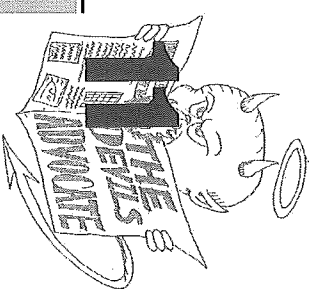


# Features and News



## Justice returns Senior has great experience at MYCA and returns with many goals

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For many seniors, they consider their senior year as the year where they can take a breather, relax and enjoy their final chapter of high school. Have you ever heard the term Senioritis? Well for Senior Mike Justice he has just the opposite of this notorious symptom.

Joining the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy would be tough but that wasn't stopping Justice.

"I enrolled in the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy in Battle Creek at the beginning of my senior year and spend the first five and a half months there. Tough would be an understatement. It was mentally stressful and it broke me down and rebuilt me with a much more responsible attitude," said Justice.

With spending most of the summer with his family and friends catching up before his departure the leave was not easy.

"I tried to spend as much of my free time on my family and friends because I knew that before long, I would have to leave. When the time came to leave I thought I was going to be nervous but over the summer, I attended a Role Call. The Role Call was just a day thing where they taught us what we would be doing and pretty much showed us the ropes," said Justice.

Although prepared, for any teen leaving behind their friends and family would have its ups and downs.

"The worst part of the Academy was not being able to see my friends back home even though I did meet two awesome guys Nick Sandberg and Scott Springer. We really clicked because we wanted to do the same things as one another. Although I couldn't call them, my good friends Anthony Borgesi, Mackenzie Gabridge, Zoe Franko, and even two of my teachers Mr. O and Mr. Murphy. Receiving mail had to be the greatest thing; it showed me that even though I was gone I still had people who were thinking of me back home," said Justice.

Budgeting in the time to communicate was hard with the Academy's schedule but definitely worth it after a long day.

"It was definitely hard to spend a lot of time writing considering you were up by 5:30 in the morning then you would have chow time (aka breakfast). You would then have PT which is physical training, followed by school for about six hours, general education. After school depending on the day you'd go to Votreck where I took Auto Mechanics. Physical training would then follow, after PT it was time for hygiene, you would then get Dinner and by the time dinner was done it would be about 9 o'clock which is what we called reck. Within a half hour I was sleeping, always in bed by about 9:30," said Justice.

The decision to leave school to join the academy couldn't have been easy knowing the rules that followed.

"It looks a lot better on applications for jobs that require leadership et cetera but I talked a lot about it with my friend Cameron Monty who used to go there. He told me that it would break you down and rebuild you with a much more responsible mindset. At first that kind of intimidated me, but when I thought about it, and how my life was getting a little off track I thought that the Academy would be good for me and I was right. I learned not only how to

be more responsible but I learned a lot of life skills like how to maintain real good hygiene, how to iron my clothes, and be in and out of the shower in under ten minutes. I gained a lot of integrity throughout it," said Justice. It wasn't long until the Academy's had made a crucial difference.

"After about five and a half months I decided to come back for a high school diploma rather than a (GED). I chose to leave because I wanted to change who I was becoming and after being there I was more than satisfied with who I became and decided it was time to come back," said Justice.

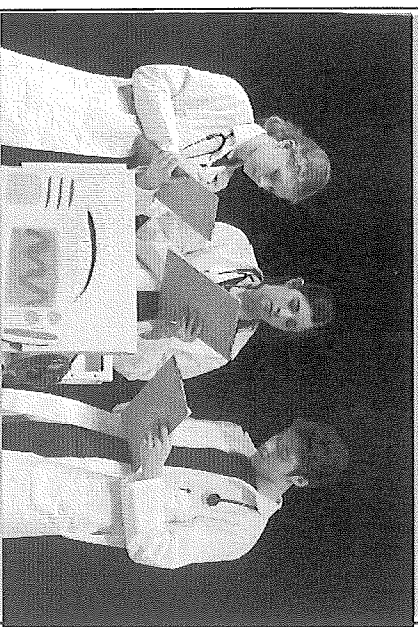
Once it was time to come home, the readjusting to the freedoms that were not at the Academy were overwhelming.

"It was hard coming back because I had a ton of distractions like social media, phone, friends and even the radio. Every once in a while a teacher would play the radio and we would hear some Selena Gomez every once in a while. I hadn't talked to any girls since I had left so it was really nice being able to converse with the opposite sex. It was even nice to be able to sit how I wanted and not having to stand a certain way and didn't have to speak in third person. The whole experience of being home was overwhelming but it was nice," said Justice.

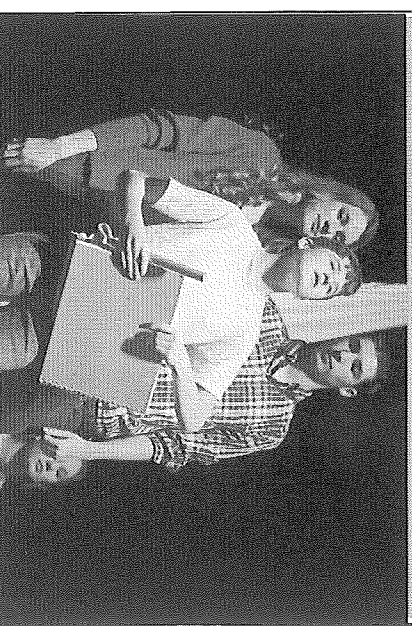
While finishing off the last semester of high school, there was a lot of planning to be arranged.

"I finish high school pretty soon and I'm more than ready to get out of Richmond and experience the world and start my life. I talked to Sgt. Bark who talked to me about enlisting and the opportunity I had in the military and ultimately helped me decide on enlisting. I'm planning on being a GeoSpatial Imagery Intelligence Analyst. It's a technology based job, I pretty much tell the people on the front lines where to go," said Justice.

## All Aboard The Yellow Boat



Emma Haack, Cecily McPherson, and Dylan Altor diagnose Benjamin during the play.



Benjamin Saar, played by Jarrett Gil, stands in front of his parents, played by Anna Fraser and Anthony Borgesi, while aboard their yellow boat.

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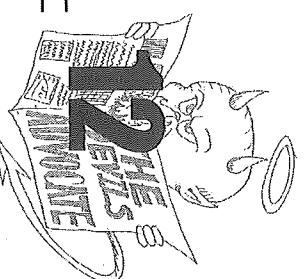
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# HOROSCOPES

### Aries- March 21- April 19

Relax and take it easy for a while. Good things will come if you just let them happen. Take a long break from all the trouble in life and just relax.

Color: Blue

### Taurus- April 20- May 20

Your sensitive nature is about to be disturbed. You will suddenly find out new information today. Try not to let it throw you off. You may figure out how to incorporate this new information to your advantage.

Color: Purple

### Gemini- May 21- June 20

You might experience mental detractions today. You may have an internal or external battle brewing in you. Use the situation to your advantage to help yourself and others. Learn to understand opposite view points.

Color: Pink

### Cancer- June 21- July 22

Don't forget to use your intelligence. You're at a point in your life where you need your mind to help you push through. Remember, you're smart and use that to succeed in everyday obstacles.

Color: Green

### Leo- July 23- August 22

Perseverance is your best friend. Never give up on your goals and you shall achieve them. Whatever you set your mind on, you will achieve.

Color: Orange

### Virgo- August 23- September 22

People will be as stubborn as you today. If you aren't careful then this could cause you disaster. Don't automatically assume that others need to accept your view point to resolve an issue.

Color: Brown

### Libra- September 23- October 21

You will find yourself staring at a stranger today. You will be pulled into different mental directions today. Introduce yourself to that new stranger. Maybe he/she will become a new friend.

Color: Red

### Scorpio- October 23- November 2

As you work towards your goals, know that there will be obstacles. You can't plan for everything. Don't get disturbed today when something new happens. Don't let your mental process be thrown off.

Color: Magenta

### Sagittarius- November 22- December 21

It is quite clear you aren't afraid to tell people what you think. Now try expressing your feelings instead of voicing your opinion. Make sure to include your emotions and instincts into your reactions today.

Color: Grey

### Capricorn- December 22- January 19

Friends are important to you during this time. Keep them close to you and you will be happy. Use your friends to help you achieve stability in life and good things will come your way.

Color: Yellow

### Aquarius- January 20- February 18

You might be thinking some bizarre thoughts today. They might lead you into a situation you don't like. Don't be afraid to explore these situations. They might give you important insights you wouldn't have noticed elsewhere.

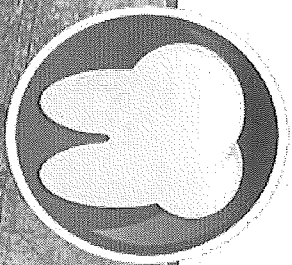
Color: Aqua

### Pisces- February 19- March 20

Your thinking is solid and clear today. But don't let others change the way you approach a problem. Keep your kind open to other solutions. You may need to change your strategy, but don't sacrifice your principles or values.

Color: White





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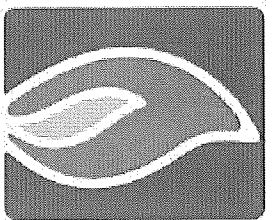
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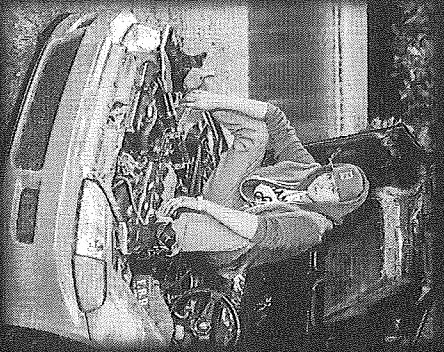
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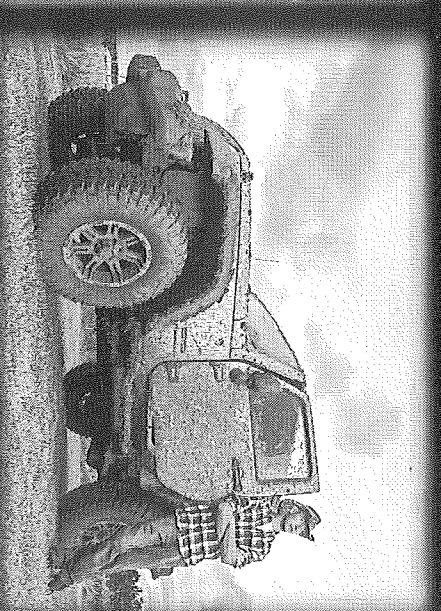
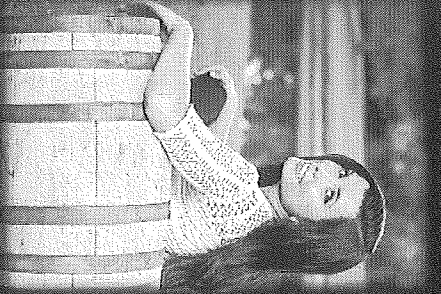
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