they go into the arts or not that experience changes them. It's really important now that arts have got to make the case everyday why art is important to students, to everybody. It's about creating great people."

Dworkin believes that engaging in the arts is essential to students becoming "well-rounded" adults. Sphinx offers music programming and an annual competition for African American and Latino youth.

"We need to prove the value of the arts to academic testing," said Dworkin, who received bachelor's and master's of music degrees in violin performance from the University of Michigan. "Funding for the arts for the entire country is equal to the city of Berlin."

Blackhawk urged the audience to "become involved in their schools and communities, to be an ambassador for the arts."

Clarke learned firsthand the importance of self-expression. He was the first person in his family to go to college because of an arts scholarship. He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Cornell University before receiving a law degree from Georgetown University.

Growing up, his east side neighborhood was decimated by heroin and a myriad of problems. He thinks the answer is "to transform cities through the arts."

"We have to change the mindset," said Clarke. "Knowledge is overrated. Artistic expression is the direct path to being enlightened."

Sphinx laureate John Sanderson closed the program with a performance of two violin pieces including Bach Fugue in G Minor, rivaling the inspiration of Clarke's final words.

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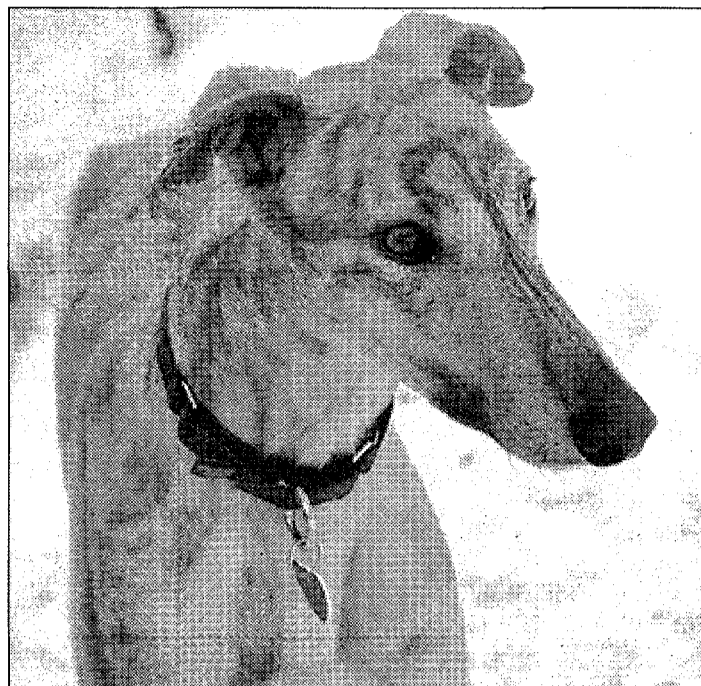
Taste of the Town: 5-8 p.m.
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Shiloh is a handsome couch potato.



Prey is brindle colored with brown eyes.

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Shiloh and Prey are featured greyhounds at Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption. Here's what volunteers say about them:
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lay around some more. He's a handsome 2-year-old boy who is gentle and quiet. He loves toys and he's a cuddler.
Prey is a handsome male and 2 years old. He's brindle color with big brown eyes. He's a very happy boy.

For more information on adopting Shiloh or Prey, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739.
Check out its Web site at www.greyheart.org.

REUNION CALENDAR

Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Andover High School Class of 1970

Reunion planned 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Heathers; contact Cis Sloan Stokas at Quintop@aol.com

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Detroit Cody Classes from 1950-1969

Annual picnic for all '50s-'60s Cody Comets and friends, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, Nankin Mills Pavilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, Westland. BYOB and bring a chair; organizing committee will supply music and memorabilia. The Optomystics will perform. Door prizes, hot dogs, bottled water, T-shirts and sweatshirts, tassels and music CDs will be available. Free parking for classic cars. No need to register - just show up. Classmates.com will have information and photos from past picnics. Questions? Call Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579 or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134.

Class of 1965

Looking for graduates from the January and June classes for a September reunion. For more information call Tim Dunning at (248) 879-2148 or e-mail to timdunning@wowway.com or call Chris Snopkowski Nashlen at (734) 261-3116.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. Call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehnc@aol.com.

Class of 1980

30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, 34505 Grand River, Farmington. Contact Kelly McDonald at kelly_fhs1980@yahoo.com and Farmington High School Michigan Class of 1980 on Facebook

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweettt2001@yahoo.com

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ for \$50 per person. Classmates from 1968-72 also invited. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1975

35th reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton, includes buffet, cash bar and DJ. Attire is dressy/casual. Cost is \$30 per person through PayPal or by check in advance or \$40 at the door. Send checks to Stevenson Class Reunion, 115 Continental Road, Cornwall, N.Y. 12518. Send PayPal payments to payments@institutionalmarkets.com Send e-mail correspondence to stevensonclassof75@yahoo.com. (845) 534-2228

Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information, e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

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Plymouth Canton, Salem Class of 1980

Joint 30th reunion with golf outing Sept. 3 and evening gathering.

Sept. 4. For more information and to register on its Web site visit <http://home.comcast.net/~1980cantonsalem/site/> Contact the reunion committee at 1980cantonsalem@comcast.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting May 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0750
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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping certain public improvements in the City, including a) street, streetscape and sidewalk improvements, with traffic signal upgrades, in the Downtown Development Authority District; and b) geothermal ice production, heating and cooling improvements for the Plymouth Cultural Center, together with all related site and utility improvements, appurtenances and attachments.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed twenty (20) in number and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at a public or private sale but in no event to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law on the balance of the bonds from time to time remaining unpaid.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTH-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Linda Langmesser
City Clerk, City of Plymouth

Publish: May 9, 2010

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Camps set for cancer survivors

The American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, will offer two camping programs, free of charge, this summer for cancer survivors, age 4-15.

Young Camper's Day is a one-day program offered for children, 4-6 and will be held Sunday, June 20. Camp Catch-A-Rainbow is a week-long summer camping experience held June 20-25 for children, 7-15. Both the Young Camper's Day and Camp Catch-A-Rainbow programs are held at the YMCA Storer Camps near Jackson, where children have access to activities such as swimming, horseback riding, canoeing, arts and crafts, and much more.

Health care professionals are available at the camp 24 hours a day, so most medical treatments, with the exception of radiation

therapy, can be done on-site or at a nearby cancer center.

"The commitment of our volunteer doctors and nurses enable us to offer this unique camping experience, while ensuring the wellness of all of our campers who have unique health needs," said Kathleen Wilson, program manager of Childhood Cancers for the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division.

With a physician's approval, registration applications for young cancer patients and survivors are being accepted through May 28 for the Young Camper's Day and Camp Catch-A-Rainbow.

Application forms are available by calling the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or visiting www.cancer.org/camprainbow.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org. They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: January 19, February 23, March 9 & 23, April 20, May 11 & 25, June 22

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Township Clerk

Publish: Jan. 24, Feb. 21, Mar. 7, Apr. 18, May 19, 23 & June 20, 2010 OE0687742-2425

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 **District-Wide HVAC Air Filters**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741. For technical information, please contact Gene Montayne of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2962. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, May 20, 2010 to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: District-Wide HVAC Air Filter bid) located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, where they will be opened and publicly read. The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 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
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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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 Audio-Video Equipment for the Salem High School. Bid documents will be available electronically on or after May 6, 2010 from the District's technology consultant: Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. located at 28001 Cabot Drive, Suite 110, Novi, MI 48377 by calling (248) 848-0123 or via email request to epzywara@thai.com (request document 208089.01). A pre-bid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center on May 24, 2010 at 2:00 PM.

Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and must be clearly marked "SALEM HIGH SCHOOL AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT" and must be received no later than 2:00 PM local time on Friday, May 28, 2010 at which time they will be opened and read publicly. The PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Building is located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. For additional information, contact Jim Casteel, Director of Integrated Technology at (734) 416-2708. The Board of Education for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

WEEDS AND GRASSES TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

This shall serve as formal notice to all property owners and occupants of the City of Plymouth, MI.

In accordance with International Property Maintenance Code 2006, Section 302.4, and Section 18-756 of the Plymouth City Code, as adopted by the City of Plymouth, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the City of Plymouth, to cut and destroy all noxious weeds and grasses upon said land, or shall cause the same to be done, as often as necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Failure or refusal to comply allows the City to enter upon said lands and mow the weeds and grasses. The City of Plymouth will bill the property owner a minimum of \$125.00 per mow for the service.

The ordinance is in effect from May 15 - August 1, 2009 without further notice to the property owners.

Any questions can be directed to the Code Enforcement Officer at 734-453-1234. Additional information can be found at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

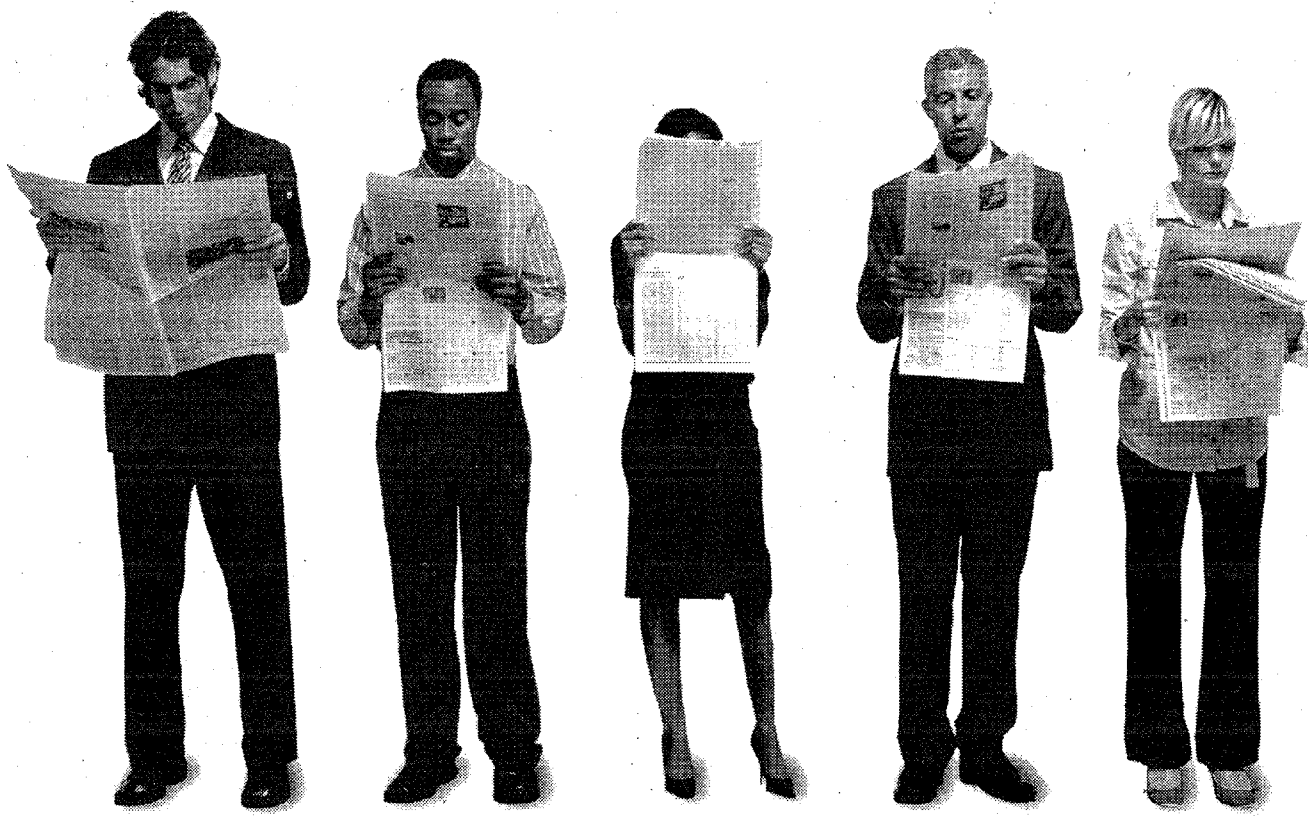
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MILESTONES



Helen Sliwka is surrounded by her great-grandchildren. Jordyn Barnes of Plymouth is pictured left and Brook Dolkowski of Canton, right. Gathered behind her are Alexyss Kraus (left), Courtney Dolkowski, Brittany Dolkowski, Justin Dolkowski, Aaron Dolkowski, holding Jake Barnes of Plymouth, and Troy Dolkowski, all of Canton.

CELEBRATING WITH FAMILY

Helen Sliwka of Dearborn Heights celebrated her 95th birthday, Dec. 25, 2009, with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her daughters are Patricia Kraus and Nancy Dolkowski, both of Canton. "She considers herself very lucky and loves them all," Dolkowski said, adding that the nine great-grandchildren range in age from 21 to 2 1/2.

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Horton of Plymouth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Michael Maurer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maurer of Plymouth. Both Jennifer and Michael are Plymouth-Canton Educational Park graduates. Jennifer graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in special education and teaches at Tonda Elementary School in Canton. Michael also graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in business

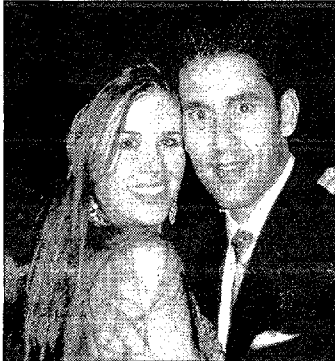


Horton-Maurer

hospitality and works for US Foodservice. A June 2011 wedding is planned.

OCTOBER WEDDING PLANNED

Alison Barney and Eric Sadi announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Karen Barney of Farmington Hills, is a Harrison High School graduate. She attended Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., and earned a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising from Laboratory Institute of Merchandising in New York City, N.Y. She currently is product development manager at Jones Apparel Group in New York City. Her fiancé, son of Michael and Meg Sadi of Greenwich, Conn., earned a bachelor's



Barney-Sadi

degree in communications and is working on his MBA at University of Connecticut. He is assistant vice president of leasing at Simon Property Group in New York City. An October 2010 wedding is planned in Monroe, Conn.

COLIN DAVID SARNS

Colin David Sarns was born March 16, 2010, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Proud parents are David and Bianca Sarns of Westland. Grandparents are Ron and Maryann Baase of Willis Township and Russ and Judy Sarns of Livonia. Mariam Mackinder of Novi is Colin's great-grandmother.



Colin David Sarns

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

NATIVE PLANTS

Carol Clements, Nankin Mills naturalist, will point out native Michigan plants, including those that have a special attraction for butterflies, during the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m., May 19, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Wear appropriate clothing. Parking on Hines Drive. and Ann Arbor Trail. \$3.00 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

GARDEN WALK

Visit six gardens with soothing waterfalls and ponds, unique art and ornamentation, and a diverse array of magnificent plants, trees, and shrubs at the Ann Arbor Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 12. Tickets for the 20th annual event are on sale at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, among other locations. They cost \$12 for adults, and \$3 for students K-12. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the Walk at any of the gardens, at a cost of \$15 per adult, and for \$3 students K-12. The ticket includes a map of the garden locations; participants can visit the gardens in any order and at their own pace. Descriptions of the featured gardens, and additional pictures, are online at www.annarborfarmandgarden.org/events/garden-walk.

In Loving Memory
This Special Mother's Day!

Geraldine "Gennie" Ministrelli
May 30, 1927 - Feb. 12, 2010
You will always be our shining star. We love you and miss you every minute of everyday. Your unconditional love, hugs, kisses, laughter, beautiful smile, loving spirit and gentleness will be in our hearts and lives forever. Love, Hugs and Kisses, Your Loving Family XXXX
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Jennie Christine Sandell
June 6, 1933 - November 15, 2009
Your family misses you greatly this Mother's Day along with each and every day that passes.
- Diane, Dennis, Ed, Joni and your loving husband, Bill.
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Kay 'Marceau' Dowd
Oct 26, 1948 - Mar 15, 2005
We can't believe it has been 5 yrs since our Mom, Gram Gram and friend has been gone. We are forever saddened by the milestones she has missed & will continue to be absent from this life. It hasn't been the same without you! We love & miss you MOM!!! Love, Brenda, Jack, Angie, Stacy, Mike, Danielle, Nate, Caden & Abby
OE08899102

Betty Sobkowiak
Aug. 29, 1935 - Aug. 31, 1995
You are in our hearts and memories everyday. We Love and Miss You. Your Loving Husband John and children Deborah, Susan, Nancy, Judith, Robert, Patricia and Catherine
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GWYNETH PLETZKE
Aug. 8th, 2009
Happy Mother's Day Mom!
We miss you everyday!
Love Always,
Your Family
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DELOS F. (FRED) HAMLIN, JR.
82, of Pentwater, died unexpectedly in Venice, Florida on April 26, 2010. Fred was born on March 21, 1928 in Farmington, Michigan to Delos F. Hamlin, Sr. and Mildred E. (Hartz) Hamlin. After graduating from Farmington High School in 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for two years where he spent one year in office training at Colgate University in New York. He then attended and graduated from Michigan State University with a business degree in 1950. At the start of the Korean War, Fred enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a First Lieutenant, was Squadron Adjutant with the 376th Bombardment Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, and graduated from flight school in 1952. On June 22, 1952, Fred married Patricia A. McCarthy in Fort Worth, Texas. He was then stationed in Japan where he flew B-24's during the Korean War. At the end of the war, Fred and Pat moved back to Farmington where he worked as a sporting goods salesman for a couple of years. In 1957, Fred took over the bowling business established by his father known as Farmington Lanes. For many years, Fred was instrumental in the growth and development of youth bowling when he established an after-school program where he taught thousands of elementary school children the sport of bowling. In 1969, Fred was named Proprietor of the Year in recognition for having the most sanctioned youth bowlers in the State of Michigan. It was also in 1969 that he, Pat and his five children discovered Pentwater during a family camping trip, purchased a cottage on Pentwater Lake and made it their summer home. In 1972, they joined the Pentwater Yacht Club and for several years Fred was head of their junior sailing program. Fred was also a member of the Pentwater Men's Service Club. In 1984, Fred retired from Farmington Lanes and made Pentwater his permanent home. Not one to sit idle, in 1987 he purchased another bowling center in Whitehall, Michigan until 1994. After 39 years together, Pat preceded Fred in death on November 22, 1991. He then married Mildred (Millie) Petersen on December 4, 1992. Fred took great pride in overseeing and managing the family's 1,900 acre deer camp, also established by his father, in Clare, Michigan. He was a passionate proponent of land, forest and wildlife management and conservation, and so that it would remain in its natural state in perpetuity, he placed the property with the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy. In recognition of his other conservation efforts, he was named Conservationist of the Year. He also enjoyed gardening, cooking, playing Bridge and reading. Fred will be greatly missed by his wife Millie; children Barbara (John) Manak of Hart, Robert (Cathy) Hamlin of Muskegon, James (Donna) Hamlin of Fowlerville, Linda Harris of Hartland, and Steven Hamlin of Muskegon; sisters Ruth (David) Clark of Muskegon and Jane (Tony) Byers of Catonsville, MD; grandchildren Michael and Amber Hamlin, Troy, Alex and Tricia Harris, Mark Wite and Miesha (Brian) Landers; great-grandchildren Christopher Hamlin, Allena Wite and Jackson and Sophia Landers; step-grandchildren Kristen Walter and Corey and Collin Bradford; stepsons Mike (Val) Petersen, Mark (Connie) Peterson and Marty Petersen; step great-grandchildren Mira Lee, Layne Brooks and Estella Petersen, and many other family members and friends. A memorial service for Fred will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Pentwater with Father Sam Morrison officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Clare.

CATHERINE M. ANDERSON (nee. RODRIGUEZ)
May 16, 1927-May 1, 2010 following a multiple year battle with brain cancer. A resident of Bloomfield Hills, Catherine was born and raised in New York City and was the first in her family to earn a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Queens College in New York. Shortly after graduation, Catherine pursued a career in actuarial services, working for a large insurance company in New York before relocating to Michigan with her husband, Robert Anderson. Shortly after their arrival in the Detroit area, Catherine focused her attention on the fashion industry, becoming a widely recognized runway model and commentator for more than four decades with credits in industrial and commercial films as well as broadcast media where she was regularly featured on a variety of programs. She was an accomplished swimmer and demonstrated interests and athletic abilities in a number of sports, including skiing, golf, flying and equestrian activities, which she shared and enjoyed with her family and friends. A classically trained dancer, singer and performance artist, Catherine continuously held a deep appreciation for the arts. She was a member of several arts organizations throughout Michigan and frequently volunteered her services at local and community theatres. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society. Wife of the late Robert S. Dear mother of Elise Anderson, Stephanie Clugston (William) and the late Patrice Retzlaff. Grandmother of William and Matthew Clugston. Services will be held privately. Family suggests memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. view obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ISABEL ISHERWOOD
Age 95, Passed away May 3, 2010 at home in Garden City. She was preceded in death by loving husband, Edward. Beloved mother of May Rourke, James and Robert. Dear grandmother of Dennis & Kathy, and great-grandmother of Ashley & Bailey. The family would like to thank the caring staff of Angela Hospice. Private funeral services were held, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Please share a memory on the on-line guestbook at www.rgrharris.com.

LOIS MARTENS
Age 73, of Fulton and Gun Lake died January 27, from 1970-81, she resided in Livonia and was a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. She was graduated from Schoolcraft College in 1975 and the University of Michigan in 1980. Lois practiced as a registered nurse at Grace Northwest Hospital from 1975-81. Her survivors include her husband of 52 years, Ron, and three children, Alan Martens, Camille Subject and Nathan Martens. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m on Sunday, May 23 at the First Presbyterian Church of Richland. Please visit: www.avinkcremation.com for a complete obituary, share a memory or send condolences.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

NATHAN LAMONICA
Age 39. Passed away suddenly on May 5, 2010. Beloved son of Samuel Jr (Debra) & Margaret. Dear brother to Samuel III (Theresa) & Lance (Maria) & step-sister Melanie. Proud uncle to Samuel IV (Wendy) & Daniel (Maggie). Special friend to Erin. Family will receive friends at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia, Monday 2-9pm. Funeral Service at Funeral Home Tuesday 11am. The family would appreciate donations to Michigan Humane Society or Rescue Group of choice. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

STEPHEN R. MATHERS
Age 60, passed away April 4, 2010 at his home in St. Petersburg Florida. Loving Father of Stephanie, Kimberly and Benjamin Mathers. Beloved son of Robert and Shirley Mathers. Dearest brother of Michael Mathers (Annette), Cindy Smith (Brian) and Jeffery Mathers (Allyson). Dear uncle to one niece, three nephews and 6 great nieces and nephews. Dear friend of Pamela. Mr. Mathers, a longtime resident of the Detroit area, was a graduate of Michigan State University where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. Family will be receiving friends Saturday May 22, 2010 1-4pm with a Celebration of Life Service at 2pm, Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon, MI. Arrangements entrusted to Gibrbach-Krasun Funeral Home (Southgate Chapel) 15748 Fort St.

OBITUARY POLICY
The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.).

Deadlines:
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Wednesday 9:45 AM for Thursday
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For more information call: Char Wilson 586-826-7082 or Liz Keiser 586-977-7538 or toll free 800-579-7355 ask for Char or Liz OE08858429

MARJORIE A. HOAG
A long time resident of Redford Township and Livonia, passed away on March 24, 2010 in Boise Idaho. She was born September 21, 1928 in Detroit. She grew up mostly in Flint, Michigan and graduated from Flint Junior College. She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in English from Wayne State University and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. She worked for 25 years in Detroit area libraries and was the head librarian in Dearborn Heights and Redford Township. She was preceded in death by her son David. She is survived by son Steve, daughter in law Lisa, sisters Susan Hammond and Carol Vargo, and brothers Herb Shubick and Bill Shubick. A memorial service will be held on May 15 at 1PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 30650 Six Mile Road in Livonia. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, make donations to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

ELIZABETH J. HULL
Age 86, of Redford Twp., passed away May 6, 2010. Visitation Tuesday, May 11 from 4-7pm with a memorial service at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.

BARBARA ELLEN TERBERG
Age 81 of Plymouth, May 4, 2010. Beloved wife of Edwin. Dear mother of Paulette (Thomas) Duggin, Raynette (Timothy) Blome, Jeffrey, Richard (Karen), Robert (Julie), and Scott. Also leaves sister-in-law Nancy (Roger) Suttiff. She was preceded in death by infant daughter Barbetta. Proud grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of twenty. Family and friends will gather Saturday May 15, from 10 AM until the 11 AM memorial service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions, to the church would be appreciated by the family. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Community unites to fight rare disease

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Judy Nissan hopes to raise \$50,000 in less than three months.

That's a lofty goal for most people, but the Canton wife and mother of three is driven by a passion to save her loved ones' lives.

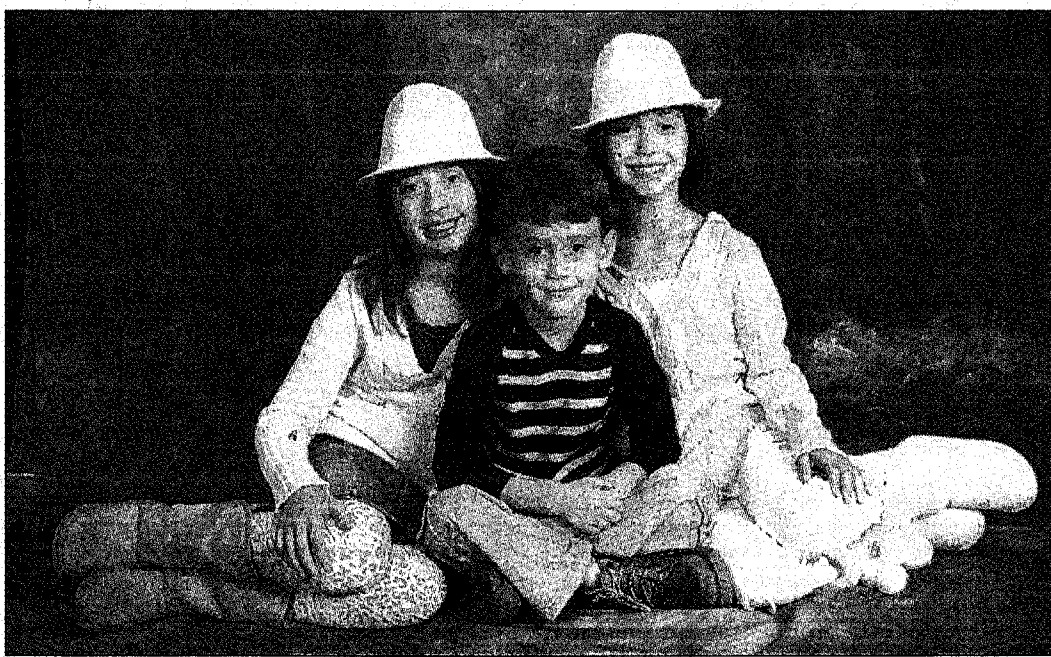
Her husband, Clay, and oldest daughter, Sydney, 10, have been diagnosed with a rare disease called hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT), also known as Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome. Her youngest child, Jared, 7, is showing symptoms and only time will tell if her youngest daughter, Sierra, 9, will display signs of the hereditary disease.

"Emotionally, financially and physically, it's devastating when it comes into your family," Nissan said. "The hard part is knowing that there is a cure out there, but when you're only raising pennies every year ... it could take forever before we see anything. There's no federal funding for it."

Described as "the silent killer," HHT affects about 50,000-70,000 individuals in the United States and 1.2 million worldwide, according to the HHT Foundation International. The multi-system blood vessel disorder results in death or disability for 20 percent of the affected population. Half of the children with a parent afflicted by the disease inherit the gene.

According to the foundation, an individual with HHT forms blood vessels that lack the capillaries, which connect arteries and veins. That means arterial blood under high pressure flows directly into a vein without first having to squeeze through the very small capillaries. As a result, the place where an artery is connected directly to a vein tends to be a fragile site that can rupture and result in bleeding. The abnormal site is called a telangiectasia if it involves small blood vessels. It's called an arteriovenous malformation (AVM) if it involves larger blood vessels.

Telangiectases tend to occur on the skin and the mucous membrane that lines the nose. AVMs usually occur in the



The Nissan children of Canton

HHT FUND-RAISERS

• **Saturday, May 15:** Party from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Cherry Martini, 50296 Cherry Hill, Canton to raise funds for the HHT Foundation. Donations accepted at the door with a \$5 minimum cover charge. The night will feature drink specials, 50/50 raffle, a prize raffle, DJ, and dancing. RSVP by calling (734) 306-0342 or via e-mail at avanbrussel@me.com

• **Friday, May 21:** Pay \$25 for three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Call Joe Wallen at (248) 824-0797 or Scott Gilbert at (734) 718-5916 for registration information

• **Wednesday, June 16:** Eat at Buffalo Wild Wings, 41980 Ford Road, in Canton and 20 percent of your bill will be donated to HHT Foundation

• **Monday, June 21:** Golf at Bello Woods Golf Course, 23650 23 Mile, Macomb to raise funds for the foundation. Registration is at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.; cost is \$100 per golfer or \$400 per team. The day includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, drink tickets, door prizes and raffle. Register by June 1. Call Jeff Babisz at (586) 738-6408 or Jeff Paquette at (734) 558-543 or e-mail to jbabisz@comcast.net or gogolf@comcast.net

• **Saturday, Aug. 7:** Participate in the Walk-A-Thon for HHT. The event begins at 9 a.m., in Heritage Park, Canton and includes opening ceremonies, the walk, performances by Central City Dance, entertainment and food and T-shirt sales. Learn more at www.ourhopeholdsthecare.org

internal organs, such as the intestines, stomach, lungs, liver and brain and can cause hemorrhage, stroke and death.

Nissan's husband has AVMs from the disease in his intestines, esophagus, mouth, nose and liver. He has had multiple surgeries to try and control the progression of this disease and receives regular infusions

to counteract the blood loss. Sydney suffers from nose bleeds and shows evidence of the disease in her lungs.

"You can't get an MRI scan every day, but if you have one (AVM) growing it can be fatal," Nissan noted. "I look at my kids every day and Clay every day and they look healthy, but if one of those rupture ..."

The family initially didn't realize the disease was hereditary. Clay's mother died at age 57 from HTT "but I truly believe she didn't know the extent of it," Nissan said. "My husband became sick in '04 and was hospitalized. That's when he was officially diagnosed."

"For me, a lot of it is that you feel hopeless, because it's in your whole family."

To battle those feelings of despair, Nissan started a new fund-raiser, "Hope Holds the Cure," a walk-a-thon to benefit the HHT Foundation. She enlisted the help of friends, like Amy VanBrussel, also of Canton, to make the walk on Aug. 7 a success.

VanBrussel and others plan several "grassroots" fund-raisers this month and in June to make Nissan's \$50,000 goal a reality before the walk even begins.

"The walk-a-thon will be a celebration by that time. We will have all the money raised," VanBrussel said. "We're hoping to increase awareness and a part of our mission is to look outside our group and enlist support from the community. It's nice to see how generous people can be."

Donations also are accepted on the group's Web site at www.ourhopeholdsthecare.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

Stroke program

Learn about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of strokes, 10:30-11:30 a.m., May 11, in the auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. 9 Mile, Southfield. An optional tour will follow the lecture of the Bi-Plane Interventional Suite showing the latest technology in diagnostic imaging. The presenter will be Dr. Matthew Holtzman, neurologist on staff at Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital. To reserve your seat, call St. John SeniorLink at (888) 751-5465.

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group will hold its Fibromyalgia Awareness Day luncheon 1-3 p.m., Thursday, May 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The luncheon is open to anyone with fibromyalgia, chronic pain or individuals seeking a support group to help them deal with fibromyalgia. For more information, visit www.MetroFibroGroup.com

Asthma screening

Laurel Park Place in partnership with the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, and specialists from the University of Michigan Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, present a free asthma screening day 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 15, at Laurel Park Place, 37700 6 Mile, in Livonia. Visitors will have the opportunity to take a simple breathing test and fill out a short questionnaire in order to assess whether they have asthma or not, and to discuss the results with U-M asthma specialists. For more information call (734) 232-2154.

Botsford Commons

The senior living community will present "Living the Fullness of Life," 7-8 p.m., Thursday, May 20, in the Town Commons Dining Room, 21300 Archwood Circle, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road, north of Eight Mile, in Farmington Hills. Margaret K. Lightner, president of Botsford Commons Senior Community, kicks off the session with comments on living to life's fullest in a continuum of care retirement community. Her presentation is followed by: "Healthy Aging" with Dr. Annette Carron, geriatrician and medical director of the Botsford Senior Assessment Center; "Brain Fitness" with Diane M. Zide, executive director of senior living services at Botsford Commons; and "Getting Your Documents in Order; Community Resources" with Dawn Doyle, supervi-

sor, social services. Dessert and beverages also will be served. For more information, call (248) 426-6951.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Julie Ader will present "Women and Stress: Healthy Responses to Life's Demands" from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 20 in the hospital auditorium. She'll focus on healthy alternatives to dealing with positive and negative stress that women encounter. The presentation also includes bone density, blood pressure and massages from 5:30-7 p.m. A \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit the Marian Women's Center Programs. To register, call (734) 655-1182. Or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

JUNE

Hemophilia Foundation

The Foundation's "Swinging for Smile" Charity Golf Outing, runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 7, at Fox Hills Golf Club of Plymouth. Proceeds go to HF's Camp Bold Eagle and Eagle Outpost, for children with bleeding disorders. The event costs \$50 for dinner only per person, \$190 for golf and dinner per person or \$750 for a golf and dinner package for four. Contact Dawn at (800) 482-3041 for more information.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

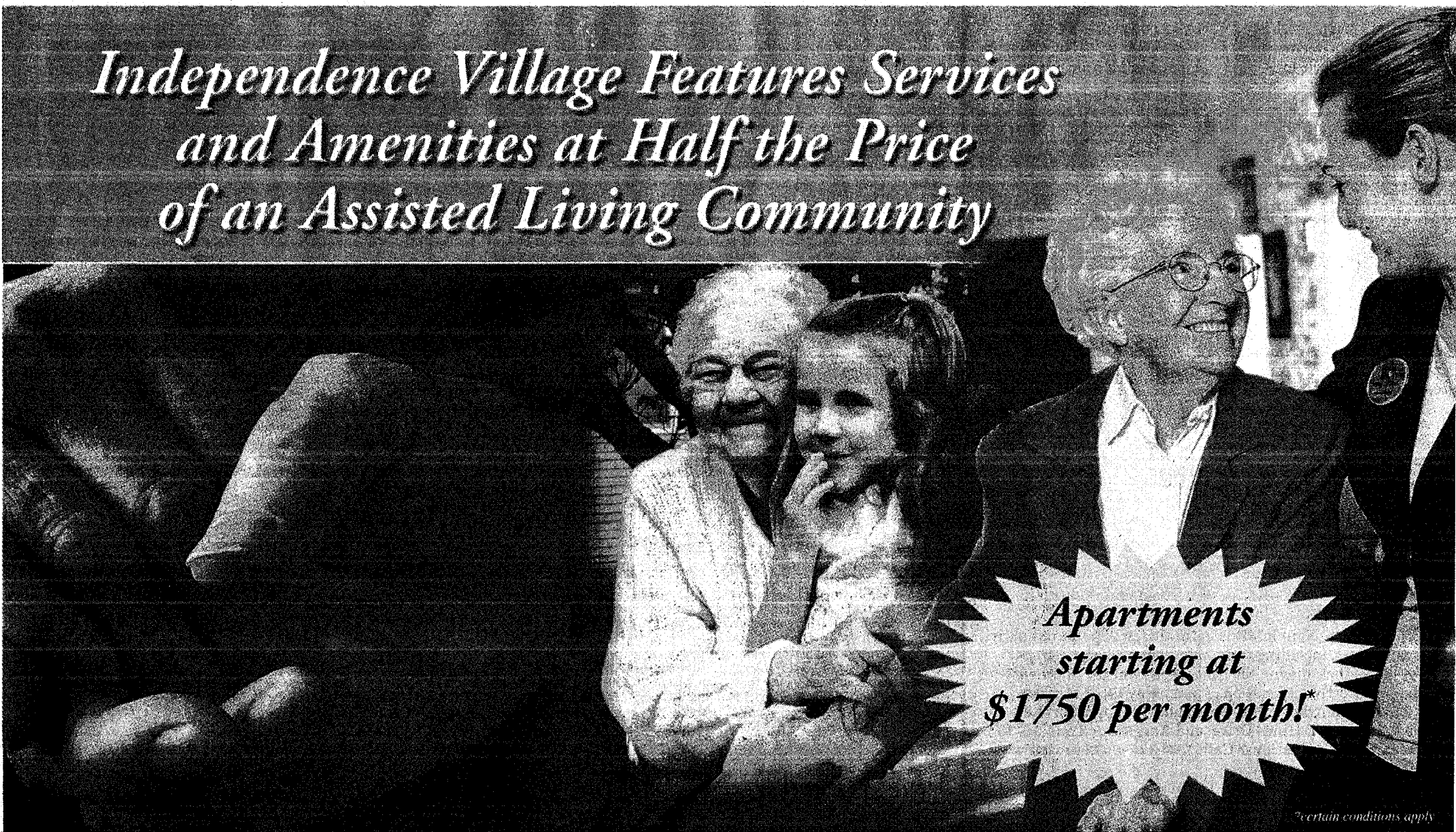
Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.ooa.org.



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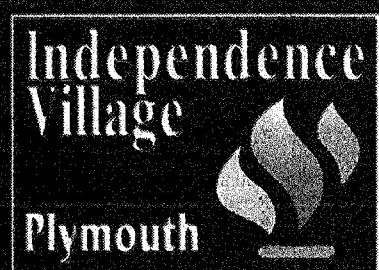
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5 Ways to Turn Off Employers

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Don't do this in your job hunt
Job searches, much like first dates, are about giving the other party -- in this case the employer -- a once-over and presenting yourself in the best possible way. Also similar to first dates, job searches give you several opportunities to make a single mistake that is a real turnoff.

You're on your own when it comes to finding true love, but for staying in an employer's good graces, we've got you covered. So put on your best clothes, style your hair and make sure you don't make one of these job interview gaffes that are certain to turn off an employer:
Turnoff No. 1: Arriving too early for an interview

The reason: Interviews are scheduled at specific times for a reason. Hiring managers have other meetings and responsibilities to deal with throughout the day, so they can't interrupt their schedule just to meet with you. Also, interviews often have multiple components. If you're scheduled to meet the hiring manager first, then have a conversation with some potential colleagues, followed by a tour of the company and finally a drug test, an early (or late) arrival disrupts everyone's schedule.

The solution: By all means, arriving early is better than arriving late. However, from an interviewer's perspective, arriving 45 minutes early and letting the receptionist know you've arrived is just as bothersome as showing up 45 minutes late. If you get to the interview location too early, go to a nearby coffee shop, take a walk around the block or sit in your car to pass the time. Checking in with the front desk five or even 15 minutes early is acceptable and shows the employer you're punctual.

Turnoff No. 2: Letting your desperation show

The reason: Although you have been looking for a job for several months or even longer, don't let your frustration become the interviewer's problem. A negative attitude that causes you to vent about the hardships of being unemployed can leave you reeking of bitterness and repel employers. The solution: Don't get us wrong -- being unemployed can be one of the worst experiences a person goes through, and anyone who has been there understands that eventually you reach a point where you want to scream. Nevertheless, do your screaming before you get to the interview. When you're preparing for the interview, think like an employer. Do you want to hire the person with amazing qualification, a great personality and the potential to grow with the company? Or do you want to hire the person whose primary concern is getting a paycheck, who sounds angry and who might quit the moment a better job comes along? Enthusiasm impresses an employer; desperation does not.

Turnoff No. 3: Being too aggressive with your follow-up
The reason: Employers want to see enthusiasm from job seekers, but they don't want to be inconvenienced by said enthusiasm. Two e-mails, a handwritten note, a few phone calls and a quick visit to the office just to see how things are going will not impress a

hiring manager. That approach will scare them.

The solution: Again, enthusiasm wins over desperation every time. You need to send a thank-you note, and you can send both an e-mail and a postal letter to cover your bases. Pestering employers doesn't just make you look desperate, it also annoys them. They don't have time for so many distractions and eventually the first thing they'll think of when they see your name is, "Oh, that's the one who wouldn't leave me alone."

Prove you have common sense, which includes knowing when to stop.
Turnoff No. 4: Talking trash about anyone

The reason: You probably have plenty to say about your incompetent former boss and inept co-workers, but you know better than to say it. You've been told that employers hear you talk negatively about a past boss and think, "One day you'll be talking that way about me." You might forget that the same thoughts run through their mind when you talk about other organizations, too. If you're interviewing with the No. 2 company in a specific industry, you shouldn't take cheap shots at the No. 1 company every chance you get. Employers know you're job hunting and that you've probably been just as unkind about them in other interviews.

The solution: Stay positive. Explain why you want to work for the company. Point out how your experience has prepared you for this move. You don't

need to pretend that your former employer is a personal hero, but you should demonstrate that you are bringing something from the company other than your 401(k). Rather than belittle the competition, promote this company. Say, "I know your competitor is doing this, and they've had some success, but you have the ability to do this and that to beat them." The focus remains on this company and also on your ideas.

Turnoff No. 5: Lacking direction
The reason: Whether or not they are micromanagers, employers like to have some trust in their employees. If your resumé, cover letter or interview suggests that you have no goals, you are not an attractive candidate. If you don't even know where you want your career to go, how can you know this job is for you? A cover letter looking for a job instead of this job implies that you're floating from gig to gig until you get bored.

The solution: If you're not positive what your future looks like, at least create a narrative that satisfies you. This job might not be your ideal one, but do you see yourself learning from it and putting you on a path to something better? What could you do after you spend some time working here? Figure out what that path is so you can show an employer you know where you're going. You don't need to promise that you'll stay at this position forever, but you can suggest that you are eager to learn and want to move forward. Employers like ambition because these workers tend to care about their jobs and ultimately improve the business in some capacity.

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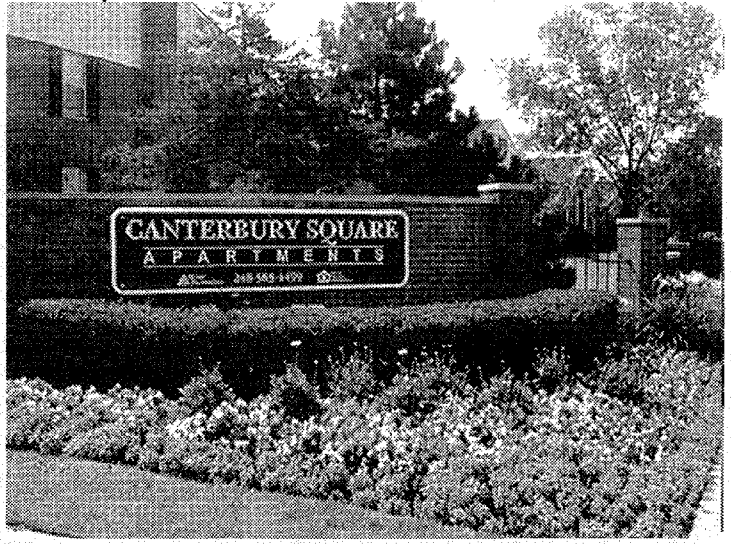
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Cadillac DTS: Largely unchanged from '09

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Debuting in 2006, the DTS replaced the aging DeVille in Cadillac's lineup.

For about two decades, the DeVille has accounted for nearly half the sales in its segment among competitors such as the Audi A6 and Infiniti M35.

True to its DeVille heritage, the DTS is one of the few cars left that offers six-passenger capacity via a front bench seat.

The 2010 Cadillac DTS, essentially unchanged from the 2009 model, is equipped with dual-zone automatic climate control, leather seating, OnStar, bi-xenon headlamps, power front bucket seats, remote vehicle start, a CD/MP3 player and satellite radio.

Luxury I features a 40/20/40-split front seat that's heated and cooled. It also comes with heated rear seats, a heated steering wheel and park assist.

Luxury II features bucket front seats and triple-zone climate control. Luxury III adds chrome wheels, power-folding mirrors, a power rear sunshade, Bose audio with six-CD changer, power lumbar support for all outboard seats, massaging front seats, a power tilt/telescoping steering wheel, driver seat memory, rear vanity mirrors and auto-dimming headlights.

The Performance version is equipped similar to the Luxury III but features a more

powerful V8, 18-inch wheels, side blind-spot alert and a firmer suspension with Magnetic Ride Control.

Depending on the trim level, notable options available for the DTS include adaptive cruise control, lane-departure warning, the side blind-spot alert, a sunroof and a navigation system.

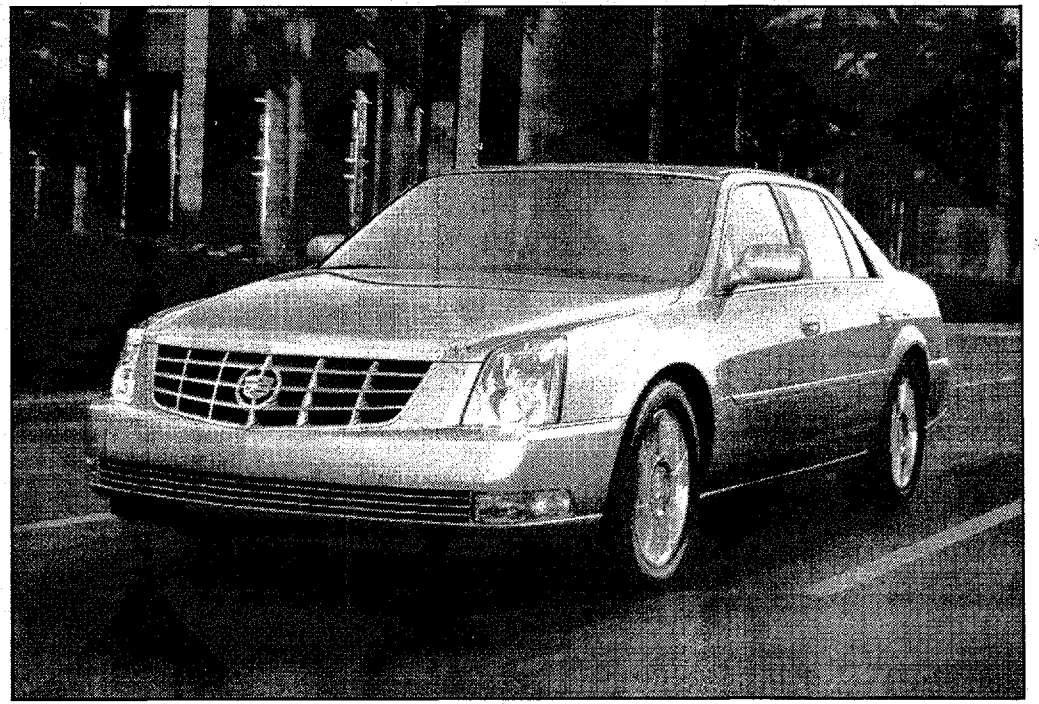
4.6-liter V8 engines are available on the DTS. All trims except the Performance have the 275-horsepower engine, while the enhanced V8 in the DTS Performance pushes out 292 horsepower. Although there are plenty of configurations of the DTS among trim levels, the folks at Cadillac sweetened the pot in 2008 by beginning to offer the elegant Platinum Edition.

The Platinum edition gives Cadillac's most discerning customers a higher level of premium luxury than other DTSes.

Some highlights include 18-inch chromed wheels, bright chrome grille and chrome inserts on the exterior door handle lift bars, as well as an exclusive Platinum badge.

The Cadillac DTS Platinum Edition is distinctive in that its interior is hand-crafted of premium materials using techniques perfected by master craftsmen.

Using rich burl walnut and rare wood trim from a forest west of the Ubangi River,



The Cadillac DTS offers today's technology with the traditional American luxury of its predecessor, the DeVille.

craftsmen inlay trim throughout the cabin, including the steering wheel and indicator array.

The DTS Platinum, like the DTS Performance has the 292-horsepower V8 and Magnetic Ride Control.

Standard safety features for all DTS trims include stability control, anti-lock disc brakes, front-seat side airbags and full-length side curtain airbags.

The DTS also features two new safety-enhancing technologies. GM's Lane Departure Warning system, which is designed to help drivers avoid a collision caused by an inadvertent lane change, and GM's Side Blind Zone Alert system that aids driver awareness of objects that may be unnoticed.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration frontal crash tests, the DTS

scored a perfect five-star rating for the driver and four stars for the passenger. In that agency's side-impact test, the DTS scored four stars for front and rear passengers.

For people who want an updated version of their daddy's caddy — the DeVille — and keep the traditional American luxury sedan alive, the Cadillac DTS is perfect.

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Cadillac DTS
Vehicle class: Luxury car
Power: 4.6-liter V8 engine
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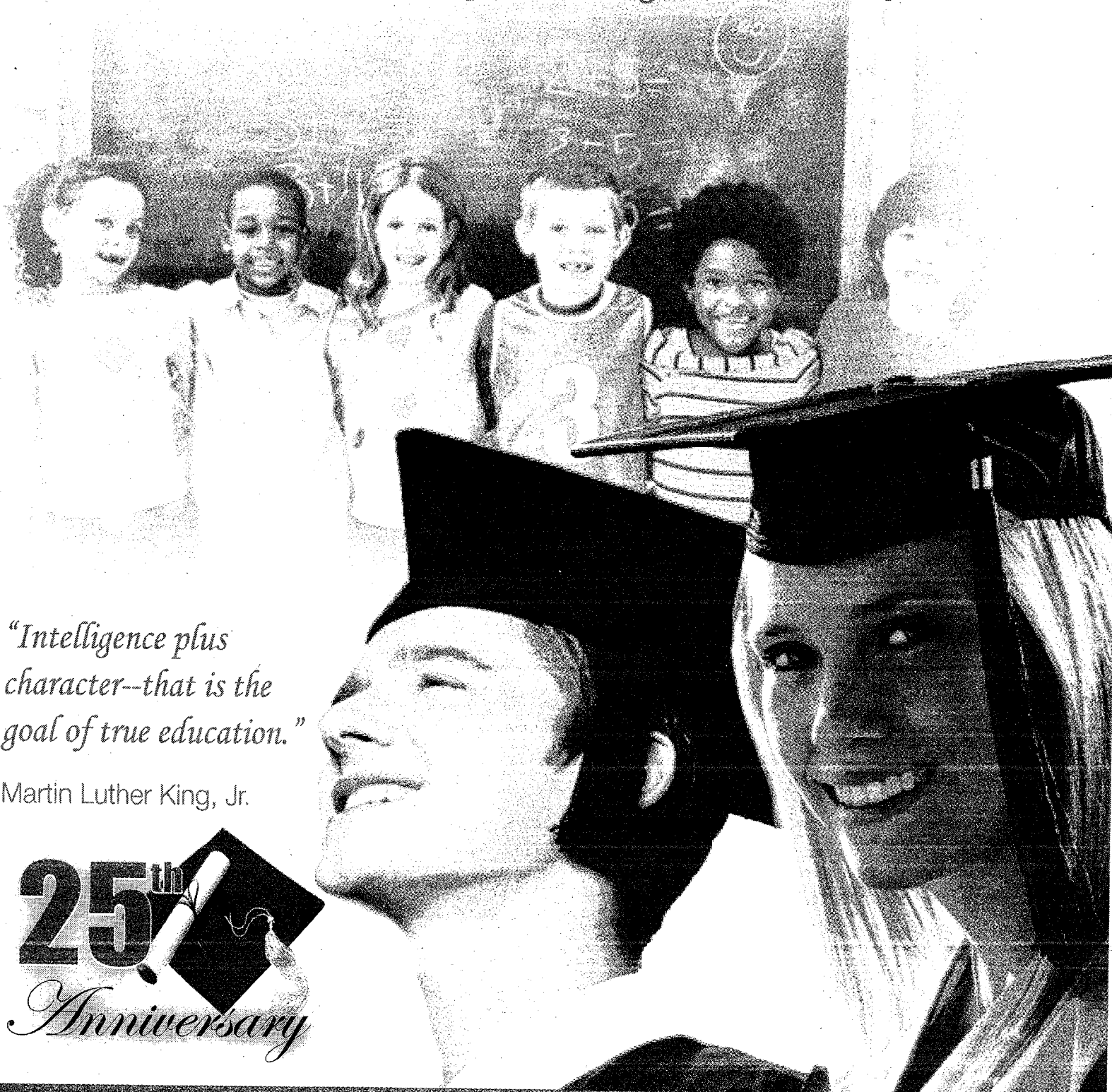
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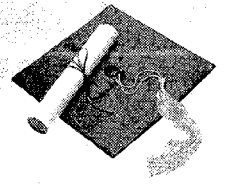
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Academic All-Stars set standard of excellence

Principals help select annual prep standouts

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* celebrates a special anniversary with today's publication of the 2010 Academic All-Stars Special Section.

The *O&E* has been recognizing outstanding students from public, private and parochial schools in our circulation area for 25 years! Some 1,500 students — the brightest and best from area schools — over the last 25 years can call themselves *O&E* Academic All-Stars. More than 2,100 students have received honorable mention and they, too, are outstanding examples of academic success.

All of the all-stars — those of past years and 2010 — are shining examples of intelligence, involvement and industry. They contribute to their communities and beyond.

This year's section is made possible by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* in cooperation with Madonna University and St. John Providence Hospital.

We salute Madonna University as a long-time partner in the all-star project. The university, based in Livonia, is committed to teaching, scholarship and service. These values are at the core of the university's mission.

Other long-time partners who help honor and celebrate the achievements of students are Huntington Bank and the Townsend Hotel.

This year's all-stars and their parents were honored at a special breakfast awards ceremony Wednesday, April 28, at the elegant Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham. The Townsend staff and managing director Peter Wilde made the



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Judging the 25th anniversary O&E Academic All-Star Team were: Daniel Willenborg (standing from left), principal at Franklin High School, Livonia; DeeAnn Lacy, assistant principal, North Farmington High School; Charlie Hollerith (sitting left), principal of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School; Terry Piper, principal, Seaholm High School, Birmingham; and Carolyn Witte, principal, Mercy High School, Farmington Hills. Piper has been on the all-star judging committee for 10 years. Willenborg, another veteran of the group, has been a judge since 2003.

event a day to remember. In addition to a gourmet breakfast buffet at the hotel, students received awards and gifts courtesy of the *O&E* and a U.S. Savings Bond from Huntington Bank.

"Huntington Bank is proud to support the *Observer & Eccentric* Academic All Star Program and is committed to helping programming throughout southeast Michigan that showcases the talent of our future leaders," said Pam Iacobelli, vice president, director marketing at Huntington Bank.

The 25th annual team was selected in cooperation with a high school principals in Oakland and western Wayne counties. This year's committee included Dan Willenborg of Livonia Franklin, Terry Piper of Birmingham Seaholm, Carolyn Witte of Farmington Hills Mercy, Charlie Hollerith of Bloomfield Hills Lahser and DeeAnn Lacy, assistant principal at North Farmington.

"We appreciate the time they spend

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MEET THE ALL-STARS

Here are the 2010 O&E Academic All-Stars in order of ranking:

Tied for the top ranking are Mimi Chen of Detroit Country Day, Holly Chiang of Churchill High School, Shan Kothari of Plymouth High School, Calley Murphy of Seaholm High School, Nick Wasylshyn of Canton High School and Fuyun Zhang of Country Day.

Second is Kevin Wu of Cranbrook followed by (14 students in a tie) Akshay Amin of Salem High School, Austin Buckley of Farmington High School, Samantha Cunningham of Lahser High School, Dana Fenster of Andover High School, Calla Glavin of Seaholm High School, David Guo of International Academy, Katie Long of Southfield Christian High School, Matthew Mason of International Academy, Amy Mathew of Plymouth High School, Brian Miller of North Farmington High School, Bryce Morgan of Churchill High School, Lauren Richards of Mercy High School, Michael Yonick of Lahser High School and Amy Yu of North Farmington High School. Next are (tied) Lillian Chen of Canton High School and Brian Turner of Groves High School, followed by Ellie Krieg of Mercy High School and Steven Ball of Brother Rice High School.

Completing this year's team are (all tied) Christina Healy of Farmington High School, Xiaofan Mi of Andover High School, David Moldenhauer of Lutheran High Westland, Kevin Pearlman of Groves High School, Caitlin Ploch of Marian High School and Kevin White of Southfield Christian High School.

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Mimi Chen Detroit Country Day School

The medical field is calling to Mimi Chen of Novi.

"I want to pursue a career in a biological or medical field," she said. "I am debating between being a biomedical engineer or becoming a doctor."

She is well positioned to go in either direction. At DCD, she has achieved many academic honors, including winning a Siemens Award for Academic Placement, being a National Merit Scholar finalist, a National AP Scholar and winning a scholarship



in the "Best All Around" category from the Association of Chinese Americans. She also won the Princeton Book Award and was a Cum Laude Society inductee as a junior and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, among many other honors.

Her extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity golf team, a committee member in the Science Olympiad and member of both the Math Competition Club and Freelance Club. She is a volunteer at Providence Hospital.

She accomplished all this while carrying a heavy course load including AP calculus, chemistry, physics, biology, European history and U.S. history.

She said AP biology teacher Marc Fazio had the most influence on her "by sparking my interest in the field of biology as a future career choice."

She is the daughter of Nanxin Wang and Jinyang Chen.

Holly Chiang Churchill High School

Holly Chiang of Livonia will attend the University of Michigan in the fall. She plans to major in engineering.

"Math has been my favorite subject from elementary school through high school because I enjoy trying to find solutions and being rewarded with the feeling of having solved a difficult problem," Chiang said. "I especially like using math in a problem-solving capacity, and so when I began to learn about the engineering field, I was struck by the idea of using math to create tangible things that will be of use to others."

Chiang's senior year academic honors include a National Merit Scholarship as a National Merit Finalist. She also received an Engineering Scholarship of Honor from the U-M.

Her other academic honors include placing 55th in the Michigan Math Prize Competition, a U.S. Presidential Scholar candidate and winning the U.S. Steel Scholarship.

In her junior year, she placed 67th in the Michigan Math Prize Competition, won the Madame Curie Award for outstanding juniors in math and science and was named an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Chiang's extracurricular activities include being publicist and secretary for Churchill's Environmental Club, a member of the National Honor Society and a volunteer for the Westland Library and Red Cross blood drives.

Influential teachers were Andrew Wood and Mike Vasich.

"Mr. Wood taught me to finally understand and appreciate literature, although I doubt it will ever be my favorite subject," Chiang wrote in her all-star application.

"Mr. Vasich's (English) class was really tough, but it pushed me to really concentrate in school, improved my writing skills, and prepared me for high school's pace."

Chiang is the daughter of Liping Mao and Scott Chiang. She has one brother, Ward Chiang, 14.



Shan Kothari Plymouth High School

Shan Kothari of Canton was accepted to University of Chicago, Pomona College, and several others, but ultimately decided to enter Michigan State University on a full ride scholarship in Lyman Briggs Residential College and the Honors College.



Kothari is fairly sure what his career path will look like. He figures to major in biology, then is likely to enter a Ph.D. program in a biology field such as ecology or developmental biology. Then he'd like a career in a sector such as academia, which "combines two things I love: teaching and research," Kothari said.

Kothari is a National AP Scholar, Intel Science Talent Search semifinalist, a National Merit finalist and has earned many Science Olympiad medals and Model UN-related awards.

In addition to serving as president of Model United Nations, Kothari is first-chair violist in the PCEP Symphony Orchestra and a member of the Park Quartet, which consists of the best players in each section. Captain of Science Olympiad, he is also part of the Varsity Quiz Bowl team and is ranked 28th in the nation based on results of NAQT High School National Championship Tournament. He is in Go Club and did research during the summer of 2009 at the Clark Scholars Program at Texas Tech in evolutionary biology pertaining to crocodilians.

Kothari credits several teachers with having the most influence on him during his high school career — Dr. Stephen Williams (AP U.S. history), Brian Read (AP English), Susan Welker (Honors Humanities), and Denise Gimpel (Honors Anthropology) — "for together encouraging me to explore not just my own life but the full range of possible human experiences," wrote Kothari in his All-Star nomination.

"These teachers were so influential because the material of their classes worked so well together, and they each would have had much less of an impact on me had I not known the others."

Kothari's sister, Monika, is attending Michigan State University's James Madison College. He is the son of Nikhil and Smita Kothari.

Calley Murphy Seaholm High School

As Calley Murphy heads to MIT in the fall, she has a clear vision of what she wants to study and where that will lead her.

"I plan on majoring in chemical engineering," she said. "Eventually, I would like to apply my studies to environmental issues."



She is well positioned to achieve a lot. In high school, she has posted an impressive number of academic achievements including being a National Merit Scholar Finalist, scoring in the top 1 percent nationally on the PSAT. She also is a 2010 Presidential Scholars program semi-finalist, Michigan Math Prize Competition finalist, MHSAA 2010 Scholar Athlete and has won the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award and RPI Medal Award, which is given to the top junior math/science student in the school. And she is on the Principal's List, among even more achievements.

Murphy is as comfortable in the pool as she is in the school. She has been a member of the YMCA Birmingham Blue Dolphins Swim Team for nine years and a member of the MICSA Plum Hollow Swim Team for 13 years where she is team captain and broke multiple team and pool records.

In 2009, she was senior captain of the Seaholm Girls Swimming and Diving Team and a member of the Girls Water Polo team.

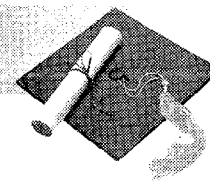
She is a member of numerous organizations including the Interact Community Service Club, National Honor Society, **Envirothon team**, Breakfast Book Club and Ping-pong club.

Outside school, she has volunteered for the Red Cross blood drive and does private tutoring.

She said teacher Keith Hart has had the most influence on her "because he took extra time and allowed me to pursue my interest in mathematics and take myself further mentally than ever before," she said.

"Every single day, I felt challenged during class while an atmosphere of curiosity and openness allowed me to ask countless questions and extend my knowledge base."

Murphy is the daughter of Chris and Teryl Murphy of Bloomfield Hills. She has two siblings, Courtney, 19, and Corin, 13.



Nick Wasylyshyn Canton High School

Nick Wasylyshyn of Canton has always loved numbers and helping others. However, it was only several years ago that he put these interests together to form the dream that that is still with him.

"I want to teach physics and do

research at one of the nation's best universities, but still keep time to be a good dad," Wasylyshyn said.

In the fall, Wasylyshyn will begin his career at either the University of Michigan or Harvard College

with the intent of earning a degree in both physics and mathematics.

Among his honors: in piano, the Michigan Music Teachers Association Level X; in math, a top-100 score on the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition and an invitation to the AIME; and in physics, the Robert Silver Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Modern Physics.

Wasylyshyn is the president and founder of his school's Go (Weiqi) Club and the president of Canton's National Honor Society. He is also the co-president of Math Olympiad, a member of the Improvisational Theatre performance troupe Sketchy@Best and is active in St. John Neumann's Youth Group.

Teachers that had the biggest influence on him include middle school choir teacher Shelby Holcomb — "She taught me that love is always stronger than pain," and psychology teacher Dr. Stephen Williams, who was instrumental in leading him out of the allegorical Cave.

However, Wasylyshyn considers his family (his 19-year-old brother, Russ, and parents, John and Vicki Wasylyshyn) to be his greatest teachers. Said he, "I admire them more than they know."

Fuyun Zhang Detroit Country Day

Fuyun Zhang of Farmington Hills will attend the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. She plans to attend law school after graduating. Her career goal is to be an attorney.

Zhang is captain of the debate team and was a member of the All-State



Team (Michigan Tournament of Champions, 2010), a state semifinalist in 2009, national 17th seed at the Meadows School Tournament (2009), two-time first place champion (varsity division) for Dexter Delight Debate Tournament (2008-

09), first-place champion (varsity division) for West Bloomfield Debate Tournament (2009), and first-place champion (varsity) for Michigan State University Debate Tournament 2008. Her other activities include the Freelance Writing Club, for which she has won numerous awards including four Gold Keys Scholastic Writing Awards in the short story division (2010) and two Silver Keys for short story and personal memoir (2010). In addition, she was a member of the varsity bowling team and won first place in Country Lanes High School League Bowling. She was the assistant coach of Destination Imagination at Country Day (2008-09).

She has spent many hours volunteering during her high school career at Botsford Hospital, Bloomfield Community Television, Birmingham Farmers Market and many others organizations.

She won Botsford Hospital's Certificate of Excellence Award (2009) and the Birmingham Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.

Zhang's academic honors include Presidential Scholar Semifinalist, National Merit Scholarship, Cum Laude Society, National AP Scholar, Skandalaris Future Leaders Merit Scholarship and Brown University Book Award.

Other honors include second place Junior Engineering Technical Society TEAMS Competition (varsity division) 2009, three-time gold medalist National Spanish Exam Levels II, III, IV and second place Science and Engineering fair of Metro Detroit (2009).

The teachers who most influence her are Dr. Patricia Hanlan (physics) "for her constant encouragement and understanding" and David Wilson (English) "for teaching me how to analyze literature in mind-opening ways."

Her parents are He Zhang and Haiyan Jiang.

Kevin Wu Cranbrook Kingswood Schools

Kevin Wu of Rochester Hills plans to attend MIT and study chemical engineering.

"I want to do the whole "creating new materials" aspect of chemical engineering, so materials science and engineering would probably be more accurate.



"Since everything we make starts with the raw materials and are thus limited by those properties of those materials, improving what we have to work with is a pretty important step in developing new or better technologies. It'd

be really sweet if I could help create stuff like better insulators, stronger metals, stickier glue, more comfortable fabrics, more efficient conductors, or even something completely new," wrote Wu.

His extracurricular activities at school include co-president of the Chess Club, co-president of the Math Club, treasurer of the German Club and co-president of Quiz Bowl.

He plays clarinet in band and was on the varsity cross country and track and field teams. He has also volunteered to teach chess to elementary students at Brookside School.

His academic honors include National Merit Scholar Finalist,

Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition finalist (grades 9-12), perfect score on the AMC10 (2008), six consecutive years American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME) qualifier, four consecutive years USA Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) qualifier, National German Exam winner, German Book Award, David Knight Award, Bausch & Lomb Science Award, Cal Tech book Award.

He took advanced math classes at Oakland University through OU's Summer Mathematics Institute and received an A in all classes.

Robert Fredrikson (calculus) was the teacher who most influenced Wu.

"He's been my adviser for four years and his math class reinvigorated my interest in mathematics — specifically calculus," Wu wrote.

"He is funniest, funnest, and "chillest" teacher I've ever had, and he has a real knack for making even the most difficult and complicated concepts easy for the class to understand through effective examples and visual aides."

He is the son of John Wu and Lihua Liu. He has one brother, David, 22.

Akshay Amin Salem High School

Akshay Amin of Canton seeks to pursue a major in biomedical engineering, though he is also interested in business. Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Michigan are among the universities that



he is considering. His future plans may lead him to a career in medicine or research.

Amin hopes to apply his studies of medicine to specialized areas of research or to interdisciplinary careers that combine medicine with

engineering and possibly business.

Amin is a National Merit finalist, a National AP Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction. In the Michigan Math Prize Competition, Amin was a bronze medalist (ranked in the top 25 in Michigan in 2008 and 2009 and in the top 100 in Michigan in 2010); in American Mathematics Competition, he qualified for the American Invitational Math Examination (2009, 2010); was the school winner in 2009 and earned a Certificate of Distinction (2009). He was a medalist at the 2009 Science Olympiad Tournament and has three first-place medals from the Wayne County Regional Science Olympiad.

Akshay's leadership positions have included National Honor Society president (2009-present); Science Olympiad team captain (2008-present); Math Olympiad president (2009-present) and secretary (2008-09); and vice president (2009-present) and secretary (2008-09) of Go Club.

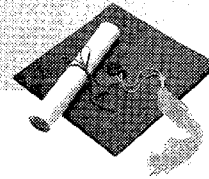
Akshay has volunteered 97 hours for Youth Volunteer Corps, a Canton Township organization that performs volunteer services in various township activities. He's put in numerous volunteer honors on behalf of National Honor Society and at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

He said Richard Mui (AP U.S. History and Introduction to Psychology) and Sue Welker (Honors Humanities and Early British Literature) have been the biggest influence on him.

"Mr. Mui has taught me to exercise critical thinking in all studies," wrote Akshay in his all-star application.

"Ms. Welker has exposed me to the fact that all fields of studies are interrelated and has pushed me to continually expand the limits of my understanding," explains Akshay.

Akshay is the son of Atul and Jayshree Amin. He has a 14-year-old brother, Vishal.



Austin Buckley Farmington High School

Austin Buckley of Farmington Hills is considering Michigan State University, Loyola University, Hofstra University or George Washington University to study chemistry and forensic science.

He plans to pursue a career as a forensic chemist and “work in a laboratory preferably at the federal level, such as the FBI.”



Buckley's academic honors include National Merit Scholarship Program commended student, four academic letters and Scholar Athlete.

His extracurricular activities include cross country, track and field, Link Crew, Confirmation facilitator, Summer Leadership Seminar 2009, Servant Church of St. Alexander Youth Group, Oakland County Rebuilding Together, Gleaners Food Bank, St. Pat's Senior Center volunteer, Farmington Youth Assistance Volunteer Recognition Award 2008.

Two teachers influenced Buckley — Don McGregor (forensic science) and Peg Convery (chemistry and AP chemistry)

“Mr. McGregor first introduced me to the field of forensic science in his class freshman year. I always knew I wanted to have a career that combined math and science, and after taking his class, I realized forensics was the perfect choice,” wrote Buckley in his All-Star application.

“Mrs. Convery inspired my specific focus on forensic chemistry. Her passion for teaching the subject, in addition to my own abilities in the subject, drove me further toward the professions of forensics.”

He is the son of Kimberly and Terry Buckley and the brother of Aaron, 15, Alexa, 20, and Ashley, 22.

Samantha Cunningham Lahser High School

“My ultimate goal is to find a way to combine my passion for the arts with my passion for learning and seeking new knowledge. I would love to work on the new developing field of art therapy.” That succinctly sums up the career goals of Samantha Cunningham, who



plans to attend the University of Michigan where she is already enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts and the School of Art and Design.

“I am planning on studying both studio art and either pre-law or biology,” said Cunningham, who was invited to join the U-M Honors College.

At Lahser, she has taken many Honors classes. She has also taken AP classes in government, chemistry, psychology, English and art.

But she hasn't confined her achievements to the classroom. She also has been involved in community theater where she has performed in such productions as *West Side Story*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Footloose*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Les Miserables* and *Guys and Dolls*.

She also has been involved in many school theater productions including *Kiss Me Kate*, *Fame*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

She also has been a member of the Art Club, Drama Club, National Honors Society and the Lahser Dames school dance team. For her artistic efforts, she won a Silver Key in print making and received certificates in painting, drawing and sculpture.

Two teachers who had the most influence on her are Susan Neun and Tina Greenlee.

Neun, who taught Cunningham various English classes, is “an extremely gifted teacher and one of the kindest people I ever met,” Cunningham wrote in her all-star application.

“Because of her, I am confident in my skills in graded discussions, essay writing and my ability to quickly and effectively analyze literature on different levels.”

Greenlee, who has directed Cunningham on stage, “is exceptionally loving and kind, yet firm when it comes to directing.”

Cunningham is the daughter of Patrick William Cunningham and Susan Mary Sutton of Troy. She has a brother, Matthew, 16, and a sister, Megan, 13.

Dana Fenster Andover High School

Dana Fenster admits that her career choice changes weekly, “ranging from architect to neurologist to mathematics professor.” But she is clear on her goal: “Though I don't have a specific career path just yet, I hope to do something that challenges me, inspires me and



teaches me something new every day.”

And she knows where she is heading. “I will be attending Duke University next year,” she said. “I hope to study behavioral economics and neuroscience.”

She already is involved in a number of challenging and inspiring activities in and outside the classroom. Among her academic achievements she is a member of the National Honor Society, won the Harvard Book award, was a National Merit Finalist, won a College Board Advanced Placement Scholar Award and has received various Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Awards, including being the 2009 State Champion in sales.

Her extracurricular activities include being captain of the Bloomfield Hills United Varsity Figure Skating team, captain of the Andover Forensics team, section editor of the Andover *Hillcrest* student yearbook, member of the Figure Skating Club of Birmingham, Summer in the City volunteer and FAR Figure Skating coach.

She credits teachers Dennis Kwasny and Vivian Johnston with having the greatest influence on her.

“Mr. Kwasny, my Advanced Placement Chemistry teacher, sparked my previously unexplored interest in science and taught me to never fear a challenging subject,” she said.

“Mrs. Vivian Johnston introduced me to the fascinating field of economics in her Advanced Placement Economics class. A psychology teacher as well, Mrs. Johnston and I combined our mutual interest in psychology and economics to create an independent study behavioral economics course. The class has been a highlight of my senior year, as I have had the opportunity to work closely with a teacher to study a subject I am genuinely interested in,” said Fenster.

She is the daughter of Susie and Rick Fenster of Bloomfield Hills. She has a brother, Matt, 20.

Calla Glavin Seaholm High School

The military and/or medical field are in the future for Calla Glavin of Birmingham. She has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“I intend to major in chemistry or engineering and have plans of being a career Army officer, perhaps as a doctor,” she said.

While at West Point, she hopes to participate in study-abroad programs, and after graduation wants to seek a medical degree.

“I want to become a career Army officer, and after retirement would like to continue working for the government in some capacity,” she said.

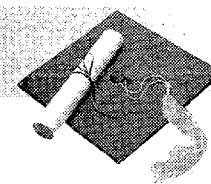
For now, she is busy posting academic achievements at Seaholm, including winning the J.J. Lyman Award for Excellence in American History, a Harvard Alumni Association Book Award for Excellence in English and a National Merit Scholarship.

She won a U.S. Lacrosse Association Scholar-Athlete Award and Oakland Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award.

Among her extracurricular activities, she is a four-year member of the Birmingham Women's Lacrosse Team; goalkeeper on the 2009 Division I State Championship Team; vice president of the National Honor Society; four-year co-chair of the annual Field Day Gleaners Food Bank Class Charity; co-president of the Seaholm Book Club; participant in the Michigan Girls State Model Government Camp where she was elected senate majority leader and received the Robert C. Morris award for active participation; volunteer for Think Detroit PAL lacrosse camp; and attended summer leadership seminars at West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy.

The teachers who influenced her most are “Mrs. Kyle Hall, English teacher, and Mr. Charles Passarelli, history teacher.”

She is the daughter of James Glavin and Annemarie Cwikiel-Glavin of Birmingham, and has a brother, Ryan, 13.



David Guo International Academy

David Guo is deciding between entering the fields of medicine or biomedical engineering. The International Academy student from Troy has set his sights on the University of Michigan or the University of Chicago where he hopes to study neuroscience.



Guo already has a background in science. At the IA, he has been a member of the Science Olympiad Team since 2007 and took part in scientific reasoning/research competitions. He is also co-founder and vice president

of the Save Our Species Club, which is dedicated to the preservation of endangered species around the world. With the club, he has organized fund-raising activities for organizations that protect endangered species.

In addition, he has served as a volunteer lab research assistant at the Kresge Eye Institute at Wayne State University and is actively involved in science essay competitions, such as the DuPont Challenge Science Essay Contest.

Along with his interest in science, Guo has been dabbling in business, serving as executive manager and chief art designer for Creative Collaborations, which he co-founded in Troy.

"At the moment, the theme of a set of our T-shirt centers around the pressing subject of endangered species and their imminent conflicts. We hope to educate the public about the plight of these species while also directly aiding their conservation efforts, since 100 percent of our profits will go to natural conservation organizations such as the World Wildlife Federation."

In school, Guo has accumulated an impressive array of honors including being named Summa Cum Laude in 2007, 2008 and 2009 and being a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. In addition, he was a state finalist in the National Economics Challenge, and performed at Carnegie Hall in a recital for the Cincinnati World Piano Competition Young Artist Division.

He credited teacher Erin Saxsma as having the greatest influence on him.

"I was compelled to put forth my greatest effort in all assignments," he said. "She was also extremely organized and nurtured my skills further."

He is the son of Yongping Guo and Qing Yang and has a brother, Kevin, 10.

Katie Long Southfield Christian School

Katie H. Long has been accepted to the University of Michigan. She plans on majoring in molecular biology and biophysics with an emphasis on neuroscience, and plans to attend medical school to become a physician or surgeon.



After medical school, Long hopes to become a physician with a focus on neuroscience research. Eventually, she plans on moving to some region of Africa to use her talents to aid people as a medical missionary.

Her academic honors include: top cumulative GPA, 2009; National Merit Semifinalist, 2009; second place in Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, finalist of Part I, 2009; and Madame Curie Award from Society of Women Engineers, 2009.

Her extracurricular activities include: pianist (competitive solo and duet); Student Body Chaplain; Executive Council; St. John Macomb Hospital volunteer; Worship Leader (member of worship band teams both at church and school); National Honor Society; Science Olympiad (varsity); and Mathlete (participant of school-sponsored math competitions).

"I can honestly say that every teacher at Southfield Christian has made an unforgettable impact on both my academic life and my spiritual state. Every one of them acts as a role model; they pursue God and strive for a vast understanding of some aspect of his creation," she wrote.

She cited Nancy Horlings and Sherri Whiteford, "both of whom have shared, not only their knowledge of English and physics (respectively), but also their own life experiences and wisdom."

"They invest time outside of class to encourage and motivate students to pursue greatness and excellence in every aspect of our lives. I can't thank them enough for challenging and guiding me throughout the past few years."

She is the daughter of Yunchoon and Martin Long of Warren and sister to Jonathan, 25.

Matthew Mason International Academy

"I plan to go into the field of engineering focusing on either electrical or computer," said Matt Mason, as he looks to attend the University of Michigan. The engineering field, he said, is where the future lies.

Mason of Royal Oak is a student at the International Academy where he has excelled academically and in his extracurricular activities.

He is a member of the Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society and is a National Merit finalist.

Outside the classroom, Mason is in varsity swimming, a bass section leader in the Acapella Choir, cello assistant section leader in symphony orchestra and he volunteers for the Judson Center.

Mason credits his physics teacher, and now school assistant principal, Michael Giromini as having the most influence over his academic career.

"He promoted a balanced lifestyle (sports, relaxation, learning) and was a role model to me for reaching goals, as he made the transition from physics teacher to an administrative position this last year," Mason said.

Mason is the son of Carole and Joseph Mason of Royal Oak. He has a sister, Laura, 20, who attends Michigan State University.

"I can't wait for the collegiate rivalry between my sister and I," said Mason. "I am looking forward to the college experience at the University of Michigan."

Amy Mathew Plymouth High School

Amy Mathew of Plymouth plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall, and hopes to build a career in the medical field as a doctor.

Mathew's academic honors include being nominated as a Presidential Scholar finalist, and she is also a



National Merit finalist.

Mathew plays the violin in the Celebration Youth Orchestra and has played the piano for 12 years. Among her extracurricular activities are positions on Plymouth High School's Student

Congress and membership in the National Honor Society.

Among the teachers to whom Mathew points as influential are science teacher Sharon Caldwell and social studies teacher Richard Mui.

Mathew is the daughter of Toms and Rosamma Mathew, and sister to Andrea Mathew, who is a freshman at Plymouth High School.



Brian Miller North Farmington High School

Brian Miller of Farmington Hills plans to study aerospace engineering at the University of Michigan and plans to pursue a career as an engineer for NASA.

Miller's academic honors include: National Society of High School



Scholars; National Merit Exam commended student; Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society Competition, ninth place in state for computer aided design drawing; Shapiro Award for Academic

Excellence — top wrestling scholar and Academic Varsity Letter.

His extracurricular activities include: varsity football; varsity wrestling (captain); varsity track and field; Boy Scouts — Eagle Scout, Venture captain; usher, Eucharistic minister at St. Fabian Parish; Buffet Club president.

His influential teachers are Thomas Seremet, social studies teacher, football and wrestling coach, who "taught values and hard work."

Also, David Reuhl, physics teacher who was the "inspiration for engineering and space."

He is the son of Michael Miller and Sandra Miller and brother of Kevin, 16, and Jenna, 13.

Bryce Morgan Churchill High School

Bryce Morgan of Westland will attend Purdue University in the fall to study actuarial science.

"I am a strong believer in life-long education," he said. "Becoming a fully accredited actuary requires passing a series of eight or nine tests depending on the field of work. I believe that passing these tests is recognition of the importance of education. I hope to obtain a job in a large city such as Chicago or New York and enjoy my time spent at work."



Morgan's academic honors include being a National Merit Finalist, Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, Rensselaer Medal Recipient, American Invitational Mathematics Examination Qualifier and Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Top 1,000 Qualifier. He also was awarded an Academic Letter and was on the Honor Roll.

Morgan has been involved in student government since freshman year, serving as freshman class PTSA representative and publicity officer, sophomore class treasurer, junior class treasurer and all-school treasurer, among other positions. He was chairman of Wheelchair Basketball in 2008, Homecoming in 2008 and 2009 and the Prom this year. He also chaired the Michigan Association of Student Councils and Honor Societies 2010 State Conference.

His extracurricular activities also include National Honor Society, Spanish Club, for which he served as vice president or co-president for three years; Publicity Club, Spirit Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions and Environmental Club.

His volunteer work has included being an altar server at St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Westland for 10 years.

Morgan said teachers Doug Coates and Vicki Buchta had a huge impact on his success. "Mr. Coates pushed me to become even more interested and successful in math and has encouraged me to work towards my future career goals," he said. "Miss Buchta has taught me that education can be not only a rewarding but an entertaining experience."

Morgan is the son of Tom and Lorri Morgan. He has two sisters and a brother, Karissa, 22, Brittney, 21, and Grant, 19.

Lauren Richards Mercy High School

Lauren Richards of Farmington Hills has been accepted to the University of Michigan, Boston College and Notre Dame University. She selected Notre Dame where she will enter into a pre-medical program.

Richards plans to be a cardio-thoracic surgeon and also wishes to study Spanish.

Her academic honors include National Honor Society, Forensics Team national competitor, National Merit Scholarship qualifier and Spanish Honor Society.

Her extracurricular activities include Science Club, International Thespian Society, Forensics Team, Pastoral Team, math tutor, Our Lady of Sorrows lector, OLS Adult Bell Choir; OLS youth group, Lourdes Nursing Home volunteer and Mercy Mentor.

Suzanne Noll (algebra II/trigonometry) is the teacher who most influenced her high school career.

"Miss Noll taught me that anything is possible if you are willing to work hard enough," wrote Richards in her All-Star application.

"Miss Noll challenged me and pushed me to work harder to be better. Not only did I learn so much in her class about math, but I learned the value of hard work and dedication."

Richards is the daughter of Lisa and Damon Richards and the sister of Courtney, 14.



Michael Yonick Lahser High School

Michael Yonick has set his sights on a particularly challenging profession. "The major I am most interested in is chemical engineering," he said. He plans to study that at the University of Michigan.

"My goal is to work in a laboratory atmosphere after I receive my Ph.D. I



hope to work for Dow Chemical or the government.

Yonick has been preparing well for a rigorous college experience. At Lahser, he has received a number of academic honors including a Science Award for AP Chemistry,

a Mathematics League Certificate of Merit, a Silver Medal for the National Latin Exam and an Academic Achievement Award. In addition, he is a National Merit Scholar, was a participant in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad, placed first overall at the Math Field Day at U-M-Flint and is a Scholar Athlete.

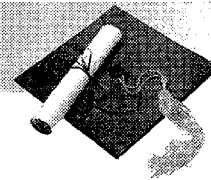
He has also kept a full schedule of extracurricular activities including playing freshman football, JV and Varsity football and being an editor and designer on the school newspaper. In addition, he is a member of the Latin and Math clubs.

His community service includes: volunteering at the St. Hugo Rummage Sale, Eastover Ice Cream Social, 2009 Lahser commencement ceremonies and at the BBF Parenting and Wellness Fair. He also is an academic tutor at Lahser.

"The teacher who had the greatest influence on me is Mrs. Jessica Lupone," Yonick said. "She teaches chemistry and taught me honors chemistry and AP chemistry. Mrs. Lupone is the teacher who developed my interest in chemistry and made the subject more interesting than many of my other classes."

His hobbies include golf, football, video games, digital art and piano. He has worked as a caddie at Oakland Hills Country Club.

Yonick is the son of Mark and Mary Yonick of Bloomfield Hills. He has a brother, David, 30, and two sisters, Cassandra, 27, and Kimberly, 23.



Amy Yu North Farmington High School

Amy Yu will likely attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, studying environmental studies and engineering, or global health/medicine. She would love to research and discover ways to sustain our environment and our Earth. Another path that appeals is



serving as a doctor in underdeveloped countries.

Yu's academic honors include: National Merit Finalist, 2010; Marie Curie Women Engineers Award, 2009; National AP Scholar with Distinction, 2009;

North Farmington Mathematics Merit, 2009; and University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship.

Her extracurricular activities include: varsity cross country for four years (team captain, 2009); varsity track and field for four years (team captain, 2010); founder and one-year president of Ecology Club; four years of Class Government, including junior class secretary; National Honor Society for two years (board member); more than 300 hours of volunteering at Botsford Hospital over four years; founder of the Competitive Edge Tutoring Program; 10 years of piano, including National Superior Honors; one year on yearbook; two years of Winter Running Club.

Her influential teachers include Peggy Najarian of AP Biology. "Her enthusiasm for biology and toward her students sparked my love for science."

Also named is Derek Day of AP World History.

"He has an incredible passion for teaching and an ability to always put a smile on anybody's face. He holds a genuine interest in every student and inspires us all to pursue our passions."

Also praised is David Ruehl of AP Physics.

"He takes a challenging class and somehow converts it into an exciting and educational experience. Taking his class truly makes me feel smart!"

She is the daughter of Gary and Mary Yu of Farmington Hills, and has a twin sister, Vicki, 18.

Lillian Chen Canton High School

Lillian Chen of Canton knows what she'd like to do with her life, and she's deciding on the best place to help get her started. Chen is deciding among the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and Washington University in St. Louis.



Chen wants to study a double major in biological sciences and global business or public health and hopes to pursue a career in medical research or becoming a physician.

Chen is a National Merit Scholarship final-

ist, she's an AP Scholar and a regional gold medalist and state competition qualifier in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Medical Mathematics competition. She will represent the state of Michigan's HOSA at the national competition this summer. She's also a member of the National Honor Society.

Chen is president of Health Occupations Students of America (after being treasurer as a junior), starting the organization's first Relay for Life team, and serves as secretary for the National Honor Society. A member of Student Government, Chen has played the piano and performed Chinese classical dance for 10 years and volunteered the last two years at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital for more than 200 hours.

Chen said AP Calculus teacher Michael Guinta has had the most influence on her.

"Mr. Guinta's enthusiasm and teaching style made a subject as difficult as calculus fun to learn and he cared about the success of each individual student," Chen wrote in her All-Star application.

Chen, who has a 9-year-old sister, Annie, is the daughter of Ming Wu and Baosheng Chen.

Brian Turner Groves High School

Brian S. Turner of West Bloomfield plans to explore various careers in finance and economics while pursuing a bachelor's of business administration degree. He has been admitted to the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.



Turner's academic honors include: National Merit Scholarship Finalist; AP Scholar; Principal's Honor Roll every term; and United States Achievement Academy Award Nomination for Excellence in

Foreign Language (Spanish).

His extracurricular activities include: varsity golf (two-year captain); National Honor Society for two years; Big Brother Big Sister Mentorship Program for two years; freshmen baseball (most improved player); JV basketball; intramural basketball league two-year participant; academic tutor in math and Spanish; co-op Internship Work Program at Buckles and Buckles; golf caddy at Oakland Hills Country Club; American Cancer Society volunteer; and Kids' Club volunteer at West Maple Elementary School.

His influential teachers include Ken Wright, varsity golf coach, praised as a "passionate coach for three years and a very approachable, patient and supportive mentor."

Teacher Karen Lessenberry of AP U.S. history "demanded the best from me and pushed me to meet challenging expectations and reach my potential."

He said of Christina Marentette of AP physics "through her patience and dedication to teaching, she has introduced me to an area of study I otherwise would not have pursued and find enjoyable."

He is the son of Steven and Julie Turner and brother of Jessica, 15.

Ellie Krieg Mercy High School

Ellie Krieg of Milford plans to attend Grand Valley State University Honors College to study international business and management, with a Spanish minor. She hopes to pursue a career in the field of international business, where she can travel and learn about other cultures.



"My goal in a career is to find a job I enjoy and excel at, but in my spare time I would like to do something that impacts others through volunteer work," wrote Krieg in her All-Star application.

Krieg's academic honors include Prudential Spirit of the Community Award 2009 and 2010, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, President's Service Award 2010, Excellence in Chemistry 2009 and Mercy Service Award.

Her extracurricular activities include International Thespian Society, French Club, Spanish Honor Society, cast and crew in fall play and spring musical, Show Choir; Spirit Choir; Relay for Life Planning Committee, volunteer camp counselor YMCA Camp Eberhart, tap dance.

Krieg's most influential teacher is Thomas Schusterbauer, AP United States history.

"He influenced me because he was a very dynamic teacher who was dedicated to his students and made our learning his first priority," wrote Krieg in her All-Star application.

Krieg is the daughter of Donna Gundle-Krieg and Dennis Krieg and sister of Steven Krieg, 17.

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CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER: WALKING THE TALK

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) named Madonna University to the list of 231 colleges and universities honored as Champions of Character institutions for the 2008-09 school year. This represents an increase of 31 institutions over last year.

The mission of Champions of Character is to restore character values and raise a generation of students who understand and demonstrate, in everyday decisions, integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership. The NAIA and member institutions use the Champions of Character program to instill an understanding of character values in sport, and provide student-athletes, coaches and parents the training to help them know and do the right things, inside and outside the sports setting. The program is dedicated to the principle that character is a choice and that being a champion is not just about winning, but making good decisions consistently in daily life.

Throughout Madonna's athletics program, student-athletes are "walking the talk," i.e., softball players made fleece blankets for children at Children's Hospital, and went bowling with some Special Olympic athletes while at Nationals in Georgia. The volleyball team held a volleyball clinic for children involved in Special Olympics, and hosted a "Dig for the Cure" tournament to raise funds for breast cancer.

The goal of the Champions of Character program is to build character through sport. "The character demonstrated by Madonna coaches and student-athletes is the best indicator that the program is working," said Madonna Athletic Director Bryan Rizzo. "Our values are reflected not only in how we play the game, but in how we act outside of athletic competition."



The Madonna University women's basketball team and the Monroe Eagles Special Olympians.

SCIENCE AND MEDIA: LABS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Madonna's growing science and media programs moved into the new Franciscan Center last fall. The 60,000 square-foot, sustainable building is certified for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Decked out with the latest digital media technologies, and state-of-the-art science laboratories, the facility will enhance students' hands-on educational experience. The \$20 million, architectural beauty also features classrooms, offices, a spacious lecture hall, a café and student gathering area.

Students in every major will utilize the Franciscan Center because Madonna's general education requirements include a biological and a physical science class, one of which must have a lab component.

The University offers 37 science degree programs that stimulate curiosity and encourage critical thinking through a combination of classroom study and laboratory exercises. The Center's spacious state-of-the-art laboratories will facilitate a greater volume of student projects. Safety features such as centralized hoods and vacuums, as well as air control and chemical disposal equipment, allow for a wider-range of experiments.

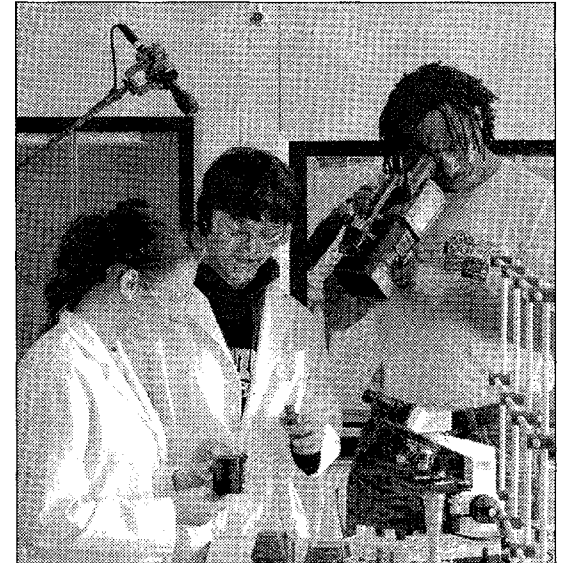
Forensic science, one of Madonna's newer majors, has grown to an average of 60 students a year. Designed with help from regional crime lab supervisors, the program features an intense study of the biological and physical sciences to prepare graduates for employment as forensic technicians.

The clinical imaging and clinical laboratory science programs also have become increasingly popular at Madonna. The clinical imaging associate degree prepares students for technical positions in radiography, nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy and sonography, at hospitals, laboratories and veterinary offices.

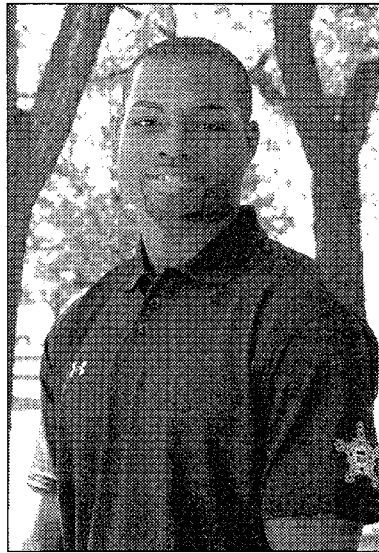
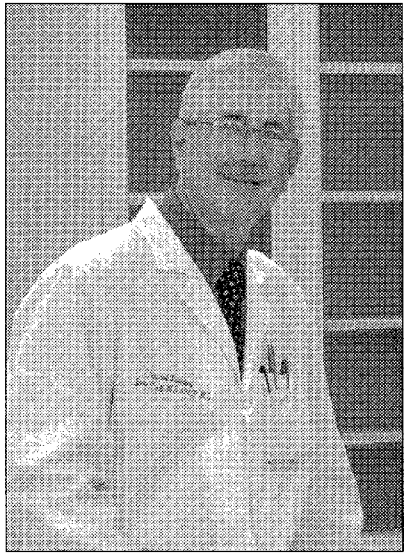
Although media classes are not general education requirements, students majoring in Sign Language Studies, journalism, music, sport management, and other areas, do collaborate with broadcast and cinema arts (BCA) students on various class projects.

Madonna's broadcast and cinema arts program is exploding as the movie industry grows in Michigan. The Franciscan Center offers students access to a TV studio/sound stage, control room, radio studio and announce booth, six edit suites, 16 individual media work stations, cinematography equipment, and visual effects software. A green screen provides the capability to create the latest special effects.

It's labs, camera, action in the Franciscan Center where Madonna faculty and students will lead the way in science and media.



L-R: Ornela Deda, pre-nursing, Gustavo Martin, nursing/pre-med and Ted Pittman, broadcast and cinema arts.



James Wendt, clinical laboratory sciences program director (left) and criminal justice student Bryant George.

PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

In a competitive job market, a degree alone may not be enough to land a desired position. "It is extremely beneficial for students to begin building their résumés, while still in the classroom," said Kevin King, sport management program director.

King and other Madonna professors seek out internship and co-op opportunities that compliment students' interests and career goals. King's students have interned with such organizations as the Detroit Pistons, Red Wings and Tigers; Livonia YMCA; Wayne County Parks and Recreation; and high school and college athletic departments.

Through internships students not only gain valuable hands-on experience, but also career networking opportunities. When criminal justice student Bryant George interned with the U.S. Marshal Service in Detroit, he met a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service (USSS). That contact opened the door to a second internship for George. Last summer he worked with the USSS in Washington D.C. "It was an incredible experience," George said. "I was able to participate directly in protection techniques used by federal agents, and in federal investigations of counterfeiting and identity theft."

Because Madonna professors bring so much real-world experience to the classroom, they're able to mentor students before, during and after their internships. Criminal Justice Professor Tom DeGalan was instrumental in facilitating Bryant George's internships.

Other faculty members go the extra mile to establish contacts and partnerships with area businesses and organizations that will benefit students. James Wendt, clinical laboratory sciences program director, and other Madonna professors have entered into agreements with metro-Detroit healthcare organizations, including Henry Ford and Providence Hospitals, to provide some 11 clinical internship positions to Madonna students annually.

Students, faculty, and employers agree that earning a degree, involves more than just academics. Internships and co-ops offer students opportunities to apply knowledge gained in the classroom. "Students mature from these experiences, and build confidence in their academic and career abilities," said DeGalan. "That's what sets Madonna graduates apart."

SIGN LANGUAGE OFFERS TWO MAJORS

There now are two distinct Sign Language Studies (SLS) majors: Sign Language Interpreting Studies and Deaf Community Studies. A Deaf Studies minor was recently created for those students majoring in Interpreting Studies who want to take all possible department courses. The minor starts fall semester 2010 and includes 25 semester hours of specialty courses in Deaf Community Studies.

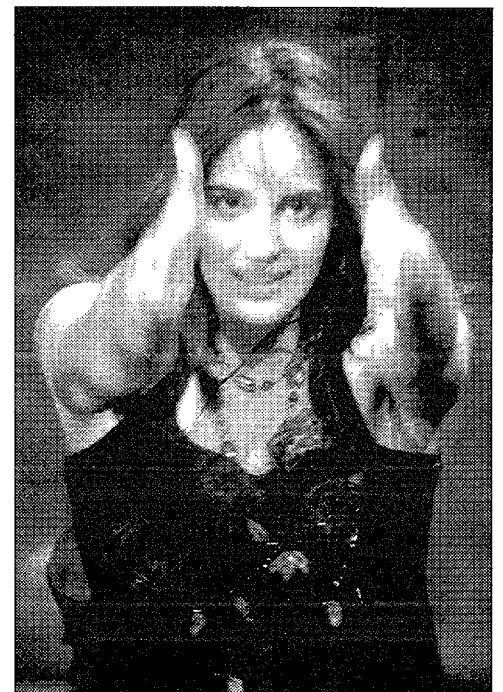
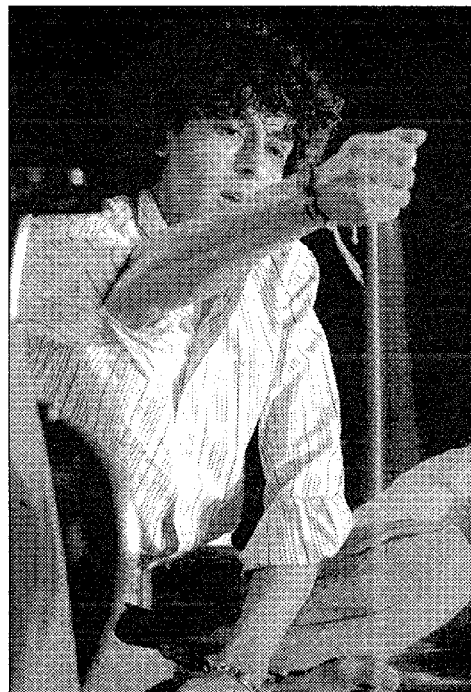
MUSIC BRIDGES CULTURES

A unique music video produced in the Franciscan Studios at Madonna University transcends all language barriers to inspire, entertain and tug the heartstrings of people from many cultures simultaneously. Featuring Tunisian-born singer/songwriter Ridha Ibrahim and Madonna University sign language student Kaitlyn Mann, Kan Ya Makan or Once Upon a Time premiered during Madonna's Diversity Week Celebration in February. The video received rave reviews from faculty, staff and students at the event and in a week had received some 1,600 hits at YouTube.com.

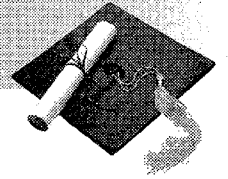
The impetus for Kan Ya Makan occurred when Ibrahim saw Madonna sign language students performing translations of their favorite songs. "I saw sign language as a way to reach out to the Deaf community with my music," said Ibrahim. "Katie Mann did a beautiful job of artistically translating my words and melody into American Sign Language," he said.

Mann, a Livonia resident, spent over thirty hours working on the translation. She enlisted the talents of Dan McDougall, director of Madonna's Sign Language Studies program to create a poetic American Sign Language interpretation of the song. "The creative nature of this project allowed Katie to explore concepts of ASL poetry taught in class, and to stretch them to their limits with dance," said McDougall. "The end result is not uniquely hearing, nor uniquely Deaf — it's somewhere in-between."

Students from Madonna's broadcast and cinema arts program invested 30 hours filming. Editing added another 200 hours. "The result is a video that throws open the door to music for members of the Deaf community," said Mann.



Tunisian-born singer/songwriter Ridha Ibrahim and Madonna University Sign Language student Kaitlyn Mann performing the song Kan Ya Makan (or Once Upon a Time).



Steven Ball Brother Rice High School

Steven Ball of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall and has qualified for a full Air Force ROTC scholarship.

He will study aerospace/aeronautical engineering and wants to be a pilot or engineer.



"I hope to be a pilot in either the Air Force or for a commercial airline," Ball wrote in his all-star application.

Ball's extracurricular activities at Brother Rice include varsity lacrosse in 2009 and 2010. His

other activities include being an officer of the Brother Rice Model United Nations Team, National Honor Society and acting as a Mentor Group Leader.

Ball is salutatorian of his graduating class and his academic honors include the Rensselaer Medal and an All-Catholic League Scholar for three years.

The teacher who influenced him the most is Joe Kalczynski (digital electronics) "because he focuses on teaching life skills and learns along with the curriculum," Ball wrote.

Ball is the son of Jonathan and Kathleen Ball. He has one brother, Jason, 22.

Christina Healy Farmington High School

Christina Healy of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study biology. Her career goal is to work in biological research, and/or attend medical school.

Her academic honors include four academic letters, National Honor



Society, National Art Honor Society (served as president and vice-president), Regional MITES Architectural Competition, 2nd place, Oakland County Architecture Competition 3rd place and honor-

able mention in the Farmington Arts Competition.

Healy's extracurricular activities include varsity soccer (captain senior year), premier soccer (Livonia Meteors), varsity tennis, varsity ski team, Editor-in-chief school newspaper, LINK Crew, Summer in the City in Detroit, Youth group - Our Lady of Sorrows and Teen Service Team for Springhill Camp.

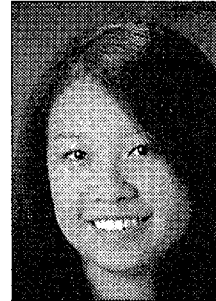
A teacher that most influenced Healy was Farmington High School teacher Jeff Dwyer.

"He inspired me to pursue a degree in science after taking his AP Biology class," wrote Healy in her all-star application.

She is the daughter of Pam and Tom Healy and the sister of Matthew, 22.

Xiaofan Mi Andover High School

Xiaofan Mi of Bloomfield Hills is interested in Yale, Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Michigan, Duke, Harvard, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania and Wayne State University's Medstart Program. Mi will study biomedical



engineering or molecular biology, with becoming a physician her likely profession.

She plans to attend medical school, and is most interested in dermatology and psychology. Her goal is to help people in Third World

countries.

Her academic awards and honors include National Merit Finalist 2010, Gloria Willie Bell and Carlos R. Bell Scholarship Recipient 2010 and AP Scholar with Distinction 2009.

Mi's extracurricular activities include Science Olympiad (grades 9-12), including being captain (won two regional medals for Food Science and Sound of Music, placed first at state level in Disease Detectives); Symphonic Band/Orchestra in ninth-12th grades; Andover Fighting Hunger Club in ninth-12th grades (president, vice president); National Honor Society in 11th-12th grades; Beta Club (sophomore leader); and Table Tennis Club in 10th grade (vice president).

Other activities include scientific research in ninth-12th grades; music program at Augusta State University in ninth-10th grades; Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Youth Ensembles in 11th-12th grades; Table Tennis in grades nine-12.

In summer 2009, she volunteered 112 hours in both the clinic and laboratory settings of Henry Ford Hospital.

Mi cited Charlotte Smith (honors biology and AP biology) and Susan Feigenson (literature) as her most influential teachers.

"Mrs. Smith was the first teacher to challenge and support me outside of the classroom. She challenged me to search for summer research opportunities."

"Mrs. Feigenson showed me the essence of literature: the universal questions it posed, its impact on society, and how transcendent language can be," wrote Mi in her all-star application.

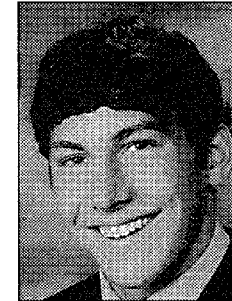
"Such dedication, care and pure joy she has in teaching motivates me to do my best and just enjoy myself."

Mi is the daughter of Li Zhou and Qing-sheng Mi and sister of Randy, 7.

David Moldenhauer Lutheran High School Westland

David Moldenhauer will attend Concordia University in Illinois where he plans to major in secondary mathematics education.

His career goal is "to become either a high school math teacher or a college professor involved in research."



He is a National Merit Commended Student, a member of the National Honor Society and has been on the honor roll for eight semesters. He has taken AP history and is currently taking AP calculus. He is ranked first in his class and is

the valedictorian.

At Lutheran Westland, he has lettered in choir, drama, football, basketball and track and field. He also placed third in the engineering competition at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He also has competed in the Destination Imagination/Odyssey of the Mind for 12 years and reached the global finals six times, finishing as high as second place.

He has worked as a loading volunteer for World Boxcar Relief. He attended the National Youth Gathering in 2007 and plans to attend again this year.

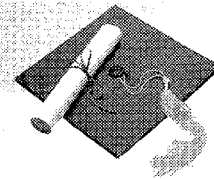
He's active in his church as a sound technician, usher and choir member and with the church youth group.

Moldenhauer credits Royce Hartmann, his eighth-grade teacher, as having the greatest influence on his academic career.

"Royce Hartmann, my eighth-grade teacher, was a passionate, down-to-earth, fun-loving teacher who was also a great explainer," he said.

"He gracefully walked the fine line between being a friend and being my teacher. He was able to balance the enjoyment and the business of education which kept me interested in school. His impact on my life is one reason why I want to become a teacher."

Moldenhauer is the son of Paul and Corleen Moldenhauer of Walled Lake. He also has four siblings — sister Amy, 31, and brothers, Josh, 28, Andy, 26, and Ben, 24.



Kevin Pearlman Groves High School

Kevin M. Pearlman of Beverly Hills is unsure of his career path, but plans to intern in Washington, D.C., during or after college and become involved in national politics. His probable fields are law or business.

Pearlman has been accepted to (and is deciding among) the University of Michigan, Washington University in St. Louis, Northwestern University and Dartmouth College.

He plans to double major in political science and economics.



His academic honors include National Merit Finalist, 2009 AP Scholar with Honor, Michigan Mathematics Prize Semifinalist (grade 11), third place Michigan Economics Challenge and National Honor Society.

His extracurricular activities include forensics (grades 9-12) (captain, state finalist three years in a row, region champion three years in a row, varsity letter for 10th and 11th grades); Student Government (grades 11-12); Gifted and Talented (grades 10-12) (recognizing his penchant for piano playing, both classical and contemporary, something he's done since third grade); National Honor Society (grades 11-12) (elected vice president); Freshmen Mentoring (grades 11-12) grades; intern for U.S. Rep. Gary Peters' 2008 congressional campaign; intern for Congressman Peters and the Oakland County Democratic Party summer 2009.

He also participated in the Junior Statesman Summer Program/Georgetown University in 2009.

Pearlman's volunteer work includes more than 60 hours for Summer in the City. He traveled to Covington, La., for a week to build houses for Habitat for Humanity.

His influential teachers include Karen Lessenberry "hands down the most energetic, inspirational and knowledgeable teacher I encountered in my entire academic career."

He also praises Kara Mason as both a math teacher and adviser for student government.

"While her honors pre-calculus class was one of the toughest of my high school years, it was also the best class I have ever taken. The environment she fostered was one of both challenge and camaraderie."

He is the son of Dr. Ralph Pearlman and Dr. Karen Swanson and brother of Ben, 22.

Caitlin Ploch Marian High School

"I would like to contribute to medical advances that would allow doctors to more effectively treat certain conditions and diseases," said Caitlin Ploch of Redford Township.

Ploch plans to attend Hope College where she will study math and science and be involved in medical research and genetics.

"During my freshman year I will be participating in an undergraduate research program at Hope funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute involving genom-



ics. During this National Genomics Research Initiative program, we will collect viruses and then isolate, purify, and amplify their DNA before sending one virus' genome to the Joint Genome Institute for sequencing. I am excited to participate in research as a freshman that can eventually be used to make significant medical contributions," she said.

Ploch has been preparing for the career at Marian High School where she has earned a number of academic awards including being named co-valedictorian, AP Scholar, National Merit Commended, and won the Society of Women Engineers Madame Curie Award. She was named the top student in 2009 in AP Chemistry, AP U.S. History, Honors Precalculus, German III and Women in Literature.

Among her extracurricular activities, she is a member of the National Honor Society, German Honor Society and Michigan Math League, and she participates in varsity cross-country and is a volunteer at Botsford Hospital and a church lector at St. Valentine Parish.

She cites Tina Larson, her AP biology teacher; Mary Macaulay, her physics teacher; Barbara Webb, AP chemistry teacher; and Jan Zidansek, AP calculus teacher, as having the most influence on her.

"My science teachers' creative demonstrations and discussions make the subject matter accessible and interesting," she said. "Mrs. Zidansek has helped me grow as a math student by challenging me to gain a deeper understanding of the material," she said.

Ploch is the daughter of Joseph and Sharon Ploch of Redford Township. She has a brother, Christopher, 22, and a sister, Emma, 9.

Kevin White Southfield Christian High School

Kevin White of Detroit will attend MIT in the fall. He plans to study computer science.

"I hope to enter software development," White wrote in his all-star application. "I'd like to be a video game programmer and eventually create my own game development company in Detroit."

White's extracurricular activities in high school include National Honor Society officer, Science Olympiad, Focus: HOPE volunteer, Mathletes Department Club,



The Crash (church youth group) and BUILT (a counselor training program at Huron Forest Camp Cedar Ridge).

His academic honors include 2009 Department Highest Honor Awards for English, AP history and chemistry at Southfield Christian. He is a National Achievement Scholar.

The teachers who influenced him most during high school are Joseph Foote (social studies) and Dr. Janice Guthrie (chemistry).

"Mr. Foote made social studies an enjoyable class to come to every day with his enthusiasm and with side stories about historical figures and periods," White wrote in his all-star application.

"Dr. Guthrie makes it easy to learn chemistry. She simplifies the language in the text so that anyone can understand. Combined with her love of her students and her enthusiastic teaching style, chemistry and AP chemistry have been two of my most enjoyable classes in high school," White added.

He is the son of Dr. Sheila Williams-White and Kevin White Sr. and the brother of Celeste, 14.

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on the project. They are enthusiastic participants in the all-star program. We also appreciate the time and effort by high school counselors and principals to nominate these outstanding students," said Susan Rosiek, publisher of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

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

The all-star team is selected based solely on academic credentials.

The principals were amazed, pleased and proud of the "amazingly smart and engaged students" who were nominated.

In fact, the newspaper had planned to honor 25 students to mark 25 years. It turned out to be a tough task because of the impeccable grades and test scores. The team was expanded to 31 because of high GPAs and outstanding test scores, which created multiple ties among nominated students. In addition, 42 other students are runners-up and they are separated from the all-stars in many cases by just hundredths of a point.

"As you will see as you read the student profiles, all of these teens are simply outstanding. They are not only intelligent, but they are generous with their time and talent. They are a credit to their families, schools and the communities where they live," Rosiek added.

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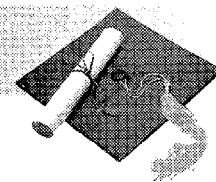
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Mary Clare Houlihan Marian High School

Mary Clare Houlihan plans to attend Notre Dame, Georgetown or Yale to study pre-medicine and to attend medical school after graduation. She has nurtured a long-held interest in the fields of oncology and cardiology.



She has served as treasurer and co-president on the All School Board and treasurer for the Spanish Honor Society.

Houlihan has also been a member of the National Honor Society, served as captain of the varsity softball team, played travel softball and ran cross country. She is a Michigan Math League member, junior mentor, member of Ambassador's Club, National Society of High School Scholars member and has volunteered with school and other activities.

She received the Courtney Johns Memorial Scholarship, earned the National Spanish Exam III Medal, was a Prep Bowl Academic Scholar and received the NCTE Superior Writing Achievement Award. Houlihan is also an AP Scholar and National Merit Scholar.

She chose Dante Melotti, a history teacher, as being influential to her during high school.

"Before I entered high school, I had no idea how to write an essay or how to study. Mr. Melotti's rigorous, discussion-based classes, however, soon changed my shortcoming," Houlihan said. "I learned effective study habits from my two classes with him and most importantly, I learned how to write. I feel prepared for writing essays and papers in college."

Houlihan is the daughter of James Houlihan and Kathleen Houlihan of Clarkston. She is the sister of Thomas, 16, and Caiti, 13.

Jacqueline Carozza Rooper School

Jacqueline Carozza is considering the University of Michigan, Cornell, Swarthmore or Princeton as her college choices.



She plans to study chemistry and be a research scientist in chemistry or physics.

Carozza was secretary and vice president on her school student council. She plays the violin in the school string ensemble and is involved in martial arts.

Her other extracurricular activities include theater, varsity soccer and running varsity cross country.

She also had experience with Model United Nations and volunteering with

Summer in the City.

Her academic honors include: National Merit Finalist in 2010, Wellesley College Book Award in 2009 and AP Scholar in 2009.

She chose Jamie Lyons-Eddy as her most influential teacher.

"She taught my freshman geometry class, but she is also my homeroom teacher," Carozza said. "I can go to her to talk anytime and she's been a huge part of my high school experience."

Her parents are Mary Beth Carozza and Regis Carozza of Troy. Her siblings are Marie, 14, and Charlotte, 6.

Joseph Oliver Thurston High School

Joseph Oliver of Redford Township hasn't decided where he will attend college, however, he is considering a number of universities and has been accepted to Michigan Tech, the University of Michigan, Purdue and the University of Illinois at Champaign.

He does know that he wants to be a mechanical or chemical engineer.



He has been involved in the school's marching band playing alto saxophone, tenor drums and snare drums. Oliver has also been in the honor's band, jazz band, wind ensemble, pit orchestra playing tenor sax. He worked on the Link crew, tutoring, tech crew, Quiz Bowl and as a camp counselor.

He earned an AP Scholar award with distinction.

The teacher who has most influenced him is Jason Brater, who teaches U.S., World and European History.

"He taught the first challenging class I had and he has also been a mentor regarding college applications," Oliver said.

His parents are Tom and Cindy Oliver. His siblings are Laura, 22, and Harry, 14.

Masha Shulkin Harrison High School

Masha Shulkin plans to attend the University of Michigan and study pre-medicine and neuroscience. She wants to work in neurology or perform research in neuroscience and cognitive science.



During high school, she was involved in a leadership position with Interact Community Service Club, she played tennis, was a member of the National Honor Society and tutored. She was also a Summer in the City and a Henry Ford Hospice volunteer. Shulkin was also an

AP Scholar, was on the honor roll and earned the Madame Curie Award.

She chose two teachers as being the most influential in her high school career, Roy Lewis, who teaches biology, and Kevin Miesner, who teaches chemistry.

"They both cultivated my interest in science in fun and engaging classes."

Her parents are Dr. Boris and Tatiana Shulkin of West Bloomfield. Her siblings are Jacob, 12, Rachel, 7, and Eliana, 1.

Allison Bosink Harrison High School

Allison Bosink of Farmington Hills plans to attend Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University, Oakland University or Northern Michigan University. She hopes to pursue



a career in math or science and is considering biomedical engineering or a career in health sciences.

While in high school, she was on varsity bowling and color guard.

Bosink was also a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, Liturgical Dance Choir and section leader in the viola with the school's Symphony Orchestra.

She earned an academic letter for the 2008-09 school year.

Bosink says the teachers who influenced her most are Kevin Miesner, chemistry; Shauna Soddler, English; and Carole Clifford, math.

Her parents are James and Linda Bosink.

Anna Nowinski The Roeper School

Anna Nowinski of Rochester Hills is considering attending the University of Michigan, Northwestern, Amherst and Brown among others. She hopes to pursue a career as a museum curator, "preferably in some kind of ancient-medieval history," she said.



During high school she was involved with Advanced Choir, Polish dance, theater, piano and Science Olympiad. She served as her class treasurer and took private voice lessons.

She was named a National Merit finalist, earned a Rensselaer Medal and a Mt. Holyoke Book Award.

She credits Pam Peters, who taught fourth- and fifth-grade homeroom, as the teacher who influenced her the most.

She taught me "math, English and social studies could be fun, especially when interspersed with karaoke," said Nowinski.

Her parents are David Nowinski and Margaret Coughlin. She has a brother, Walter Nowinski, 25.

Pamela Yaacoub Thurston High School

Pamela Yaacoub plans to attend the University of Michigan in Dearborn or Ann Arbor. She hopes to major in international studies and go on to study law.

"I hope to work in the political arena or the judicial system," she said.

Yaacoub was in the school drama club and was a two-time director of one act plays. She was in the National Art Honor Society, was involved in the Gay-Straight Alliance, served on the Quiz Bowl team and was an AP Scholar with honor.

She credits her history teacher, Jason Brater, as having the most influence on her high school career.

"Jason Brater taught me not only the subject matter, but also important life skills," she said. "He taught me the importance of ambition, hard work and determination. He always challenged me to do better and was the mentor I needed to succeed," wrote Yaacoub in her All-Star application.

Her parents are Catia Issa and Ibrahim Yaacoub of Detroit. She has two siblings, Alain Yaacoub, 29, and Sylvie Yaacoub, 26.

Megan Johnson Franklin High School

Megan Johnson of Livonia plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis or Michigan Tech University to study biomedical engineering and physics.

Johnson plans to pursue a degree in science. "I want to build a prosthetic heart," she said.

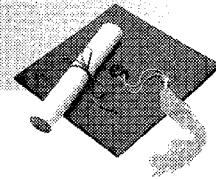
She has worked at an assisted living home as a waitress for more than 18 months. Johnson is a member of the National Art Honor Society, plays the guitar and is part of the art club at school.

As far as honors, she said, she's never received less than A on a report card — not even an A-minus.

Jim Britton (AP physics teacher) had the most influence on her.

"He taught my favorite subject and made the class fun," Johnson said. "He's always available to help and he related to students as a person, too."

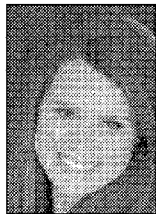
Her parents are Jerry and Kathy Johnson. Her siblings are Matthew, 16, and Mark, 12.



Michal Wrotslavsky Akiva Hebrew Day School

Michal Wrotslavsky of Southfield will attend the University of Michigan in the fall and study biology.

"I hope to have a career in medicine and possibly continue on to be an anesthesiologist," wrote Wrotslavsky in her All-Star application.



Her academic honors include National Honor Society member and Yeshiva University National Model United Nations delegate.

Her extracurricular activities include student council president, captain of the girls varsity basketball team, chapter president of Detroit National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), member of the NCSY International Board, skiing instructor and Friendship Circle volunteer.

Pessie Novick and David Barnes are the teachers who most influenced Wrotslavsky.

"Mrs. Novick has taught me English, Bible and Jewish philosophy," wrote Wrotslavsky in her All-Star application. "She has influenced me in her unique ways of teaching both English and Hebrew studies and helping her students love to learn."

"Mr. Barnes teaches AP biology and has inspired me through his passions and excitement to want to major in the field."

She is the daughter of Herschel and Debbie Wrotslavsky. She has three siblings, Ariella Skoczylas, 22, Shiri, 15, and Yehudah, 9.

Ryan Johnson Brother Rice High School

Ryan Johnson of Troy plans to attend Duke University, Notre Dame or the University of Michigan. He hasn't decided on a major. However, he hopes to attend medical school and eventually become a doctor.

In his free time he was a charter member of the Steppingstone Magnetic Resonance Center program, conducting experiments with an electron paramagnetic resonance spectrometer. He also was the senior class representative of the National Honor Society, participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Washington, D.C., shadowed a cardiologist at William Beaumont Hospital, participated on the junior varsity and varsity tennis teams and was a member of the Model United Nations. He was a member of Warriors for Life and was nominated and attended Brother Rice's first co-educational retreat last year.

He received Academic Excellence Awards for having the highest overall

grade in five classes.

Johnson also received Academic Achievement awards based on overall grade for five classes, was on the A Honor Roll every semester, received the Silver Medal on the national Latin Exam and was awarded the Scholastic Cole Mitchell Memorial Scholarship.

He received the Scholastic All-Catholic Award, was the recipient of the Bloomfield Hills Optimists Youth Appreciation Award, earned the varsity tennis Scholar Athlete Award; earned the Catholic League All-Academic Athlete Award and achieved All-Oakland County Team Title Honorable Mention.

His volunteer work includes Beaumont Rehabilitation Unit, Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland, special needs baseball program, religious education teacher for Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs, Band of Angels special needs program, Habitat for Humanity, the Brian McConnell Scholarship Foundation, St. Thomas Moore Church fund-raising, Make a Wish Foundation, Brother Rice events and the Dodge for a Difference event.

He has worked as a catering assistant at Holiday Market and provided landscaping services in his neighborhood.

The teacher who most influenced him was Ron Kalczynski (AP U.S. history).

"He was able to relate U.S. history to modern times and more importantly taught me about life through his life stories," Johnson said.

His parents are Caroline and Roy Johnson. His sister is Lauren, 15.

Amanda Oliver Redford Union High School

Amanda Oliver of Redford Township plans to attend Central Michigan University to study English and work as a secondary education teacher.



Oliver has been involved in Girl Scouts since she was in kindergarten. She is also a member of her school and church choirs. And she's been involved in the Redford Union Theatre Co. Oliver was also on the

all-A honor roll.

She said all of her high school English teachers have influenced her during high school. "The teacher I look up to the most is Judy Korybalski," she said.

Her parents are Doug and Melissa Oliver. Her siblings are Elizabeth, 14, and Daniel, 12.

Jennifer Carter Redford Union High School

Jennifer Carter of Redford Township plans to attend Albion College or Central Michigan University and major in a chemistry-related field.



"I plan to become a general surgeon and work in an emergency room at a hospital," she said.

She worked as a tutor at the Redford Community Center, was captain of her high school track team and ran varsity track and cross country.

Carter is a Scholar Athlete in track and cross country. She was also on the outstanding honor roll and all-A honor roll.

Robert Oulette, a retired English teacher who served as the girls track coach, had the most influence on Carter. He "teaches me life lessons and how to be successful on a daily basis," she said.

Her parents are Kimberly and Larry Buck.

John Krutty Salem High School

John Krutty of Plymouth is selecting among Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Michigan State University and the University of Oklahoma. He wants to study biomedical engineering or some other type of engineering.

He hopes to receive bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering.



He played junior varsity and varsity soccer, was a member of club soccer and ran track and field four years. He was varsity (pole vault) captain senior year.

His academic honors include National Merit Scholarship finalist and Scholar Athlete.

Sharon Caldwell (honors, AP biology) had the biggest influence on him.

"Mrs. Caldwell's honor's biology class was the first high school class I had to think actively in and was really able to apply myself to," Krutty said. "That class, along with the AP class, sparked my interest in biology and influenced my probable major choice and career plans."

His parents are Dean and Marion Krutty. His siblings are Paul, 19, Lynne, 16, and Nancy, 14.

Caitlin Moreno John Glenn High School

Caitlin Moreno of Westland plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to study international business or engineering.



She was a member of the John Glenn High School Marching Band in the clarinet section. She was the clarinet section leader for two years. She also served as band vice president and presi-

dent.

Moreno is on the honor roll. Amanda Laidlaw, a chemistry teacher, and Lynn Leblanc, an English teacher, had the most influence on her during high school.

Laidlaw "taught me responsibility and made me like chemistry," Moreno wrote in her all-star application. Leblanc "made learning entertaining."

Her parents are Sharon Mink and Gonzalo Moreno. She has two siblings, Nathan, 27, and Erin, 21.

Emily Kempa Ladywood High School

Emily Kempa of Novi is thinking about attending the University of Michigan, Duke University or Georgetown University to study economics, political economy and political science.



She plans to be an attorney.

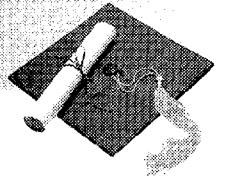
"After practicing law, I hope to also become involved in the government sector while maintaining a happy family," she said.

Kempa served on student council; is a member of the National Honor Society; was involved with school theater productions; played junior varsity soccer at Ladywood and with Livonia Community Soccer Club; played junior varsity tennis; was a member of the Pro-Life Club; and served as a tutor for the online writing workshop.

She also volunteered with PBJ (Peanut Butter and Jelly) Outreach and Northville Historical Society Christmas Workshop, as well as other school and local activities. She was also a board member of the BP Fashion Board.

Gale Schwalm (AP calculus) had the biggest influence on Kempa. "Mrs. Gale Schwalm has not only taught us difficult material, but also instilled confidence and a strong work ethic in my classmates and myself," Kempa wrote in her all-star application.

Her parents are Lawrence and Linda Kempa. Her siblings are Laura, 23, Mary, 21, and Sarah, 19.



Megan Yanik Ladywood High School

Megan Yanik of Plymouth is considering attending the University of Notre Dame or Miami University to study biology/premed.

"I plan to pursue a career in either medicine or pharmacy," she said.



Yanik was on student council, varsity track and field and varsity cross country. She was a Sarah Fisher volunteer tutor and also served on the Plymouth YMCA Youth

Volunteer Corps.

Yanik is a Catholic Youth Scholar. Gale Schwalm (AP calculus) had the biggest influence on her. "Before I took Mrs. Schwalm's class, I did not like math," Yanik said. "Since I have been taught by her, however, I love math."

Her parents are Marybeth and Greg Yanik. Her siblings are Brandon, 19, and Sean, 14.

Ogechi Nwadinobi Southfield Lathrup High School

Ogechi Nwadinobi of Southfield is considering a number of universities to attend in the fall, including Yale, Princeton, Emory, Pennsylvania, Harvard, Duke, Boston and Michigan.

She is interested in environmental studies, ecology and evolutionary biology.



"I am unsure about what career would suit me best, but I know it'll be in the scientific field," she said.

Her extracurricular activities and volunteer work include Generation of Promise, National

Honor Society, Southfield Soccer Club, Medical & Natural Sciences Academy, Art & Anime Club, Book Club, Vacation Bible School, Soup Kitchen, Retirement Home and Rebuilding Together.

Nwadinobi was named a Ventures Scholar, United States Achievement Scholar, was on the High Honor Roll and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

The teachers who influenced her the most were Theodore Karwaski (human anatomy) and David Miller (geometry).

"Dr. Karwaski greatly influences me with advice, support and an abundance of amusing life lessons," Nwadinobi said. "He is there for me no matter what the issue may be, whether I need a recommendation or I just want to chat about life."

"Mr. Miller inspired me with his immense knowledge and love of learning. Although I haven't seen him since he left Southfield Lathrup, I'll never forget how enthusiastic he was about some of the most random things. I used to go to his lunch-

time tutoring sessions not just for help in geometry, but for a good laugh," Nwadinobi wrote in her all-star application.

Her parents are Johnkay and Evelyn Nwadinobi. Her siblings are Dike, 15, Ezinne, 13, and Chisom, 6.

Kathy Pham Southfield Lathrup High School

Kathy Pham of Southfield plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to study medicine and become a pediatric physician's assistant.

Pham was involved in the Interact Club, where she served as secretary and vice president. Her other activities included National Honor Society, dance team, varsity tennis and school musicals as a dancer.



David Consiglio (AP chemistry), had the greatest influence on her,

"because he really made me realize that I need to work for everything and that nothing comes to you," Pham said.

Her parents are Gioi Pham and Loan Nguyen. She has one sibling, Kenny Pham, 15.

Ashley Welch Clarenceville High School

Ashley Welch of Livonia is planning to attend Hillsdale College to study pre-med/dermatology.

Welch's extracurricular activities include National Honor Society (she served as vice president), member of Student Congress, member of SADD, school musicals and Diversity Convention. She also played volleyball and basketball.



Welch is an Academic All State, on the honor roll and was named outstanding underclassman.

Cassandra Smith (math) is the teacher who influenced her the most in high school.

"She has been a role model to me in trying to manage a career and family," Welch said.

Her parents are Lori Hamilton, Jerry Bolton and Mark Welch. She has one sister, Brandy Bolton, 7.

Morgan Tressler Clarenceville High School

Morgan Tressler of Livonia plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study medicine.

She is a member of National Honor Society (she served as treasurer), Student Congress and SADD. She is also on the honor roll.

Her math teacher, Cassandra Smith,



Cody, 13. Jacqueline Davis Belleville High School

Jacqueline Davis of Belleville is considering the University of Michigan, Harvard and Yale.

"I might study neurology and become a neurologist," she said. "My goal is to become successful at my job, possibly at being a neurologist, but discovering something or helping to save lives."



Davis played junior varsity tennis, ran junior varsity track, was on the color guard and in freshman band. Davis was also involved with junior varsity and varsity cheerleading, varsity diving, symphony band (oboe first chair and recently started playing the English horn), marching band, Link Crew, National Honor Society, Spanish Club and baton twirling.

"In marching band, there was no position for baton twirlers, so I asked my band teacher if I could try it out," Davis wrote in her all-star application. "I learned to twirl the baton, made up my own routines, bought my own supplies and was able to successfully create my own position as a baton twirler."

Davis has always been on the all-A honor roll. She received the academic student of the month award, and is graduating as the valedictorian of her class.

Her second-grade teacher, Tracey Van Buren, has had the biggest influence on her.

"She felt that I was capable of doing more work than the other second-graders and often taught me the third-grade material," Davis said. "She pushed me to challenge myself, which is how I handle my studies today."

Her parents are Elizabeth Archarya, step-father Malhar Archarya and father Wayne Davis. Her sisters are Heather Davis, 16, and Ashley Davis, 15.

Andrew McGrath John Glenn High School

Andrew McGrath of Westland plans to attend the University of Michigan and wants to major in biomedical engineering. He hopes to become a medical researcher.

"I want to be one of those people working on cures for cancer, AIDS, etc.," he said.



Throughout high school, McGrath was a volunteer at Homeward Bound and tutored young children. He also played varsity baseball and tennis.

He is Academic All-State in baseball, was on the honor roll and received the Presidential Award.

The teachers who influenced him the most were Dan Danic, who taught biology and coached baseball, and Amanda Laidlaw, a chemistry and biology teacher.

"(Danic) cared about how I did on the field and in school. He'd help me whenever I needed it," McGrath said. "(Laidlaw) always helped me whenever I needed it and I can talk to her about anything whether school-related or not."

His parents are Leigh and Patrick McGrath. His sisters are Brittany, 13, and Emma, 6.

Stephen McNamara Wayne Memorial High School

Stephen McNamara of Westland plans to attend Michigan State University to study chemistry and become a research chemist. He plans to earn a bachelor of science in chemistry and earn a doctorate.

He has earned an academic letter for three consecutive years. McNamara was on the drill team for four years and played varsity tennis two years. He is a member of the JROTC and the National Honor Society.



McNamara achieved the highest cadet leadership

position and rank, lieutenant colonel, at Wayne Memorial High School. It is a demanding leadership position and time-consuming.

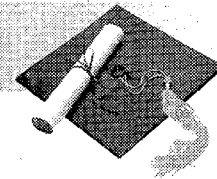
He is the cadet responsible for the battalion. Duties include: planning battalion events, commanding formations, presiding over staff meetings and making operational decisions.

Through JROTC, McNamara volunteered at the Wayne Senior Center distributing newsletters and painting houses. He has also worked at Madison Elementary School and Adams Middle School.

His JROTC first sergeant, Steven LaHaine, had the most influence on him.

"No other person in my school has prepared me for life after high school," McNamara wrote in his all-star application. "Because of his guidance, I've become more responsible for my actions, more motivated to try new things and, most of all, to believe in myself instead of saying, 'I can't.' His favorite quote that he has instilled in me as well as his other student is 'If it was easy, everyone would do it,' which I have begun to live by."

He is the son of Matthew and Michelle McNamara and the brother of Shawn, 22.



Nicholas Schofield Belleville High School

Nicholas Schofield of Belleville plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to study chemistry.

"I plan on going into the field of chemistry," he said. "I'm not sure what exactly I want to do, but I think conducting research would be very interesting."

Schofield's high school activities include National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, Student Leadership Organization and Link Crew.

He was on the honor roll and was named Student Scientist of the Month.

Jason Strzalkowski was the teacher who influenced him the most during high school, "because of his unique style of teaching and overall personality," he said. "The class was world cultures, but I learned so much more during the semester I had him."

His parents are Mark and Karen Schofield. His siblings are Ashley, 23, and Rachel, 11.

Adam Kurjian Alex and Marie Manoogian School

Adam Kurjian of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to study finance or business administration.

He was vice president of the National Honor Society, captain of the basketball team, involved in several church youth group activities, played soccer and was involved with an Armenian dance group. He was on the Administrator's List. In addition, he earned citizenship awards and earned awards in math and science.

The teacher who influenced him the most was Ann Margaret McLean, a math teacher. McLean "has been my math teacher since the 10th grade and has always pushed me to succeed," he said. "Without her I don't know where I would be today."

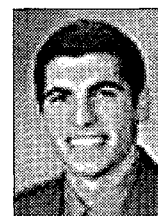
His parents are Richard and Mona Kurjian. He also has a brother, Alec, 19.

Eryn Fox Akiva Hebrew Day School

Eryn Fox of Oak Park is considering attending Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, Brandeis University, the University of Michigan and the University of Pennsylvania.

She hopes to major in biology and eventually study pediatric medicine.

Fox was involved with competitive figure skating for 11 years. She has also studied ballet and modern and lyrical dance. Her other extracur-



ricular activities include teaching special needs students to skate through the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts, served as the yearbook business editor, was co-president of the freshman and junior classes, chapter board member of the Bnei Akiva Detroit youth movement, synagogue youth group leader, algebra and modern Hebrew tutor and also coordinated nursing home visits.

Fox took fourth place at the National Bible Contest and was a bronze medalist at the 2008 USFSA National Showcase Figure Skating Championships.

She is a National Honor Society member, was a National Model United Nations delegate for the World Health Organization and was a finalist for the David Hermelin scholarship award for academic achievement.

Rabbi Pinchas Amior, (Bible studies teacher) along with Judy Kessler and Pessie Novick (English teachers), influenced her the most in high school.

"Rabbi Amior's love of learning is truly contagious and he is able to connect so well with all his students," she wrote in her all-star application. "He encourages everyone to do their best and refuses to take 'I can't' for an answer."

Her English teachers, Fox said, "have instilled in me a much greater appreciation of the English language and enabled me to discover the beauty and symbolism that literature has to offer. My writing and analytical skills have also improved immensely thanks to these talented teachers."

Her parents are Mayer and Sarita Fox.

Kyle Gordon Franklin High School

Kyle Gordon of Westland plans to attend the University of Michigan or Massachusetts Institute of Technology and major in physics and engineering. He would like a career as an engineer or scientist.

Gordon said he would "like to master the most intricate areas of study" in mathematics and physics "in order to contribute to our understanding of the physical world."

He was president of Junior Statesmen of America, founder/president of the Electronics Club, co-founder of Hearts for Haiti fund-raiser, a member of the chess club and participated in Project KIND.

Gordon was on the honor roll and a member of the National Society of High School Scholars.

The teachers who influenced him the most were Dave Bjorklund (AP calculus) "for fostering my ability to think creatively and to seek a deeper meaning in mathematics," and James Britton (AP physics) "for creating my curiosity in physics."

He is the son of Vicki Gordon. He has two siblings, Tyler Gordon, 15, and LeAnn Vainer, 35.



Linda Dunklee Garden City High School

Linda Dunklee of Garden City plans to attend Central Michigan University and wants to major in secondary education mathematics. She is considering teaching in "inner-city environments to not only



teach kids to understand math, but love the subject and understand its importance."

Dunklee swam four years on the school's varsity team and was captain her senior year. She is a member of the National

Honor Society and Key Club. Dunklee also tutors other students.

She earned English and math department awards, was a Scholar Athlete, was in the top 10 juniors and was given the pre-calculus classroom award.

Keith Penski (precalculus/AP calculus) and Katherine McCallum (speech) are the teachers who influenced her most during high school.

Penski inspired her "love of math" and McCallum brought "me out of my shell."

Her family includes mother Nancy Schultz, step-father Chris Speck and father Dennis Dunklee and brother, David, 14.

Oyinkansola Osobamiro Academy of the Sacred Heart

Oyinkansola Osobamiro of Rochester plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis, Georgetown University or the University of Pennsylvania. She hopes to pursue an M.D./Ph.D. and work at a university hospital and do research.



She played junior and varsity basketball. She also played and served as captain of the junior varsity field hockey, was a cast member of musicals, participated in Student Government, worked on school events,

studied piano, attended Northwestern Center for Talent Development and took a semester in Latin. She was also a member of Model United Nations; PEACE (People Educating Adults and Children Everywhere); Habitat for Humanity student group; PUPP (People United Protecting Puppies) student group; Literary Magazine Student Community Government group; and Academic Integrity focus group.

She travelled in the U.S. and abroad with Project Term; attended Oxbridge Academic Programs at Cambridge; and studied molecular medicine and International Relations and participated in the Science Conferences known as Exploration and the National Youth Forum on Law in Washington, D.C.

She is also a member of National Honor

Society, National Merit Scholarship Commendation, National Achievement Scholarship semifinalist, Archdiocese of Detroit Academic All-Star Prep Bowl Nominee, recipient of the Wansboro Merit Scholarship, won the Harvard Book Award, earned high honors and was given the University of Rochester Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award.

Other honors include Bloomfield Hills Optimist Club, certificate of merit from Michigan Tech Society of Women Engineers, Dean's Award for Leadership in Student Community Government.

She was also named an all-star for the 2009 Archdiocese of Detroit Academic Prep Bowl.

"The teachers who have had the greatest influence on me are Anne Rubin (literature), Michael Krogh (Latin) and Gayle Brooks (literature)," she wrote in her all-star application. "These teachers have challenged me to think in new and creative ways, as well as to become passionate about a subject. They have encouraged me to consider Latin and literature from different angles and pushed me to accomplish things that I never would have before."

Her parents are Omokayode and Abimbola Osobamiro. Her siblings are Ayomide, 14, and Oluseyi, 11

Lindsey Williams Garden City High School

Lindsey Williams of Garden City plans to attend Oklahoma State University or Michigan State University. She wants to major in chemical engineering, attend medical school and become a doctor.

Williams was on the varsity volleyball team and has figure skated for 10 years. She is the senior class student council representative and has been a member of the National Honor Society. Williams is also a teen leader in her youth group at St. Raphael

Roman Catholic Church, where she serves as the youth representative to the Parish Council.

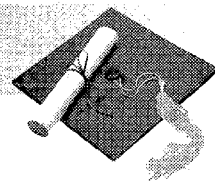
She has volunteered at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit and has collected donations for St. Vincent DePaul clothing drives. She was named a National Merit Finalist.

The teacher who had the greatest influence on her was John Hurley, who taught her history, American government and modern economics.

"He was the one who really pushed me to succeed in all ways," she said. "Mr. Hurley taught me how important it was to get good grades and study habits early on in high school. I will take things I learned from him with me to college and the rest of my life."

Her parents are Lena and Terry Williams. She also has a brother, Eric, 16.





Shannon Lewry

Academy of the Sacred Heart

Shannon Lewry of Birmingham plans to attend the University of Notre Dame. She's not sure what she will major in, but her interests are English and cultural studies. Lewry is considering careers in law, journalism and international relations.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and student government. She has worked with Habitat for Humanity, PEACE (People Educating Adults and Children Everywhere), READ (promotes reading and raises funds to buy books for Beaumont Hospital) and SHOUT (Students Helping Our Understanding of Tomorrow).

Lewry was also president of Model United Nations, leader of Focus: HOPE, the junior varsity tennis captain, worked with Lighthouse of Oakland County pantry program and was involved in community service.

She is an Archdiocese of Detroit annual Prep Bowl Academic Scholar, member of National Society of High School Scholars and earned the Society of Women Engineers Madame Curie Award for excellence in math and science.

Other honors include Holy Cross Book Award and dean's award.

She serves as eucharistic minister at Holy Name Parish, where she is also on the worship commission.

Gayle Brooks (AP English) "incredibly influences my relationship to literature and writing," wrote Lewry in her all-star application. "She introduced a new method of instruction, Harkness Discussion, which transformed my participation in group analysis sessions. By emphasizing student interpretation rather than direct, constricting lecture, Mrs. Brooks challenged me to question literary texts and journey through each novel alongside my classmates.

"Her evaluations are critical, but Mrs. Brooks grants me responsibility and exciting, yet guided, freedom that leaves me eagerly anticipating college literature courses."

Her parents are Thomas and Rita Lewry and her sibling is, Casey, 12.

Rachel Storck

Lutheran High Westland

Rachel Storck of Wixom plans to attend Northern Michigan University or Michigan State University.

"I am seeking a career that will cause me to be excited and motivated to do each day," she said. "I also want a career that will not consume me, but allow me to balance my career and to enjoy other impor-



tant aspects of my life."

Her extracurricular activities include earning eight varsity letters in volleyball, basketball and track. She was also captain of the volleyball team. Storck was also on student council (study

body vice president and class secretary) and involved in SADD (Students Against Destruction Decisions). She was in honors choir and volunteered with Vacation Bible School, Special Olympics and World Relief Boxcar.

Storck is a member of National Honor Society, on the honor roll and the Metro Conference Academic All-Conference.

Donna Strang, who teaches English and psychology, was the teacher who influenced her the most.

She "taught me the importance of doing my best work in everything," Storck wrote in her all-star application. "She taught me to do what needs to be done, especially when life is very hectic."

Her parents are Alan and Karen Storck. Her siblings are Myrian, 19, and Eleanor, 11.

Megan Connolly

Wayne Memorial High School

Megan Connolly of Wayne plans to attend either Albion College, Alma College, Wayne State University or the University of Michigan. She plans to enroll in pre-medical classes and put herself on the track to work in the medicine field.



"The field of genetics is very interesting, as is neuroscience and ophthalmology," she said. "Ultimately, it'd be wonderful if I could own my own practice."

She has been on the school's honor roll and received an honors award in accelerated chemistry and English.

Her extracurricular activities include high school marching band, playing clarinet. She also worked on student senate and participated in school and class fundraisers.

Connolly is on the executive board for the National Honor Society. She tutors both high school and middle school students.

Connolly also volunteered for the City of Wayne's Marshmallow Drop and volunteered at The Manor of Wayne Skilled Nursing Facility.

Thomas Morgan, who taught accelerated chemistry, human physiology and anatomy, has influenced her the most.

"He infuses the sciences with fun, organizing inventive lab procedures and demonstrations to keep his students alert and attentive at all times, to better absorb

the knowledge presented," she said. "I can always expect discerning and wise advice when I ask Mr. Morgan for help with anything, in school or in life."

Connolly is the daughter of Margaret Jean Connolly.

Bethany Wensley

Plymouth Christian Academy

Bethany Wensley of Plymouth plans to attend the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She wants to pursue a career in nursing and study abroad ultimately earning a Ph.D. in nursing. She would like to be involved in research and teaching.



Wensley served as president of her high school book club. She also volunteered with the University of Michigan Gifts of Art program, the Ronald McDonald House, Canton Goodfellows Christmas

teacher's assistant, as well as a equestrian camp volunteer and other equestrian activities. She was also president of the student art guild.

Wensley will graduate as salutatorian of her class. She is a member of National Honor Society, Student of the Year and was in Advanced Placement American History, World History, anatomy and physiology.

Wes Sherman, who teaches anatomy and physiology and Kelly Blackney, an English teacher, influenced Wensley most in high school.

"He sparked my interest in the sciences, because of his true dedication to teaching," Wensley said. "She expanded my view of literature, because of her passion for the subject."

Her parents are Del and Loretta Wensley. She also has a sister, Amy.

Ariel Rock

Plymouth Christian Academy

Ariel Rock of Livonia plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University to major in social work.

"My overall goal is to help others and make a difference in their life by helping them as a social worker," she wrote in her All-Star application.



While in high school, Rock was co-editor of the school yearbook and co-vice president of her class. She was involved in varsity volleyball and soccer, field hockey and lacrosse. She played tenor saxophone, taking private lessons and was a member of the school orchestra.

She is on the high honor roll, National Honor Society and will graduate as class

valedictorian.

She was also involved in Youth Group that included mission trips to Trinidad and Ohio, as well as volunteer work at the Flint Eastside Mission.

Karen Hott, a physics teacher, Kelly Blackney, AP English, and Donald Manchester, math teacher, are the teachers who influenced her the most.

"Mrs. Hott integrated religion into science in such a way that I have a strong understanding of both that cannot and will not be shaken," Rock said. "Miss Blackney's passion for literature is contagious and it has shown me that there are countless ways to understand the deeper meanings in what I read.

"He (Manchester) encouraged me to work through and persevere in understanding concepts that don't come easily to me; and he's done this not only to teach me math, but teach me how to persevere and succeed in the problems I encounter in life."

Her parents are Bill and Ann Rock. Her siblings are Aaron, 30, and Rachel, 28.

Matt Kemppainen

Huron Valley Lutheran High School

Matt Kemppainen of Livonia plans to attend the University of Michigan or Purdue University to study mechanical engineering. "I hope to establish myself as one of the leading engineers of the world," Kemppainen said.

He played varsity soccer, basketball and golf and was the captain of his soccer team. Kemppainen held a part-time job, volunteered at Livonia Family YMCA and at vacation Bible schools in Detroit. He was also a school student council member.

Kemppainen also received highest honors as a scholar athlete.

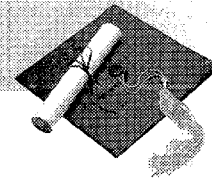
The teachers who influenced him the most are Peter Baganz, a history teacher, and Thomas Schwartz, a math teacher.

Baganz was a "great teacher who gives up his time for the students, even going on the Europe trip this summer with some of us," Kemppainen said.

Schwartz is "always willing to lead us and help us learn when we do not understand something."

His parents are Bruce and Dorothy Kemppainen. His siblings are Nathan, 16, and Jacob, 13.





Brianna Wilson Southfield High School

Brianna Wilson of Southfield plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in English language and literature. "One of my career goals is to become an English teacher, preferably a high school teacher," she said. "I enjoy teaching because it feels rewarding knowing that



I could impact someone's life through knowledge I can give them. My major career goal is to become a writer."

Her high school activities include the scholars plus program that involves community service requirements and certain academic standards. She is a member of the class board, which plans class events including prom. She is secretary of the National Honor Society and has been a member of the school's orchestra. Wilson was on the coordinating committee of her school's Big Brother, Big Sister program and participated in the program, as well.

She is in the Marygrove Institute of Music and Dance and is on the Youth Advisory Committee of Southfield. She figure skates, takes violin lessons and is a member of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic.

Wilson attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for two years majoring in violin and having a dance minor. She is also a member of the Blue Lake's International Youth Symphony Orchestra, which tours Europe.

Wilson also volunteered for vacation Bible school and tutors students for National Honor Society.

Her academic honors include the principal's award for high honors, as well as the Madame Curie Award from the Society of Women Engineers for her outstanding performance in math and science.

Wilson was also awarded a certificate for outstanding performance in AP language and composition and was awarded the Michigan Tradition Scholarship at the University of Michigan. Wilson also earned a good citizen's award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The teachers who influenced her the most were Richard Cok, honors American history, and Virna Hobbs-Calhoun, AP English and composition teacher.

"Mr. Cok taught me to question the world around me and made me examine it more closely," Wilson said. "He taught me more than studying skills, but also life skills.

Hobb-Calhoun's "love for language influenced me to have a great appreciation for it," she said. "In her class, I developed stronger writing techniques and wrote some of my best essays."

Wilson's parents are Warren and

Paulette Wilson. Her siblings are Warren, 29, Christopher, 27, and Felicia, 23.

Jacob Miller Southfield High School

Jacob Miller of Southfield plans to attend the University of Michigan to study accounting. He would like to work at Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

Miller was the activity director of the National Honor Society, Scholars Plus president, principal's council representative, varsity baseball team captain and Engineering Academy member.



He earned All-Academic in baseball and was on the honor roll. He achieved high honors and received the Principal's

Award. Miller earned academic scholarships to the University of Michigan, Central Michigan and Northwood University.

The teachers who most influenced him were Jane Teska, who teaches physics and was the Scholars Plus coordinator, and Steve Sharp, a baseball coach and math instructor.

Teska "helped me discover the leader in me," he said. Sharp "made me a tough, well-rounded individual."

He is the son of Greg and Susan Miller.

Laura Haldane Stevenson High School

Laura Haldane of Livonia is considering Michigan State University, Madonna University or Aquinas College. She is interested in environmental biology/zoology, environmental studies, writing and resource/species conservation.



Haldane wants to find ways to use resources efficiently and prevent species from becoming endangered or extinct. "Basically, I just want to protect the environment and help humans live in harmony with it," she wrote in her All-Star application.

Her high school extracurricular activities included performing in four all-school musicals, JV and Varsity Quiz Bowl, and she was involved with SEA and the Rouge River Frog and Toad Survey. In addition, she attended leadership camp at Madonna University, took part in the Plymouth Relay for Life, was a two-time blood donor and participated in the Big Sit (Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge).

Haldane was awarded an academic letter, was summa cum laude her junior year, earned perfect attendance and was given Fine Arts Festival recognition.

The teachers who have influenced

her the most are Kathy Ladd (English), Karen Dillon (biology), Ellen Hamilton (her fourth-grade teacher), Mary Martzolf (seventh-grade teacher) and Christine Wojcik, her first-grade teacher.

Under Ladd, "grammar finally made sense," she said. Dillon "has a true love of biology that shines through in her lectures. She makes AP Biology fun and fascinating," wrote Haldane.

Hamilton and Martzolf "furthered my love of reading and writing." And Wojcik "just for being amazing and funny."

Her parents are Neal and Michelle Haldane. Her brother is Christopher, 15.

Hannah Good Huron Valley Lutheran High School

Hannah Good of South Lyon wants to attend Madonna University, the University of Michigan or Washtenaw Community College. She wants to pursue a career in nursing and eventually return to school to earn a master's degree with the hopes of one day working as a physician's assistant.



Her extracurricular activities in high school included playing basketball, singing on the school choir and tutoring.

Good earned highest honors and the Madame Curie Award from the Society of Women Engineers for her outstanding performance in math and science.

Grace Mattek and Thomas Schwartz were the teachers she believes influenced her the most.

Mattek "taught me to think outside the box" and Schwartz "helped me to look forward to college."

Her parents are Jeffrey and Heidi Good. She has a sister, Elizabeth, 23.

Hanlin Yang Stevenson High School

Hanlin Yang of Livonia plans to attend the University of Michigan to major in political science and economics. While she is unsure about a career goal, Yang



said, "I'm considering academia, working for a think tank or journalism."

Yang was on the Debate Team, served as Quiz Bowl captain, was on the National Honor Society, tutored science and worked on the school newspaper.

Other honors include AP Scholar, honor roll, 2010 Livonia PTSA Founders' Day Outstanding Youth, National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation and Stevenson English Department's Award for Debate.

The teachers who influenced her the

most were Karen Dillon (biology) and Kathy Ladd (English).

"The enthusiasm Mrs. Dillon put into teaching and the attention she gave to the real world relevance of material we were taught made an otherwise information-dense, homework heavy class engrossing and enjoyable," Yang said.

"Mrs. Ladd covered virtually every issue that could come up for an 11th-grader writing a paper and gave boatloads of constructive criticism, and in doing so did more to improve my writing skills and ability to analyze literature than any other English teacher I've had.

"Though supposedly 'Brit Lit'-focused, her class went beyond English literature and introduced me to the works of French existentialist, Soviet dissidents and whole panoply of ideas that I would've never otherwise encountered," wrote Yang in her All-Star application.

Yang's parents are Jian Yang and Lifeng Lin. She has a 12-year-old sibling, Yilin.

Romana Svytka Alex and Marie Manoogian School

Romana Svytka of Farmington Hills is currently attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn as a dual enrollment student. The next academic year, however, she plans to attend Wayne State University to study business.

Svytka plans to major in finance and study international business.

Her extracurricular activities include National Honor Society and Saturday School of Ukrainian Studies. Svytka was editor of the school newspaper, Silver Feather, and was involved with choir and Manoogian Idol.

She also earned first place in the American Mathematics Competition.

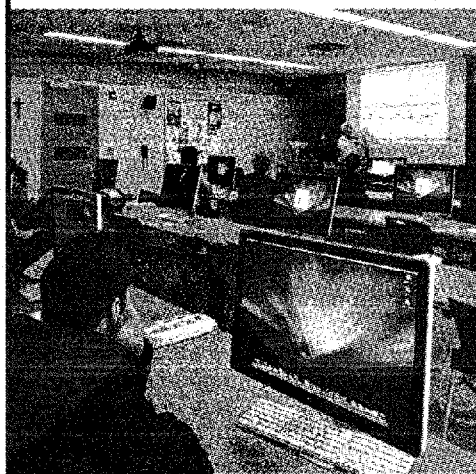
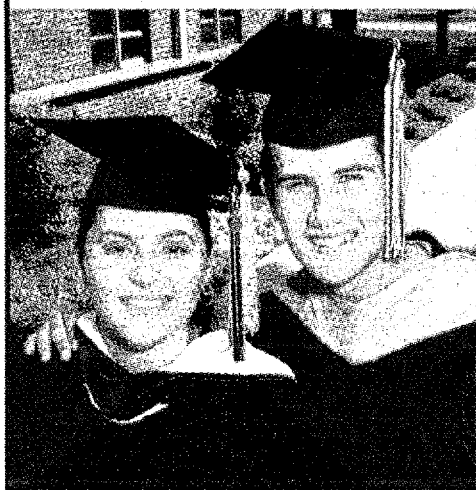
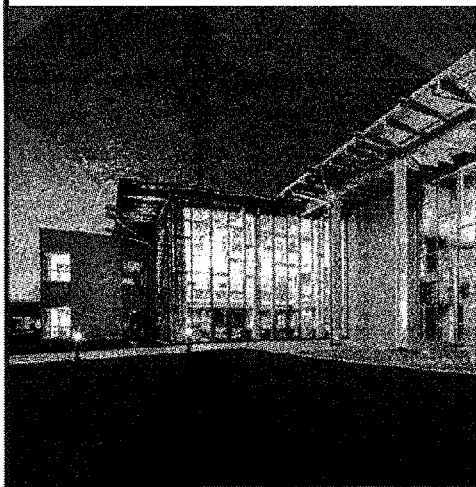
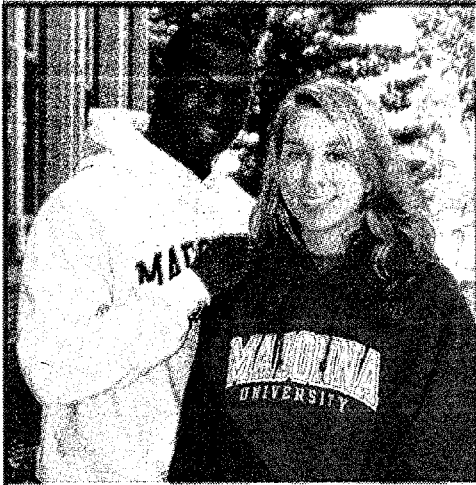
The teachers who influenced her most were Judy Kadri (English), Lisa Ogiemwonyi (science), Michael Huff (history) and Ann Margaret McLean (math).

"Mrs. Kadri proved to me that if English is not my first language, this difficulty can be easily overcome with hard work, dedication, faith, and confidence and if I learn to respect myself, others will respect me, too," wrote Svytka in her All-Star application.

"Mrs. Ogiemwonyi helped me understand the importance of modern-day science, and that everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the developing fields of chemistry, biology, or physics.

"Mr. Huff taught me to appreciate history and made me interested in civics and economics. Mrs. McLean helped me excel in mathematics and always stay focused and motivated."

Her parents are Volodymyr and Iryna Svytka. Her sister is Solomiya, 14.



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