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ON THE RECORD

Red Kettle Campaign

The Salvation Army of Plymouth ill begin the Red Kettle Campaign on Friday, Nov. 13 and it will continue until Christmas Eve. If you would like to volunteer to ring the bell at Hiller's, the Northville Post Office or at the corner on Main and Center St. in front of Orin Jewelers, please call Judy Kohl (248-348-

Tour of Hope

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in Northville. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief sup-port services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough. Tour dates are:

• Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. · Dec. 11 at 9 a.m.

To attend one of the tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or email griefhelp@newhopecenter.

Be an actor

Gordon Michaels will present a Film and Television Actors Workshop from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 at Genittis Theater, 108 E. Main Street, downtown Northville.

Michaels is a graduate of the Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theatre in New York City. He will teach on cold reading techniques, oncamera techniques, headshot consultation, actor's resume, how to get an agent and much more.

Cost is \$100 with limited enrollment. Call (248) 262-6805 or email moviebizmich@gmail.com.

Learning **Experience**

The Learning Experience, 16635 Ridge Road in Northville, is hosting a Family Fun Day & Open House from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The day will include a special visit from Nelson the Jungle Guy who will bring exotic pets for all the children to see and touch. Refreshments will be served. See the center, meet the teachers, learn more about the Learning Experience's programs and have fun with the whole family.

For more information, please call (248) 374-2495.

Bond rate lower than expected

Rate for hospital land will be locked in at 4.13 percent, not 5.5

BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Northville Township officials received some good news recently about the purchase of some of the former psychiatric hospital property.

In August, residents voted to authorize officials to sell bonds

to purchase a large chunk of the 414 acres of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road from Real Estate Interests, Inc., and the Schostak Brothers construction company

At the time of the election, officials projected that the interest rate would

be about 5.5 percent. Officials have now learned that they will be able to lock in the interest rate at 4.13 per-

"I am very proud of our staff for working to secure an interest rate significantly lower than we originally projected," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor. "We tried to be conservative in our projections. However, our staff was dedicated to lowering the rate as much as possible."

Under the 5.5 percent interest rate projections, the property would

have cost the average homeowner about \$150 per year or about \$12.50 a month. With the new lower rate of 4.13 percent, the average owner will pay \$139.50 or \$11.63 per month, based on a home valued at \$300,000.

The board members understand that these are tough times for everyone," said Sue Hillebrand, township clerk and trustee. "Therefore, negotiating for the lowest interest rate possible was imperative."

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BROADCAST LEGEND VISITS LO



Ernie Harwell visits Northville's Empire Deli

BY PAM FLEMING

STAFF WRITER

Ernie Harwell may be 91 years old, but he's still got it.

People are just drawn to Harwell, the legendary voice of the Detroit Tigers, who broadcast the baseball team's games for almost half a century. He came to Northville Nov. 5 to visit his buddy Ron Cameron, new owner of the Empire Deli at Northville Square, 133 W. Main

The two have known each other

for years. So Harwell stopped by to have a sandwich, shoot the breeze, sign a few autographs and have some pictures taken with adoring fans thrilled to see him.

Young and old gravitate to Harwell, and it's easy to see why. After all, he broadcast Tigers games for 42 years, retiring in 2002.

'I had 55 years in big-league broadcasting," he said. "I was with a lot of teams before I came here - the Brooklyn Dodgers, the New York Giants and the Baltimore Orioles."

He's not only a sports celebrity, but Stadium, and he was nice enough

a friendly, kind-hearted person with a great sense of humor.

What can I tell you about Ron Cameron besides about his jail record?" he said in jest, sitting next

to fellow broadcaster Cameron, who's famous for his sports talk radio programs. "I've known him since he was about 15 or 16 years old," Harwell

"I think we met around 1960," Cameron said. "We've been friends for about 48 years."

"He used to work at Tigers

to say hello to me once in a while," Harwell said.

"All the time," Cameron countered. Harwell even remembered when Cameron got a job at the former Shelby Hotel in Detroit, which has since been torn down. Cameron also umpired in the minor leagues and during the Tigers exhibition games each year.

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Police union ratifies contract agreement

Concessions made in pay, pensions

BY PAM FLENING STAFF WRITER

Members of the Police Officers Association of Michigan ratified an agreement with Northville Township late Wednesday, saving the jobs of five police officers and two dispatchers.

John Werth, director of public safety, and police union officials made the announcement Thursday.

Werth said union members voted 31-3 in favor of making concessions that would avoid the seven layoffs.

"The board and union

approved a letter of understanding that will be added to the union contract," Werth said. "It was fortunate that the board and union both approved the letter of understanding. I am glad this short-term problem is avoided. We still must focus on providing top-notch public safety in these tough economic times."

We are pleased to announce that the Northville Township Police Officers Association has reached a concession agreement with the township of Northville in order to prevent layoffs," said

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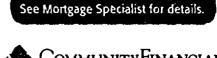


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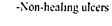
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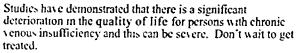
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Orlewicz awaits word on new trial

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Jean Pierre Orlewicz will have to wait to find out whether a judge will grant him a new

In a hearing last Friday, Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow listened as appellate prosecutor Jeffrey Caminsky and Orlewicz's attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, argued over whether a psychiatrist's testimony should have been allowed during the murder

convicted of killing and then mutilating the body of a River Rouge man.

"I'll try to get back with you before Thanksgiving," Morrow told the attorneys.

During Friday's hearing, Orlewicz, 19, sat in front of the attorneys in a chair facing the judge.

He could be seen nodding off occasionally.

Last year, jurors convicted Orlewicz, formerly of Plymouth Township, of luring Daniel



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Sorensen, 26, to a Canton home on Nov. 7,

Once there, authorities said Orlewicz slit Sorensen's throat and stabbed him 12 times before decapitating him and burning his body. Orlewicz and his friend, Alex Letkemann, dumped Sorensen's body in a cul-de-sac of an undeveloped subdivision, Hidden Ridge, west of Ridge Road and south of Seven Mile Road in Northville Township.

Sorensen's head was tossed in the Rouge River in Hines Park near the border of Dearborn Heights and Detroit. Prosecutors have described the slaying as a thrill kill.

Orlewicz is serving a manda-

tory life sentence.

Jacobs is seeking a new trial because Circuit Judge Annette Berry prevented a psychiatrist from testifying in the case after Orlewicz's trial lawyer, James Thomas, announced a self-

Orlewicz, 19, appeals for

a new trial

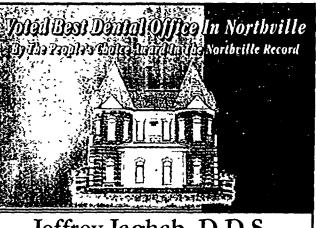
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defense strategy. In addition to the denial of the psychiatrist's testimony, Jacobs, after the hearing, said she takes issue with the jury selection process.

Jacobs claimed potential jurors were asked improperly if they were able to be impartial.

When asked about her client's state of mind, Jacobs said no 19-year-old wants to be in prison, but "he's hopeful for the



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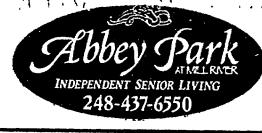
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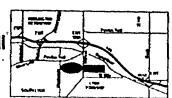
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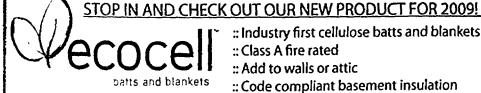
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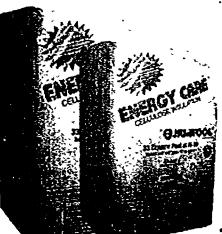
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Northville Girls' Night Out Friday in downtown stores

■ Stores to offer free gifts, savings for gals

BY PAIN FLENDING STAFF WRITER

Everybody knows that girls just wanna have fun. And here's your opportunity, girls, as the annual Girls Night Out is tomorrow in downtown Northville.

Stores will stay open late and offer special promotions and free gifts for females from 6-9 p.m.

The event is an annual tradition in Northville, giving ladies an opportunity for a fun night out and a chance to get a jump-start on their holiday shopping. The night is sponsored by merchants of the Northville Central Business

Start the evening off at the Northville Sports Den, 133. W. Main Street, lower level, who will kick off the event with a "happy halfhour" from 5:30-6 p.m. Stick around for the after-glow party at Poole's Tavern at 157 E. Main Street beginning at 9:30 p.m. with a chance to win one of three gift baskets.

Look for events and special discounts at these shops: Center Street Knits, 111 N. Center Street; Dancing Eye Gallery, 101 N. Center Street; Edwards Cafe & Caterer, 115 E. Main Street; GG Boutique, 133 W. Main Street; Lorla's, 142 N. Center Street; Moon & Me, 116 E. Main Street; Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street; Northville Candle & Gifts, 124 N. Center Street; Northville Gallery, 123 E. Main Street; Oasis Tropical Tanning, 133 W. Main Street, Ste. 251, and Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main Street.

Also participating will be Pearaphernalia, 184 E. Main Street; Pendleton, 117 N. Center Street; Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main Street; Rock on Main Clothing Co., 134 E. Main Street; Salon Tre Bella V, 105 N. Center Street; Simply Wine, 109 N. Center Street; Sincerely Yours, 110 N. Center Street; Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main, Ste. 222 Street; Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street; and Wine Sync, 122 W. Main Street. The gallery will have not only wine and hors d'oeuvres but also free chair massages, and several artists will have a trunk show.



Displaying some items they'll have for local ladies to purchase at tomorrow's Girls Hight Out event from 6-9 p.m. in downtown Horthville are from left, Gina Mazzoni from Orin's Jewelers; Chris Van Dam from Van Dam's Boutique; Sarah Kennedy from Edward's Cafe & Caterers; and Beverlee Lindeen from Northville Candle & Gifts.

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Other stores will include The Bee's by talented local decorators. The Knees, 149 E. Main Street; Tuscan Café, 150 N. Center Street; and Van Dam's Boutique, 111 E. Main

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Northville Community Foundation's Holiday Home Tour Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. will feature five homes made even more beautiful homes are all unique, whether they be contemporary, traditional, Victorian or eclectic. Proceeds from the event fund community endowments, including the Healthy Youth Endowment and Senior Endowment that fund an anti-smoking programs in the schools, senior citizen gift baskets, a scholarship fund, and other youth and senior needs. Tickets are \$20 in advance and

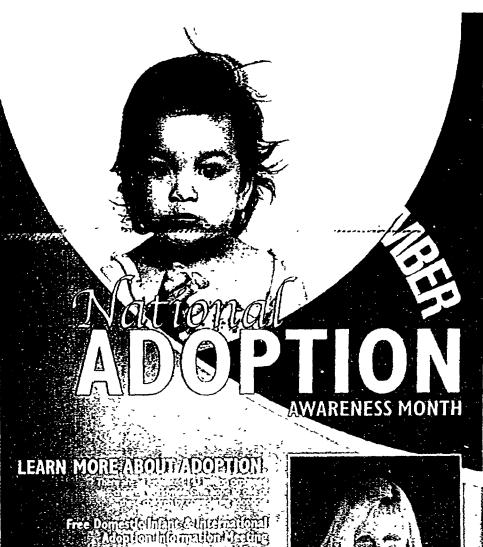
\$23 at the door. They are limited, and this event has been a sell out each year. Tickets are available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main Street, (248) 380-8881, Community Financial Credit Union, 400 E. Main Street, (248) 348-3920, and Monroe Bank and Trust, 201 E. Main Street, (248) 449-3700 and the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main Street, (248) 349-7640.

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tickets by credit card (Visa and MasterCard accepted) or for more information call (248) 374-0200.

The staff of the Northville Community Foundation would like to remind everyone that the Maybury Farm Corn Maze has been extended to this weekend, which will be the final weekend. The maze will be open from 1-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



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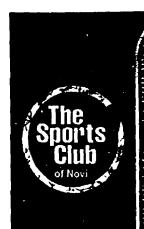
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A TWIST ON TRADITION

Serve up smoked turkey for a healthier approach

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER ADVERTORIAL WRITER

A local parade, the Detroit Lions game and family dinner are familiar traditions each year for many Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon residents on

Thanksgiving Day. Many families have grown to expect a few staple menu items: A turkey, stuffing, assorted casseroles, cranberry sauce and a scrumptious pumpkin pie.

While these traditions never fail, it's always OK to try something new.

Jim Moschini, Chef Instructor at the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novi, teaches classes on classical cuisine, garde manger and basic skills, and is also the executive chef of the school's student-run restaurant, Great Lakes Bistro. Moschini recently taught a class on how to smoke a turkey, an ingredient used in the restaurant for cold sandwiches.

"A lot of folks are buying smokers, and it's becoming more and more common," Moschini said. "A smoked turkey is not exactly a traditional bird, but it's a healthier option. They come out just delicious, and they're so juicy."

Moschini was happy to share his method with those interested in smoking a turkey for this year's Thanksgiving feast.

Preparation

Purchase a smoker, or prepare to use a grill with a lid that keeps a consistent cooking temperature. There are several different smokers to buy,

including charcoal, elec-tric, portable propane meat smokers. "Smokers are available

at Lowe's, Home Depot and even sporting good shops," Moschini said. Purchase a bird and make sure it is completely

defrosted. Rinse the turkey inside and out with cold water. Reserve the turkey neck and giblets for stock or gravy if you choose. Next prepare the brine. Completely submerge the bird in the brine in a large container,



such as a picnic cooler, paint bucket or

brining bag, for about six days.

Remove the bird from the brine, gently rinse off and refrigerate for 24 hours.

A sticky pellicle will form on the skin of the bird as the sugars and salt draw moisture out of the protein in the bird," Moschini said. "Leave that on there because it helps trap in the smoke."

On Thanksgiving Day

RECIPE FOR BRINE

A couple garlic cloves, one bay leaf

Heat up water and add salt,

sugar and flavorings. Add

three gallons of cold water

solved. Add ice to cool.

after all seasonings have dis-

Ingredients

Gallon of ice

Directions

One gallon cold water

One pound kosher salt

One pound brown sugar

and some peppercorns

Make sure smoker can achieve and maintain 186 degrees, and select your choice of smoking chips.

"I prefer applewood, but you can use hickory, mesquite or whatever your flavor," Moschini said.

Place bird in smoker for several hours until it achieves an internal temperature of 163-65 degrees. Moschini recommends pulling the bird at 163 degrees to allow for "carry over" cooking that happens a few minutes after the bird is removed from

> When preparing to cut the bird, cut against the grain of the meat, Moschini advises.

"This gives you nice uniform cuts and keeps the meat from looking like pulled pork or shredded," he said. "Your bird will be very juicy, so the meat will basically fall

Contact Moschini at jmoschini@aii.edu with questions, or visit him at the school's Great Lakes Bistro on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to ... 1 p.m.

SAVE ROOM FOR SIDES

Side dish recipes from Chef Dawn Bause



While roast turkey is the star of the Thanksgiving feast, the side dishes play a strong supporting role. These dishes are so impressive they just may steal the

Commerce Township resident Dawn Bause is co-author of the cookbook Romance Begins in the Kitchen, owner of the company "Cooking with Dawn" and host of culinary tours of Italy.

She recently hosted a cooking class at the Birmingham Community House featuring her fabulous side dish recipes, some of which are

featured below.

Reach Bause at askdawnnow@aol.com or visit her Web site at www.cookingwithdawn.com.

PARMESAN ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Recipe By: Dawn Bause Serving Size: 6 Categories: Side Dish

- lbs. butternut squash,
- peeled and cubed 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 6 fresh sage leaves, coarsely chopped 2/3 cup parmigiano reggiano
- freshly grated
- tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp fresh ground pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees with rack in the middle of oven.

Peel and cut squash into 1" cubes. In a bowl, toss with cream, I teaspoon salt, 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper, 34 of the chopped sage leaves and place in a two-quart shallow baking dish. Bake covered for about 30 minutes.

Remove from oven and stir in half the cheese, and sprinkle the remainder on top.

Return to the oven and roast uncovered for another 15-20 minutes until the squash is tender and lightly browned.

Remove from oven and let sit 5 minutes before serving the cream will thicken. Garnish is 1147 remainder of sage leaves.

SPINACH SOUFFLÉ

Recipe By: Dawn Bause Servine Size: 6 Categories: Side Dish

- 12 oz. package Stouffer's Frozen Spinach Soufflé Side Dish
- small white onion, chopped fine
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Thaw Stouffer's Spinach Soufflé package.

In a sauté pan add olive oil, onions and heat over medium heat until onions are translucent.

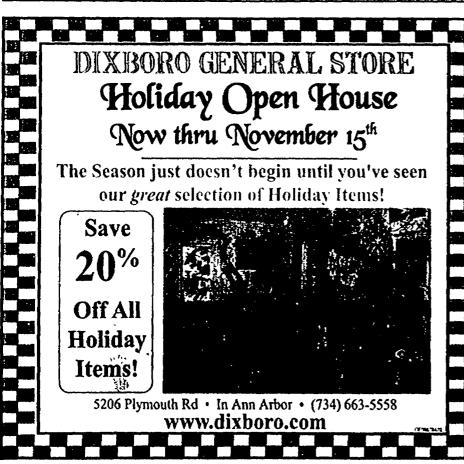
Then add mushrooms all at once, toss quickly in oil and onions, then let sit for 2-4 minutes until the mushrooms start to brown on one side, then toss. Repeat. Remove from heat and

toss with salt. In a soufflé dish or casserole dish, mix thawed spinach soufflé, sautéed mushrooms and onions, and grated mozzarella cheese. Wipe sides of dish with a wet paper towel.

Place in oven and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a knife 116 inserted in the center comes out clean.









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Madeline Ebach takes notes during Oct. 29's "Signs of Fall" scavenger hunt at **Thornton Creek** Elementary School. Classrooms went outside their school that day to categorize the ways that fall has begun to change the landscape.





Scavenger hunt

Thornton Creek Elementary teacher Carol Theisen, left, takes her class on a "Signs of Fall" scavenger hunt on Oct. 29. Classrooms at Thornton went outside on that day to note the way the seasonal change has already affected the school's environment. The class even got an upclose look at a baby snapping turtle.

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NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Market Scrip program

Hillside Middle School is now participating in Hiller's Market Scrip Card program. Activate and load money on your new Scrip Card at any Hiller's Market using cash, credit and debit cards, or checks in amounts from \$5 up to \$1,000. You can do this at Customer Service or right at the checkout lane before the cashier begins to scan your purchase. Then use your Scrip Card to pay for groceries (like a gift card). When your balance runs out, just reload the same Scrip Card with more money.

Hillside automatically earns five percent every time money is put on a Scrip Card.

If you are interested in receiving a Hiller's Scrip Card, e-mail Janice Gutowski at jgutowski7@comcast.net. Please include your name, home address and how many cards you need.

Donations needed for staff appreciation

This year's Staff Appreciation Luncheon Committee is seeking donations, both monetary and food, for this year's event.
Contributions this year are less than half of what they have been in previous years, so we are seeking parent assistance in helping recognize the efforts of Northville High School's dedicated staff.

Once again, the luncheon is scheduled for first semester finals week -- Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. The luncheon menu consists of salads, finger foods (appetizer-type dishes), some main dishes and desserts. Organizers are also are seeking monetary donations for the purchase of paper products / supplies. If you are interested in donating food, please contact Michele Fecht at mmfecht@aol.com or (2480 344-9412. Checks for donations should be made out to NHS PTSA and mailed to Michele Fecht, 324 South Wing Street, Northville 48167.

Reflections 40-year theme

The PTA sponsored program, Reflections Art Competition, is celebrating it's 40th year with the theme "Beauty is ...". This competition entry deadline is Nov. 10.

For a printout of the detailed rules, category descriptions and entry form, please go to: http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/parents/ reflections-2009-10.asp You may also visit the MPTSA Reflections website at: http://www. ptareflections.org for more information.

Senior All Night Party

If you haven't purchased your tickets for the Senior All-Night Party, it's not too late. You can purchase a ticket for \$60 until the end of the year. Starting in January the tickets price increases to \$75. Remember to send in the permission slip and medical form with payment. Forms can be turned in at the office. One can also purchase a commemorative Mustang for iust \$45.

The party is June 6 from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. and includes T-shirt, dinner, entertainment, activities and much more. Get updated information and forms at www.NHS2010.com.

Parents of Class of 2010 graduating seniors are needed to donate their time and tools to make template cut Mustang signs and stands. The sale of these is one of the largest fund-raisers contributing to the Senior All Night Party. Contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101 or (248) 444-2771 or jblasius@comcast.net.

Please support our local "Northville City Car Wash" located at 470 East Main Street, and our Class of 2010 Senior All Night Party.

Just purchase a \$25 coupon card containing five car washes and the Senior All Night Party receives 50 percent of all the proceeds.

Music Boosters' raffle raising funds

Once again the Northville High Music Program will be having a raffle (revised from previous years) to support the program.

Funds are needed to assist in the funding of over 750 students in the choir and band programs. In the past three years, the raffle proceeds have assisted in the purchasing of new instruments, choir uniforms, music scores for both programs, projection equipment and much more.

Tickets this year are \$50 with a total of 1500 tickets to be sold. Drawing to be need Saturday Dec. 12 after the Holiday Concert at approximate-

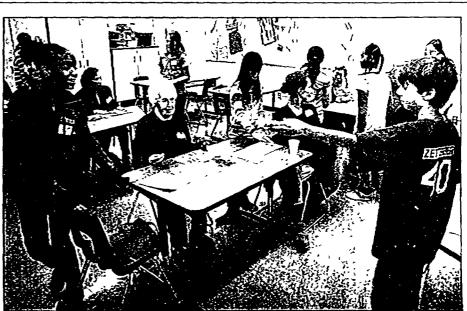
Prizes are \$5,000, first; \$2,000 second; \$1,000 third; \$500 fourth; and \$100 fifth through tenth. Each family is asked to sell or purchase a minimum of \$200 in tickets so the funding for the needed materials can be achieved.

The following dates are additional opportunities to pickup additional tickets to sell and turn in sold tickets and money.

* Band-O-Rama on Dec. 4

* Holiday Concerts on Dec. 9 and Dec. 10

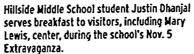
This is the Booster's primary fund-raiser. Its success will determine if future fund-raisers will be required.



Extravaganza

Middle School students assist their guests at the recent Hillside Extravaganza in playing a game of Bingo.





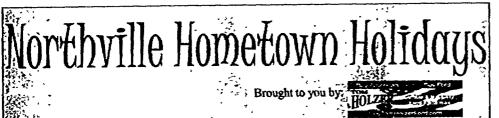


tries his hand at bowling while attending the Hillside Middle School Extravaganza. While visiting the school that day, area seniors were treated to a choral concert. artwork, enjoyed bowling and bingo and were served breakfast.

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Holiday Lighted Parade, November 20, 6:30 pm Presented by Tom Holzer Ford, Northrille Christian and Northrille Record Parade full of lights, sparkle and music welcome Santa to town

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Former owner of Northville's Poole's enjoys Lake Street Tavern

South Lyon spot only short jaunt for patrons from Northville

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STAFF WRITER

Mary Poole knows restaurants.

These days, Northville resident and creator and former owner of Poole's Tavern in Northville runs the Lake Street Tavern in South Lyon.

She said many of her former Northville patrons are frequenting her new place at 127 Lake Street.

'It's only 15 minutes from Northville, and it's a pretty drive," Poole said.

The restaurant is a family affair, with her daughter, Lauren Poole-Romeo, serving as her business partner, and her daughter, Melissa, who lives in Denver, helping her design the interior of the restaurant. Her daughter, Jessica, who also lives in Denver, has also helped bar tend in the past and build the husiness.

Melissa's husband, Chad Lemieux, is a sommelier and wine rep.

We hope to bring him out here to do some wine dinners," Poole said.

MARGARETTE ELIZABETH

MCFARLAND

Age 95 and a resident of the

Milford/Highland area since 1959,

died in the care of her family at

Odyssey Hospice in Southfield on

November 2, 2009. She was preced-

ed in death by her husband Robert Nelson McFarland (d.1993) and her daughter, Ellen Hickman (d.2003)

and her sister, Ellen Alexander

(d.1999). She is survived by her

daughter Donna (the late Joseph)

Kruzich of Ann Arbor, and sons, Ed "Jerry" (Mary) McFarland of Milford, James "Skip" (Mary) McFarland of Illinois and Bob (Sharlene) McFarland, Jr. of Milford. Also sur-

viving are 16 grandchildren, 32 great-

grandchildren, a niece, Janet (Mike)

Magielski, and many dear friends,

including her next door neighbor and

inseparable companion, Eva Light A

Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may

to Highland Senior Center

or Church of the Holy Spirit.

For further information visit

www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



Mary Poole and her daughter Lauren Poole-Romeo (seen with daughter Charley, 1) have brought their tavern managing experience to downtown South Lyon's Lake Street Tavern. The two were part of the team that used to run Northville's Poole's Tavern on Main Street.

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Age 81, a lifelong resident of Northville/Salem, passed away Nov. 9, 2009. Funeral Service was held last Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. She was laid to rest at Knollwood Cemetery Contributions to Salem Bible Church appreciated.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVID ROBERT BOOTH **NOVEMBER 14, 2008**

We can not believe it has been one year since Heaven opened it's golden gate for you. We have missed you, your smile, and your love for us. Memories of you comfort us everyday, and warm our hearts. We Love You, Jill, Morgan, David, Danielle & Family

MARGARET CARON

November 7, 2009, Age 70. Funerat service held November 10 at O'Brien/Sulivan Funeral Home. Donations may be made to American Cancer Society. Condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WILLIAM PATRICK CLEMENTS

Age 59, passed away Nov. 5, 2009. Private family services to be held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook www philipsfuneral com

MARY E. CORNETT

Age 81, November 2, 2009, a 40 year Novi resident. Beloved wife of the late Major P. Mother of Roger, Carla (Doug) Cook and the late Brian Proud grandmother of 4. Also survived by many loving family and friends. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009, at 11am at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd , Novi, MI 48375. The family suggests donations to Odyssey Vistacare Hospice Foundation, 25925 Telegraph Rd, Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48033 Please sign Mary's online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com.

EVA L. HATCHER

November 3, 2009, Age 89. Memorial service was held Saturday, November 7. Donations can be made to the Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club. Online condolences at www.obnensulirvanfuneralhome.com

BARBARA JEAN HOHMAN

Nov. 4, 2009. Visitation was at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Nov. Donations can be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital Tribute #24651644. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.





SANDRA ELIZABETH JENSEN

Was born April 26, 1934 in Long Grove, Iowa. After high school, Sandra took classes at Iowa State University, where she met her hus-band Dean. Sandra loved gardening and spending time with her pets and grandchildren. Sandy was a member of the South Lyon Area Players, a member of the New Hudson Methodist Church, and she assisted her husband with a Meals-On-Wheels route. She is survived by her husband Dean, four children & their spouses: Brian & Ehwa, Brenda & Bob (Mobarak), Barry & Donna, Brad & Peggy and 6 grandchildren. Memorial service will be held at the New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River, on November 14, 11 00am. Memorials suggested to the New Hudson United Methodist Church.

MARGARET RUTH KOCH

Age 93, passed away Nov. 2, 2009. A Funeral Mass was held Nov. 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon. Online guest-

book is at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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ADRIENNE LEIGH

MANARINA

June 15, 1981 - October 31, 2009. Daughter of Bill and the late Judy

Manarina. Loving wife of Tim Schovers and sister of Michelle.

Visitation was last Thursday from 2-

5 pm and 7-9 pm at the Harry J. Will

Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia Funeral Service was held

Friday at 1030 am at First Presbyterian Church of Northville,

www harryjwillfuneralhome.com

MARY KAY MCEVOY

Nov. 2, 2009, Age 61. Visitation was

held at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral

Home, Sat, Nov. 7. Donations can be

made to the American Cancer

Society. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

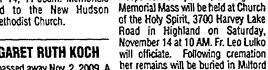
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AGNES R. MUSSAT

November 5, 2009. Funeral Liturgy was held Tuesday, November 10 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth. Online condolences at www obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JOSEPH FRANK PALAZZOLO

Age 69, passed away Nov. 5, 2009. Visitation 1-9 p m., Mon., Nov. 9 at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Mass 11 a.m., Tues., Nov. 10 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Hamburg. Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JANET ELIZABETH REED

Age 46, Died Nov. 8, 2009. was held Nov. 11 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

DONNA JUNE THOMPSON

Age 80, and a long time resident of the Milford and Walled Lake area, died on Nov. 4, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Francis Thompson (d. 1974) and a son, Michael James Thompson (d. 2006). She is survived by Thomas Stamper, her companion of the last thirty years; her daughter, Kathleen (Nick) Lomako; sons, Scott (Angela) Thompson and Craig (Yvonne) Thompson; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Charlie, Melinda, Regan, and Keller, sisters, Mary Jeanne (the late Whit) Jennison, Barbara (Jerry) Lentz; brother, Dick (Dawn) Lowe and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Services were held privately with interment in Commerce Cemetery. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JAMES EUGENE UTLEY

Oct. 27, 2009. A memorial service was held Nov. 8 at the American Harvest Restaurant. Dohations in James memory can be made to Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program. Online condolences at www obriensulfivantuneralhome com

STELLA BARBARA ZALEWSKI

Age 90, passed away Nov. 5, 2009. A Funeral Service was held Nov. 7, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Donations may be made to Henry Ford Hospice. Online guestbook www.phiffipsfuneral.com

OPENED IN JUNE Poole opened Lake Street Tavern June 1 after selling her Northville restaurant. The place was Getzie's Pub owned by Bob Getzie for 22 years before she took over the space. "He was ready to retire, but he was very picky about who he would sell it to." Poole said. "So many people wanted

DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS

She made some major changes, such as ordering new booths, all new furniture and a façade over the bar with alloriginal reclaimed shutters from the mid 1800s. Other details include crown molding, mirrors, shelves, two new wait stations and a small, outdoor dining area.

Poole has a degree in fine art with a concentration in

watercolor. Lake Street Tavern has the work of local artists on its walls, with the pieces available for sale. The artwork is rotated about every three. months. Currently, the restaurant features the work of .. Steve Adams, a photographer and graphic artist from

'My design skills have helped me with the restaurant," she said.

"It's been in my blood for many years," Poole said about being in the restaurant business. She started out as a waitress years ago at the former Hillside Inn (now Ernesto's) in Plymouth. "I needed a job," she said.

She worked for a woman named Betty Stremich.

"She was a mentor for me. I watched how she ran a business, and I was impressed that she was a woman back in the mid 70s running a business.'

Poole also trained under Norm LaPage, owner of Norm's Oyster Bar in Southfield and Eastside Mario's in Livonia plus other well-known restaurants.

BUSINESS PRETTY GOOD

She said business has been pretty good, considering we're still in a down economy. "We're building a business one customer at time," she said. "It's been challenging, fright-

ening and exciting."
The demographics of the South Lyon area is that most of the people live in new neighborhoods on the outskirts of town.

"They're not accustomed to coming downtown, but we

As our country reflected back yesterday

on Veterans Day, we sent home

last week our soldier.

Howard Sayre

hope to change that," Poole said. "Once they discover Lake Street Tavern, they enjoy it. We want to be a neighborhood tavern where locals meet. They can enjoy a great

it's close to home.' The non-smoking restaurant features daily specials and daily promotions, such as the 5-4-3-2-1 promotion.

meal, great atmosphere, and

During "happy hour" from 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, the tavern offers \$5 martinis, \$4 glasses of wine, \$3 well drinks, \$2 draft beers and \$1 off appetizers.

Then there's the "10 under 10" promotion offered during "happy hour" daily and all day on Tuesday, where diners can order 10 of the tavern's most popular items for under \$10

WHAT'S ON THE MENU

The menu includes ribs, burgers, pulled pork, meatloaf and Golden Mushroom Soup, named in honor of Chef Keith Matherly, who came from the famous Golden Mushroom restaurant. Then there's Aunt Bea's Chicken and Rice. named after a favorite family member.

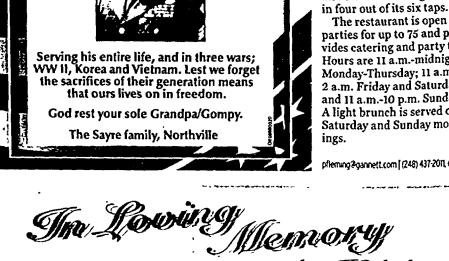
"The turkey burger is out of this world," Poole said, and the restaurant also offers many vegetarian options, such as a portobello mushroom sandwich.

"It's an American menu vith variety and a lot of comfort food like macaroni and cheese," she said. "When we developed the menu, we looked at how people were feeling emotionally."

Sauteed calamari is a favorite appetizer. Desserts include crème brulee and fresh-baked cakes and cookies. The tavern also features Michigan beer

The restaurant is open for parties for up to 75 and provides catering and party trays. Hours are 11 a.m.-midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday. A light brunch is served on Saturday and Sunday morn-

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he soothing aroma of past success can full the senses into a deep sleep, and nostalgic memories can lock behavior into a competency holding pattern that does little to prepare amone for future



Lee Meadows

challenge The hard-fought, well-earned security of a previous economic era created thousands of good employees for whom the large employers could rely on for productivity standards, profit margins and a genuine willingness to invest a lifetime toward a singular measure of indi-

vidual success. The template was created as the waning years of the 19th century transitioned our fuel

dependency from hay to oil and broadened the conveniences of everyday living.

The artful seduction of mass achievements came with a price. The love of a lifestyle overshadowed the TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

inherent pursuit of a lifetime and in doing so, the requisite skills of rowing a boat in tranquil waters were little preparation for this unseen, uncharted and unexpected economic storm. As the floodwaters subside, it is with the hope that everything has remained intact and that a return to the way things were will be the first step in attaining some kind of water stained stability. Waiting for the past to return may have a Charles Dickens element of 'best of times', 'worst of times' appeal, but there is no Mr. Scrooge like character for whom we can frighten into restoring order by sending the ghosts of Employment past, Layoff present and Uncertain future. The three would be ineffective apparitions trying to scare a computer graphic image communicating through a videophone from a remote location in cyberspace.

As a result, the anger, frustration and helpless feelings that immobilize productive people is channeled inward and deadened through a series of pain-delaying, self-medicating attempts at coping with the unfairness of what the storm has destroyed. Rowing backwards, upstream, against the tide in an effort to retrieve the past cannot provide the focused relief needed to jumpstart the future. At this point, all roads lead to the tenacity of your spirit and the heart of your

What would you have you do? Those tealeaves sometimes referred to as 'economic indicators' can only interpret the future at the moment it becomes the past. Cable channel business analysts are about as reliable in their daily predictions as the local bookie who tells you to bet it all on Runs-like-Glue in the third race at Hazel Park. On a racetrack of possibilities, what would you have you do?

The scrambled answer to that question can be seen in the number of individuals stampeding their way to the local community colleges in an urgent desire to achieve certification in growth, or at the very least, stable industries. It can be seen in the number of individuals who attend weekly, sometimes, daily job fairs in an attempt to secure immediate employment and remain abreast as to what industries are emerging as key players. It can be seen in the number of individuals who have applied for and received business loans through the Small Business Administration arm of the federal government. It can be seen in the number of individuals who have cut the rope to the anchor holding them in place and uprooted to take on the challenge in a new location. The most important answer to the question of What would you have you do?' is 'whatever is necessary to keep my life on track.'

There are no easy answers and there's no, particular, road that is easier to take than another. The effort to move forward is what lies at the heart of the matter. The undaunted, adventurous spirit of individual success has not been bred out of our nature. It may have been contained by a dependent relationship with a large, stable employer. As the nature of that relationship has shifted for so many, it may be fitting that you no longer wait for the change you may have to create.

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Northville Square introduces indoor, year-round public market

■ Food, crafts to be featured

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BY PAN FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Just in time for holiday shopping, a new Northville Square Public Market opens today.

The idea is the brainstorm of Bob and Margene Buckhave, owners of the building at 133 W. Main Street.

They were looking for something to fill some of their vacant space on the main level and came up with the concept of an indoor market, which will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

The market will be open year-round," Margene Buckhave said.

It will be an indoor collection of specialty food vendors, farmers and artisans.

The anchor will be an organic co-op and gluten-free store. Other food vendors will include a man who sells bread made from old German recipes, artisan chocolate truffles, and

homemade dog biscuits.
There will be a vendor who

sells clothes for the American Girl dolls, one who is from the Village Potters' Guild, a jewelry vendor, candle vendor and

"It will be a variety of food and art," she said.

HOLIDAY GREENS

A local farmer will be coming in to sell holiday wreaths, roping and more. Most of the vendors are not ones who people have visited at the Farmer's Market that ended at the end of October at the northwest corner of Center Street and Seven Mile Road across the street from Northville Downs.

The Buckhaves traveled to Milwaukee, Wis., several weeks ago to take a look at that city's market for some ideas.

This is just something that I always thought would be a perfect thing for this building and for downtown Northville," Margene Buckhave said. "It brings different people into the city, and it's the farmer's market concept only indoors. In nice weather, we can put people outside, too."

She said the new market is not being designed to compete with the Chamber of Commerce's Farmer's Market that has been tremendously successful for years.

"I think it's a great expansion to it, and it also gives other people who can't get into the Farmer's Market, due to limited space, to have a place to sell their wares," Buckhave said. "I even got a call from a woman who's part of the Grosse Pointe Farmer's Market, and she was interested. I'm getting calls from all over."

Buckhave said she and her husband will also take individual vendors who just want to come in for a day and place them in the common area in the mall.

For more information, call (248) 347-3900 or e-mail the Buckhaves at hiptobe@northvillesquare.com. Vendors will



be charged a nominal fee to be part of the market.

"We are preparing the former restaurant space to accept more vendors," Buckhave said.

"I'm talking to a seafood vendor, and we're looking for a flower vendor and a specialty ice cream vendor. I'm looking for all kinds of unique and different food-type items as well as interesting arts and crafts."

Northville Square

managers Margene

and Bob Buckhave

Northville Square

today. The market,

featuring a number

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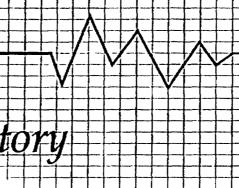
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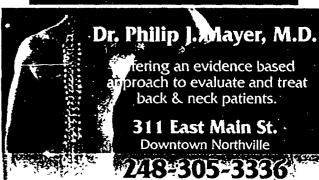
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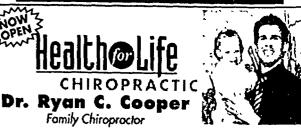
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Tim Stevens, president of the union. "The union accepted all five concessions requested by the township board, which, in turn, is allowing the director of public safety to use the fund balance in the public safety account to support the continued employment of five officers and two dispatchers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and our union members for their important actions.

Stevens said, The public safety fund was intended to be used in cases of emergencies, and the township has experienced a 5.5-percent increase in the crime rate in the past year, which we feel validates the use of these funds to keep the police department at its current staffing level.

He said the retention of these public safety officers will allow the police department to continue initiatives, such as D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), the school resource liaison and other important community programs.

The union has a strong commitment to the citizens of Northville Township and will continue to endeavor to provide the superior service the community of Northville Township expects and deserves," Stevens said.

Michael Wildt, president of the Northville Township Command Officers Association, said the agreement consisted of concessions by the union members in order to avoid pending layoffs in the Patrol Officers Association.

"Although the Command Officers would not be as directly affected by the layoffs, we believed that it was equally important for us to make sacrifices on the behalf of others to ensure that no officers or dispatchers would lose their jobs," Wildt said.

Township board members were barraged with protests about the proposed layoffs at their October meeting.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, was hopeful after that meeting, however, that the two sides could return to the negotiating table so that these layoffs could be avoided.

This is the result of the cooperation of our public safety department," Abbo said. "Everybody is working toward a common objective of getting through touch economic times as well as we can."

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Swearing in Above, Judge Ronald

Lowe, 35th District Court, swears in Northville City Council members Michele Fecht and Jim Allen Monday evening as Mayor Chris Johnson looks on. Fecht and Allen are serving their second terms. At left, Chief District Court Judge Ronald Lowe of the 35th District Court in Plymouth swears in Mayor Chris Johnson Monday night at city hall. This is Johnson's 12th term as mayor.

Reuben sandwich at the Empire Deli, which is more than enough for a meal, and a cup of decaf coffee.

"I'll be 92 in January, if I make it that far," he said. On Sept. 3, Harwell was diagnosed with inoperable cancer of the bile duct. He

said doctors have given him only six months to live, but who knows when his time will come?

"I feel good, though," he said. "I really ďo."

Harwell said prior to his

diagnosis he became jaundiced and lost his appetite, which caused him to lose about 15 pounds. But he's gained a lot of that weight back. He said his stomach was upset a lot, too. and he ate a lot of Tums before he knew what was wrong. He's had a stent placed in the bile duct so bile can now flow from

the gall bladder. A nurse comes to see him frequently at Fox Run, the upscale senior living complex where he lives in Novi.

Known to be a religious person, Harwell said, "Whenever the Lord wants to come and get me, that's fine. I'm ready."

He was rooting for the Yankees to win the 2009 World Series the night before his visit with Cameron.

'I know a lot more guys from the Yankees than the Phillies," Harwell said.

He said he's pleased his longtime buddy re-opened the deli in downtown Northville. "It looks like it's doing well, and I told him it (the deli)

would be a success because he's a good entrepreneur," Harwell said. "It's going great, and everybody loves the food."

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As part of the purchase agreement, REIS will keep 68 acres of the property, plus an additional 14 acres, which has been earmarked for setbacks and rights of way along Seven Mile Road.

Mature trees will remain, and the cleanup of the contamination on the site would still be funded by the development of the REIS portion of the property through a brownfield redevelopment program. Once the purchase of the property is completed, the township will own 332 of the 414 acres.

"We are all thrilled that the interest rate on

the bonds has come in lower than projected," said Margie Banner, trustee. This is a huge bonus for taxpayers."

Abbo said township officials wanted the residents to purchase the property so the community could control the use of the land and keep it as green space rather than have it developed.

"It is the vision of the board to create a lowimpact, natural environment that takes advantage of existing pathways, the natural rolling terrain and provides residents with the opportunity to enjoy the historic trees and natural wildlife without using any additional tax dollars," Banner said.

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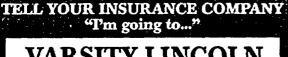
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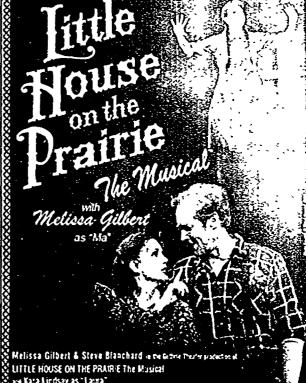
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By John Whitehead, Media Services

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For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Bob Vila, America's Favorite TV Home Improvement

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the Eden-PURE®?

A. This advanced heating technology was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. Jones found that a stack of a certain type of copper stored by his coal furnace kept his whole house warm long after the coal fire went out.

Through a great deal of research and development he came up with safe quartz infrared lamps to heat treated copper. This and other technology produced the Eden-PURE® infrared portable heater.

This infrared heating process was designed around the three most important consumer beneNever be cold again



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Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 **Ouartz Infrared Portable** Heater does not use burning heat. Once the cured copper heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is. Customers call it "heavenly heat".

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to illness. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radia-

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

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I recently had an addition that was over 800 square feet added to my home. When it was completed we had to consider a heat source. We investigated everything from upgrading our current furnace, and duct work, to a vent less fireplace. Then I heard about the EdenPURE®. I must admit I was a bit skeptical, however I decided to place one in the room and give it a test. I can't tell you how pleasantly surprised I was. The EdenPURE® heater is our exclusive heat source and is comfortably heating our room at a cost of under \$15.00 per month. It is certainly refreshing to find a product that surpasses it's performance claims. D. Capps, Vancouver, WA

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Mothers' Club raising funds for school kids

Area residents can shine a little light on students' lives by donating to a local cause.

Members of the Mothers' Club of Northville announce their 15th annual holiday fund-raising event, "All Aglow: Illumination for Education."

"All Aglow" is a campaign to raise funds to enhance the lives of Northville school children.

From now through Dec. 31, help illuminate Northville by purchasing tree lights as a symbol to honor or memorialize family members, friends, teachers or someone who has touched your

For supporters who purchase their tree lights by Nov. 25, the names of those being honored or remembered will be listed on the Mothers' Club board at the Old Church Square, as well published in the Record.

Also, an Illumination Ceremony will take place at 6:15 p.m. on Dec. 4 in the Old Church Square at Center and Dunlap streets. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served at the event.

Donation levels are: Diamond \$100, Ruby \$50, Emerald \$25, Sapphire \$10 and Pearl \$5. Checks should be made payable to Mothers' Club of Northville and sent to Deena Wierzbicki, . 45518 White Pines Drive, Novi, MI 48374. Include honoree/ memorial information, donor's name, address and telephone number. For more information, contact Wierzbicki at mdwierzbicki@hotmail.com.

The Mothers' Club of Northville is a nonprofit organization that has worked to support Northville school children since 1935. Through its fund raising last year, it was able to donate more than \$30,000 to Northville schools for academic enrichment and community outreach.



PHOTO COURTESY TIPPING POINT THEATRE

Michael Brian Ogden of Berkley as Gustav the Green-Nosed Reingoat in the Tipping Point Theatre's holiday comedy "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)" Performances run through Dec. 20.

Tipping Point Theatre: 'Tis the season for lots and lots of silliness

Fast-paced comedy pokes fun at holiday

BY PAN FLEXING STAFF WRITER

It's definitely not "The Nutcracker," but if fun, frolic and frenzy are what you thrive on, check out Northville's Tipping Point Theatre's holiday comedy now playing.

Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)" offers a humorous, fast-paced take on the tradition we call Christmas.

Although there is a serious moment during the performance where the true meaning of Christmas is recited, most of the performance is pure silliness.

The second show of the theatre's 2009-10 Season of Laughter, the performance opened with preview performances on Nov. 5 and 6 and runs through Dec. 20. Written by Michael Carlton, James FitzGerald and John K. Alvarez and directed by Matt Foss, the comedy provides a look at the holiday traditions we all remember - and a few we'd like to forget.

From Tiny Tim to the Grinch, from Rudolph to "It's a Wonderful Life" and more, the performance covers a lot in 90 minutes.

Although the devoutly religious may be a bit put off by the cast of three poking so much fun at such a sacred occasion, most members of the audience

TICKET, SHOWTIME INFORMATION

Tickets range in price from \$18 to \$27 and are available by calling the box office at 361 E. Cady Street at (248) 349-0003. Box office hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 90 minutes before all performances. The comedy is scheduled at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, except for Thanksgiving Day, at 3 p.m. on _ Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

can't help but laugh at the antics of Dave Davies from Warren, Michael Brian Ogden from Berkley and Jeff Thomakos from Hazel Park.

The three make references to Gustav the Green-Nosed Reingoat; Sarah Palin; the Fruit, Nut and Date Game; being Santa Claustrophobic; "Duck' Gaidica and Kid Rock Bottom to name a few of the funnies. Foss makes his Tipping Point directorial debut with the irreverent "Every Christmas...

If you're looking for a comedy to get you in the mood for the holidays, "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!) fits the bill. This is also the first performance at the Tipping Point that features theater-in-the-round seating.

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS









New staff additions at St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, announced the following new medical staff members

Aylmer Evangelista, MD, Internal Medicine, received his degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines. He completed his residency at Oakwood Hospital & Medical

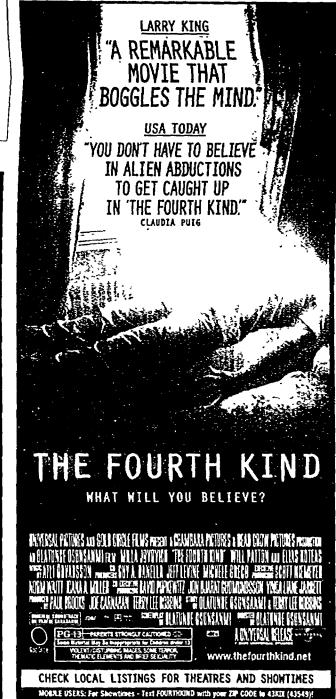
Brian Najarian, MD, Orthopedics, received his degree from Wayne State University, Detroit. He completed his residencies at Wayne State University and Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Ohio, He also completed a Hand Surgery Fellowship at Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass.

Christopher Papp, MD, Ophthalmology, received his degree from the University of Toledo, Ohio. He completed his residency at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York.

Bnan Razoky, MD, (of West Bloomfield), Internal Medicine, received her degree from the University of Mosul Medical School, Mosul, Iraq. She completed residencies at the University Medical Center, Ohio, and the Detroit Medical Center.

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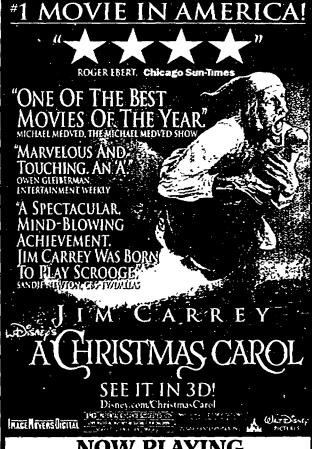
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OUR VIEWS

Amid budget fight, focusing on films wrong

As she officially approved a state budget that she publicly disapproves of, Gov. Jennifer Granholm put an exclamation point on what must be the worst budget season in the state's history.

In Michigan, that's saying a lot. That's like saying that the Detroit Lions had their worst season in team history. There's a lot of competition for that honor.

The budget that was signed last week was a month late. It will take the place of a temporary, extended budget that was rushed into action when the Legislature was unable to meet its Sept. 30 deadline. That's the first time this bunch of clowns has failed to meet a budget deadline since, well, the last time, which was only two years ago.

That's when some said they were so embarrassed by the buffoonery that temporarily shut down the state government that they promised it would never happen again. It must have been a Michigan Promise.

The Michigan Promise, by the way, was one of the causalities of the budget. After swear-

Remind us, again, why any of the state representatives, state senators and the governor draws a salary? What exactly do they do to earn their pay?

ing their allegiance to the importance of higher education and "promising" students \$4,000 in college scholarships, the governor and lawmakers broke their promise. Students did their part and got good test scores in high school. That

didn't stop the leaders in Lansing from reneging on their end of

Politically, tossing out the Michigan Promise was probably wise. Most of these young men and women aren't going to be able to vote in Michigan anyway because they will have to leave the state to find employment.

The assault on education didn't end there. The state slashed nearly \$300 per student off public school budgets. The cut comes four months after the schools are legally required to submit a balanced budget.

The schools across the state complied with the law and submitted their budgets on time. The lawmakers, who write the laws, could not be bothered to do likewise.

Remind us, again, why any of the state representatives, state senators and the governor draws a salary? What exactly do they do to earn their pay?

Do they pass budgets in time? Nope. Do they make higher education a priority? Nope. Do they put a priority on public safety? Not so much. Do they find favor with the film industry? Why, yes they do.

State legislators who couldn't find the money to support state troopers still found \$150 million in taxpayer-funded gifts for

According to an article in The Detroit Free Press, the film debate only centered on whether state-funded subsidy should be reduced from 42 percent of production costs to either 39 percent or 37 percent. If these lawmakers were on the Titanic, they would have been arguing about whether deck chairs should have been moved 3 feet to the left or 4 feet to the right.

If Michigan had a state ship, the Titanic would be an apt symbol. The unemployment rate is generously listed at better than 15 percent, but is likely much higher. The state can't balance its budget even with a gusher

of federal stimulus money. And our governor and lawmakers? Why, they think the prospect of a chance meeting with Clint Eastwood or Hilary Swank is a higher priority than public education or pub-

What's that on the horizon? It's an iceberg, dead ahead.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

How often do you dine out?



We go out at least twice a week. Diane Ambroziak

Northville



We probably dine out once a month. Most people are more than that.

Kathleen Treanor



Lots - two to three times a week. I'm by myself, and I've got to eat some place!

Nick Albace Northville



Once or twice a week.

Tim Reitman Northville

Here's 50 ways to clean our planet

emember the 1975 smash hit 50 Ways to Leave Your Lover by Paul Simon from his album Still Crazy After All These Years? Written after Simon's divorce from first wife Peggy Harper, the song is a mistress' humorous advice to a husband on ways to end a relationship: "Just slip out the back, Jack/Make a new plan, Stan." Well, if there were 50 Ways to Leave Your Lover in 1975, there must be 50 ideas to help save the



planet in 2009. As it stands now, there is just one planet that we know can support human life and we are living on it. Perhaps one day we will find another place where the billions of people that occupy planet Earth today can hang out but, until that day comes, we better get

dead serious about better protecting our environment. It seems the world as a whole is giving more and more lip service to "saving our planet" from environmental degradation.

It seems it was not that long ago that only the "hippies" and "treehuggers" were concerned about our environment. Now become "green." No, not all of us can rush out to install solar panels and windmills on the roofs of our homes. But there are many small changes we can make in our daily lives that, if everyone comes together to make, would make a big difference. Clearly,

the small actions of thousands - actually millions - of individuals can add up to make a significant impact in the effort to save the environment.

So, here goes the list of 50 small things we can all do that add up to big savings in costs to our wallets and the planet:

1) Get a push lawnmower, it is good for both you and the Earth; 2) Compost your lawn clippings and make your natural fertilizer; 3) Buy a bike and ride it — it is a nice way to reconnect with your neighborhood; 4) Turn off the air conditioner, open the window and turn on a fan; 5) Forget the clothes dryer and hang your clothes out to dry - remember the smell of air-dried clothes?; 6) Recharge and recycle your batteries; 7) Eat locally grown fruits and vegetables; 8) Insist on using recycled paper; 9) Get a low-flow toilet or, better yet, place a brick in the tank to reduce water consumption; 10) Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent.

11) Take your own mug to the coffee shop; 12) Get a low-flow shower head; 13) Use a water filter instead of bottled water; 14) Use Tupperware-style reusable food containers; 15) Install a programmable thermostat; 16) Place draft excluders at the base ors: 17) Use potted plants in instead of cut flowers; 18) Use phosphatefree detergent; 19) Lower the temperature of your water heater; 20) Trade in old appliances for energy-efficient ones.

21) Actually recycle - don't place in trash; 22) Return the deposit bottles

- don't throw away; 23) Precycle - choose products with less packaging; 24) Don't take a bag if you don't need one; 25) Add insulation to your home; 26) Plant a tree; Dispose of hazardous wastes properly; 28) Don't run the water while brushing your teeth; 29) Drive less, walk more; 30) Car pool even when gas costs \$2.50 a gal-

31) Seal windows and doors; 32) Insulate the garage, attic and basement; 33) Use compact fluorescent light bulbs; 34) Buy clothing made of recycled garments; 35) Buy "vintage" or secondhand clothes; 36) Live closer to work; 37) Work at home; 38) Use public transit; 39) If you need to own a

car, buy a hybrid; 40) Pay bills online.
41) Have your employer pay you by direct deposit to your bank; 42) Turn down the heat and wear a sweater; 43) Have an energy audit of your home and work - and follow the advice; 44) Refuse to use plastic bags; 45) Plant a bamboo fence; 46) Turn off your computer when not in use; 47) Rake, don't blow, your leaves this fall; 48) Share this article with a friend; 49) Follow the First Lady, plant a garden; 50) Keep car tires properly inflated to save gas

Remember, if everyone one sweeps their vn doorstep, the whole world woul

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IN YOUR VOICE

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.

Lottery winner's proposed gift to Northville Township to retain police officers falls through

I have an idea for Mr. Sneath - put some of that money into the police officers union and the campaigns of leaders that will support police in the city! True, you can't (shouldn't) dictate outcomes of millages, but you sure can influence leadership. Ahhh, the beauty of politics.

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I hope something happens where we can keep these officers and dispatchers. Times are desperate right now, and the last thing we need is a weakened police department. If nothing is done, we might as well paint a bullseye on Northville and welcome the criminals in. Crime rates are going up because of the economy. If we maintain the police as they are now we can slow, or maybe halt, its increase and effect on the community. If we scale back our safety and protection now, we could be affected negatively in many ways. Shame on this board for not seeing the big picture and understanding that they needed to ask the people to support public safety for a fraction of what they bought the ridiculous land for. And regardless of what Mr. Abbo says, the two are very much related and to believe otherwise is ignorant and ludicrous. The board needs to make this right or we need to recall them all. **JoshyRoshy**

What a dangerous precedent this would

have set had the township approved this. Nice offer, but to have a resident who is upset with the township want to offer cash for community services would only open a pandora's box for a plethora of others wanting to do the same (and, oh, by the way, here are my conditions for my donation). This is not democracy in any sense of the word, and those who cannot afford to buy out government and politicians only know better. Look at our current state of federal and state governments as the lobbyists and the wealthy continue to pad the politicians' pockets for their votes. This is why we don't see taxes on certain commodities being established to help sustain our Michigan, and this is why such pork is added into budget after budget in our federal government, where we'll never see the light without true reform. I'm sure the township would never like to see the officers removed from the payroll, but economic logic suggests otherwise.

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GUEST COLUMNIST PHIL POWER: Presenting a Roadmap to Prosperity our leaders can implement

Oh, where or where has this thinking been in the past? I only remember a Phil Power whose columns either supported Jenny or called for more dollars for our fiscally out of control higher education system. The only way to reduce higher education costs is to deny them more money. Only then will they be forced to reduce costs (like the rest of Michigan). Former Representative Phil LaJoy spent the better part of his term insisting that the state's agencies be streamlined. Gov. Jenny would have no part of this effort or any other to reduce costs. She continues to be owned by union special interests. Asking or expecting Jenny to be a leader at this point is like expecting the Lions to run the table - it's not going to happen. For seven years she has been nothing but a place holder! What a great job - good pay, free housing and a car, an expense account. In return she cut a few ribbons and made an annual flowery speech. Good work if you can get it.

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An excellent start, but a bit light on legislative reform. Michigan is one of the four states in the U.S. with the highest cost Legislature (according to the National Conference of State Legislatures www.ncsl.org). The others are California, New York and Pennsylvania. As you can see, full-time legislatures are not key in avoiding fiscal disaster in this crisis. There is more that can be changed in the Constitution than term limits and districting rules.

Over 40 percent of Legislatures in the states are considered "part time". Many states do not "mirror" the two-house structure of the U.S. Constitution as Michigan does. That compromise was put together to placate population disadvantages in the colonies in the 18th century.

Do Michigan voters really need two representatives in Lansing in the 21st century? If this crisis doesn't bring fundamental legislative change, then when?

NoviWolverine

Police give "all clear" after bomb threat at Northville High School

Yet another reason we shouldn't lay off police and keep the school liaison in place!

JoshyRoshy

NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

False police report

Police learned at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 6 that a 22-year-old woman who had reported that a home invasion occurred in her apartment on Griswold Street between 7:45 and 9:08 a.m. on Nov. 4 had, in fact, provided a false report to police.

The woman reported that someone had broken into her apartment and assaulted her. Officers arrived on the scene and found the woman with a T-shirt over her head and her hands tied behind her back and a 14-inch kitchen knife on the floor just inside the bedroom door. Throughout investigating the report, officers were suspicious of some of the things that were found and began to think that the woman had called in a false police report and had staged the crime.

Northville police have completed a felony warrant for false police report and have submitted it to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Driving while intoxicated

2A 45-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:35 a.m. Nov. 4 at E. Main and Hutton streets.

The man was pulled over when police clocked him on radar driving 38 mph in a 25 mph zone on Main Street.

Police also noticed the vehicle swerved to the right, nearly striking the curb at the end of the traffic island near Doheny Drive. The vehicle nearly struck the curb again as it continued north on Main Street.

The man also stopped at the flashing yellow signal at Main and Griswold streets.

The officer could smell alcohol coming from inside the vehicle and noticed that the man was slurring his words and that his eyes were glassy and bloodshot. He admitted to having a couple of beers at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia earlier, with his last drink being consumed about 30 minutes before the traffic stop.

The man's blood alcohol level was about twice the legal limit following a preliminary breath

Larceny from auto .

3A 64-year-old resident of Rippling Lane reported that someone took the license plate off of his vehicle between 4 p.m. Nov. 3 and 8 a.m. Nov. 4.

The vehicle was parked in his driveway. Nothing else was stolen from or damaged on the vehicle. The man placed a value of \$25 on the

Letters taken from sign

4An officer on patrol found several letters missing from the sign to the Mystic Cove at Stonewater subdivision at Four Seasons

Boulevard and E. Clairmont Circle at 9:40 p.m. on Nov. 5. The letters M, T and C were missing from the Mystic Cove sign. The officer will notify the township's community liaison officer about the missing letters so that he can notify the homeowners' association's officers about the sign.

Breaking and entering

5 A 57-year-old Livonia man called police about a breaking and entering that occurred between 6 p.m. Nov. 5 and 9 a.m. Nov. 6 at a pole barn on Ridge Road.

The barn was used to store tree trimming equipment as well as other types of equipment. Suspects gained entry to the building through a door on the south side of the building, which was damaged in the burglary.

Stolen items included chop saws and bowand-arrow equipment. Chain saws, ropes, and a tree climbing saddle were also removed from a vehicle parked inside the barn.

The target bows and cases were valued at \$600. Hunting bows and cases were valued at \$400. A case and bow with gold hardware was valued at \$600. Two chop saws were valued at \$400 each. Two chain saws were valued at \$1,300. Some nylon rope was valued at \$345. The nylon tree saddle was valued at \$600. The damaged metal door was valued at \$500.

Shoplifting at Meijer

6 A 28-year-old Novi woman was arrested for theft at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

Loss prevention officers watched as the woman selected boxes of baby formula from the store and place them in her shopping cart. She also had a second shopping cart that was occupied by an infant. After selecting a few more boxes of formula, the woman and her husband pushed the cart to the deli area where they fed a bottle of the formula to the child.

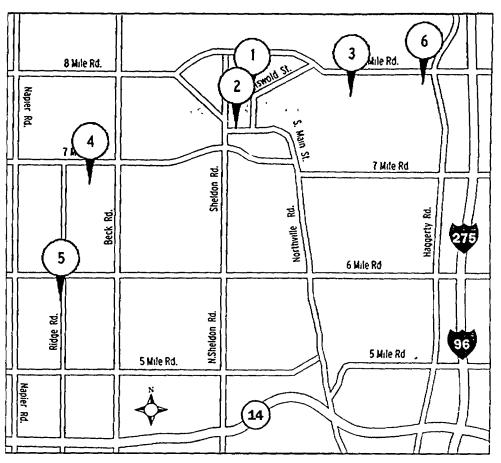
They then pushed the carts to the rear of the store, where they opened the boxes of formula and concealed them into a large

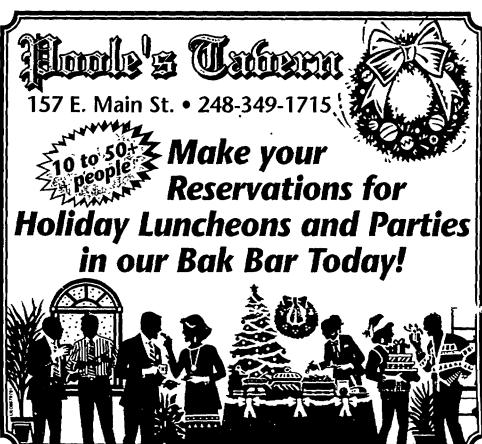
While in the shoe department, the woman also concealed two pairs of women's shoes in the purse.

The formula was valued at \$30.99. Some formula packets were valued at \$42.68. The shoes were valued at \$39.98.

Police learned that the husband has been out of work for two years, and the family has no medical insurance. Officers advised the couple that most hospitals will provide formula to families in need and also gave them phone numbers of local food banks.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming







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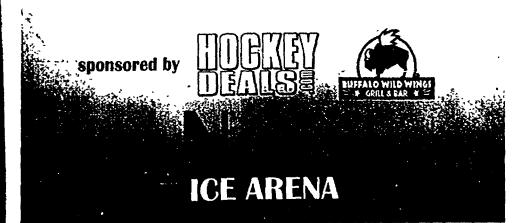
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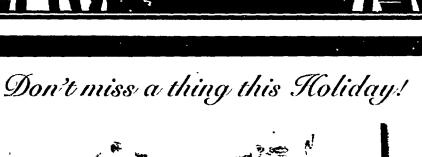
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Sunday Schedule: 9.15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10.15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Episcopal Church of the Holy Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11.15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m.

Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p m. Tae Kwon Do

Women of the Word Time/Date: 9.25-11.15 a m. Details: The W O.W. Tuesday Ladies

Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. **Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP** Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship 10 a m.

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month MEN OF GRACE CONCERT Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.;

fourth Sunday of every month.

Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org **SUNDAY WORSHIP** Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. WALKING IN THE PARK Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Location: Meet at the Visitor's

Center of Heritage Park (Farmington and members of their families. Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7.45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p m. program,

every Thursday. Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist of Northville

A Stephen Ministry church Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a m. Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck Coffee hour at 10.15 a m. **HEALING SERVICE** Time/Date: 4 p m. first Monday of

every month

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RADICAL JOY Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month. Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 **SUNDAY SCHEDULE** Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and

Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Veterans Information Seminar Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19 Details: So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why local members of the nonprofit D-A-V will present a veterans information seminar. Like all D-A-V services, this seminar is free to all veterans

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter. Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@ mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **YOGAFIT CLASSES** Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Monday Details: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session. **MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON** Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays **EVENING VESPERS** Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 HARVEST DINNER Time/Date: 4 p.m. Nov. 22 **CHURCH AUCTION** Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 14. \$5 at

Horthville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030

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/ Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10.15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level

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Single Seniors: Looking for Love and Companionship Online

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about online dating? My 34-year-old daughter met her husband-to-be on the Internet and has been encouraging me to give it a try. But at age 60, and eight years divorced, I'm a little gun-shy. What can you tell me? Single and 60

Dear Single,

Online dating isn't just for twenty and thirty-something's! As a matter of fact, boomers and seniors have become the fastest-growing group of Internet daters, and the numbers keep on growing. Here's what you should know.

ONLINE DATING

If you're interested in dating again or are just looking for a friend to spend time with, dating Web sites provide an easy way to meet hundreds of single people without ever having

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to leave home.

If you're not sure weather to take the plunge or not, try visiting a few dating sites and look around. Most services allow you to check out their members at no cost or obligation. Then, if you like what you see, you can sign up (fees range between \$20 and \$60 per month) and start e-mailing members you're interested in or they can e-mail you. Most sites also offer instant messaging and chat rooms. Here are some other tips to help you

 Research your options: There are dozens of Internet matchmaking sites out there to choose from including the big general interest ones like Match.com and eHarmony; over-50 dating sites such as PrimeSingles. net, SeniorFriendFinder.com and SeniorMatch.com; and niche sites that match people based on their interests, religion and ethnicity like

ChristianCafe.com, BlackSingles.com like ProfileHelper.com or E-cyrano. and JewishFriendFinder.com. Before com can also help you for a fee. choosing, research the differences, looking at things like the percentage of men vs. women and how many of them live in your area. Don't be afraid to try out different sites or more than one at a time. Online-Dating-Zone (www.online-dating-zone.com) is a good resource to help you compare. (Note: If you don't want to spend any money try PlentyofFish.com, a free dating Web site that's become very popular.)

Create an honest profile: When you join a dating site you'll need to create a personality profile that reflects who you are which can include photos, hobbies, interests, family history, dreams, goals, favorite activities and more. If you need some help, AARP offers an interactive Personal Ad Maker that can help you create a good profile for free. Go to www.aarpmagazine.org/lifestyle and click on "Create your own personal ad" at the bottom of the page. Sites

com can also help you for a fee.

· Be safe: When you register with a dating service you remain anonymous. No one gets access to your full name, address, phone number or email address until you decide to give it out at your own discretion. So be very prudent with giving out your personal information. And before meeting in person, chat on the phone at least several times, and always meet in a public place.

 Be skeptical: In an effort to get more responses, many people will exaggerate or flat out lie in their profiles, or post pictures of themselves that are extremely flattering and not very true-to-life. So don't believe everything you see or read. If they look or sound too good to be true, they probably are.

· Make the effort: A lot of times, people - women especially - sit back and let others come to them. Don't be afraid to make the first move. When you find someone you like, send a

short note that says, "I really enjoyed your profile. I think we have some things in common." Keep it simple.

 Don't take rejection personally: If you don't get a response from someone, don't let it get in your head. Just move on. There are many others that will be interested in you and it only takes one person to make Internet dating worthwhile.

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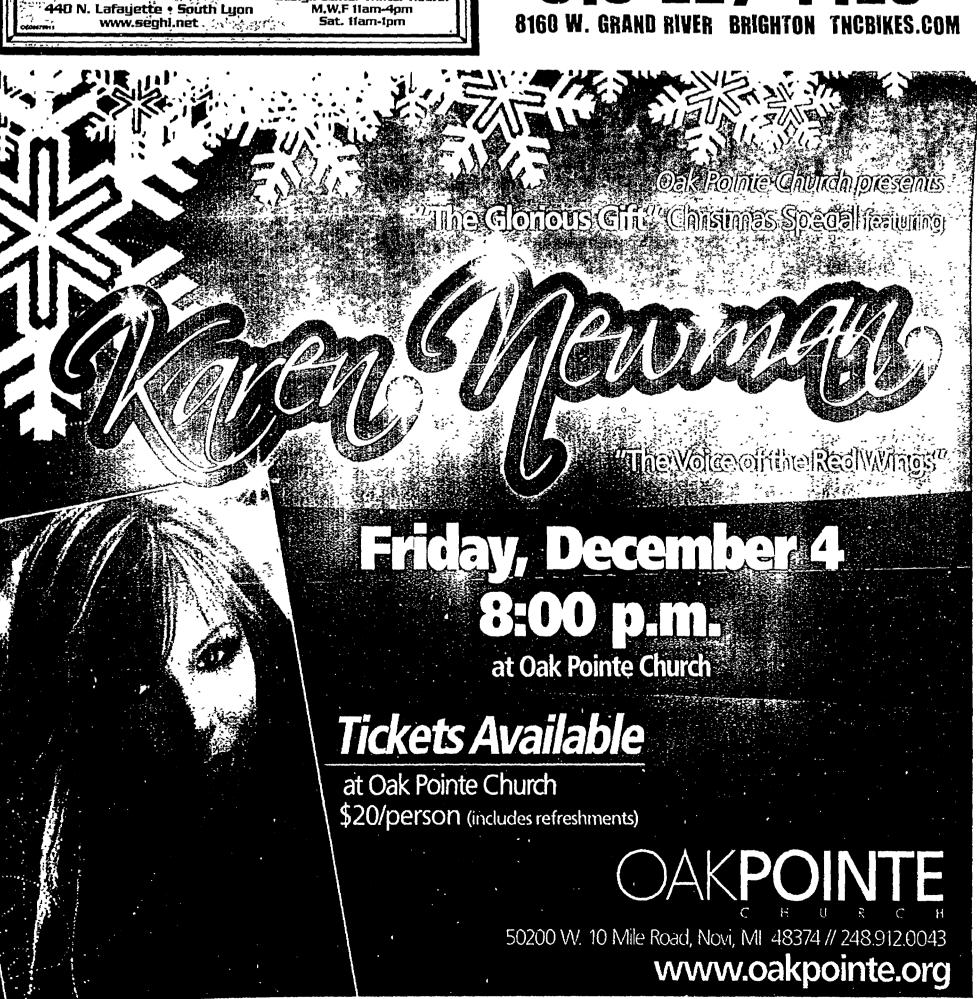
If dating sites don't appeal to you, consider joining a social-networking site. Today, there are a variety of sites (Eons.com, Boomj.com and Rezoom. com) created specifically for boomers and beyond that are great places to meet people without the stigma or looming pressure of finding a mate.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.





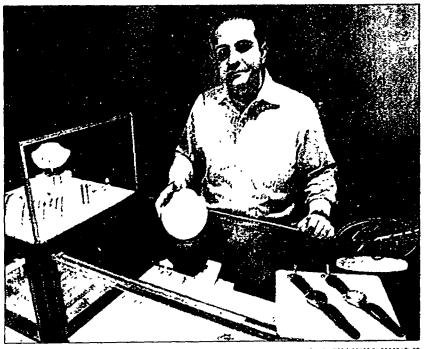
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KB Jewelers owner brings wealth of knowledge to Northville

Koko Bedrossian has opened KB Jewelers shop in downtown Northville on Center Street.



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■ His goal is to establish lifelong relationships

BY PAN FLEXING STAFF WRITER

Koko Bedrossian of Novi wants to do more than just sell jewelry. His goal is to establish lifelong relationships with his customers.

The owner of the new KB Jewelers, located at 141 N. Center Street, in downtown Northville, is a third-generation craftsman.

As such, he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge about the industry to the community.

He had a soft opening of his new store during the Victorian Festival in September and is still working on the finishing touches, such as lighting and mats.

"At least my doors are open," he said. "I had seen this space, and I really liked the windows and the fact that it wasn't too large."

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He grew up in Livonia and lived in Farmington Hills before he, his wife and two children decided to build a house in Novi. His grandfather and father were jewelers, as well as some uncles. "I started in the business at age 17 after school, and I like working with my hands, Bedrossian said. The spent a lot of time on the (jeweler's) bench."

About 10 years ago, he moved into the retail end of the business.

"When customers come it, it's not like they're talking to a salesman," he said. "I want to know what they have in mind if they want something custom made since most of the work is done by me. The final product is going to go through my hands."

'I'M NOT A CHAIN' Bedrossian said a lot of people

confuse him with Kaye Jewelers, which is a chain operation. "I'm not a chain," he said. "I'm trying to establish my own identity. People

know me as Koko." He considers his store a small, warm, inviting boutique that's not

intimidating. "I carry a variety of unique, hand-selected pieces," he said, and he travels to jewelry shows across the nation and overseas.

You're not going to see my jewelry at other stores or the mall," he said. "What I want to offer is that , one-on-one personalized attention, not mass-produced pieces."

Wedding rings are one of his focus, plus the latest trends in fashion watches. He carries the Rebecca line of all hand-crafted jewelry from Italy and same-width watches for men which are hot right now.

"I do a lot of research before I bring something into my store to see what people are interested in,"

His styles range from traditional to edectic, so he has something for all types of customers. "Most people coming in are referred to me," he said. "The best advertisement is word of mouth. I try to provide quality at the right price.

"I'm happy if a customer walks out of here knowing the piece they take is what they want. I have quality control."

Hours at KB Jewelers are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, with the store closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, call (248)

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Haliday Book Drive recipients throughout the country include schools, libraries, literacy organizations, family social service agencies and homeless centers. This year, the Northville Barnes & Noble, located at 17111 Haggerty Road in Northville Twp, will be collecting books for Starfish Family Services Head Start. More information can

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Barnes & Noble Northville will also host a Holiday Book Drive kick-off storytime event on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. The event will include a special storytime featuring children's book character Cookie Mouse from the famed children's picture book If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early as seating may be limited.

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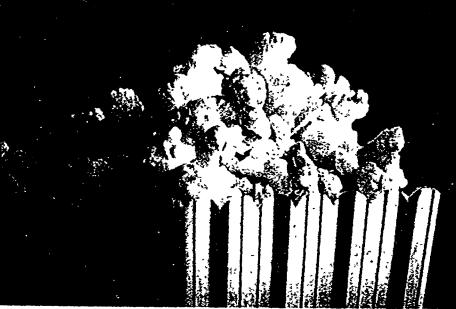
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The Movies at the Marquis Series returns for a limited time only and will showcase eleven of your favorite all-time classic films. The series kicks-off November 21, 2009 with a pre-series showing of "White Christmas" followed by eleven more classic films from January 16 - March 27, 2010. All shows begin at 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm).

The 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series schedule includes:

Date Movie

White Christmas (1954)* (COMPLIMENTARY)

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North by Northwest (1959)

Jan 23 My Fair Lady (1964)

Jan 30 The Thomas Crown Affair (1968)

Feb 6 The Philadelphia Story (1940)

Feb 13 Roman Holiday (1953)

Sponsored by Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant, 160 E. Main Feb 20 Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)

Feb 27 That Touch of Mink (1962) Date Movie

March 6 Charade (1963)

March 13 Paris When It Sizzles (1964) Sponsored by Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct

March 20 Vertigo (1958)

March 27 Easter Parade (1948)

* White Christmas is the only complimentary movie in the series. Ticket vouchers are now available at Stampeddler and are required for admission. Admission for the remaining movies (January-March 2010) is \$3/ticket. Tickets will be available two weeks prior to each show exclusively at the ticket sponsor location. Ticket sponsor updates will be available on the DDA website as sponsorships are secured.

The Movies at the Marquis series is open to guests five years and older.

For more information and updates on Movies at the Marquis, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345.

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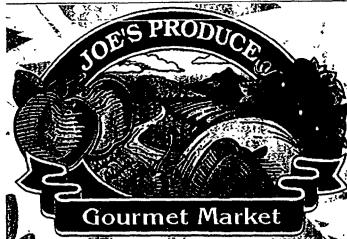
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Northville prep closes out fall

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Mustang Faith Miller swims at the MHSAA prelims.

Mustangs take third in league

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving team found themselves up against some very stiff competition last week when they swam the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship meet.

The squad, coached by Brian McNeff, swam to a third place finish behind champion Novi and second-place Livonia Stevenson.

"We swam really well," said McNeff. "We had a lot of people drop time and got some of the state cuts that we needed. We would still like to get a few more, and we will try again at our last chance meet on Thursday."

The Mustangs currently have eight swimmers qualified in three events and two relay teams qualified for the state finals. Faith Miller made the cut in the 200 freestyle and the 100 but-terfly, while Maddy Kipke is qualified in the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. Shannon Lohman made the cut in the 100 butterfly and the 100 back. Rachel Brown and Leah Erlandson have both qualified in the 100 back while Kelly Burford and Catherine Cui will swim in the 100 breaststroke. Briana Shoenek qualified in the 100 fly. The Mustangs are also qualified in the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay, but no teams have been determined yet.

It was those top-shelf swimmers who made their names clear at the conference meet last week, too, among others.

In the 200 medley relay, the Mustangs' team of Lohman, Burford, Miller and Becca Myers swam to second place in a time of 1:53.3. In the 200 free, Miller led the way for Northville, capturing fourth in 1:59.16 while Emily Ifverson took 19th and Michelle Song was 23rd. In the 200 individual medley, Northville's top finisher was Catherine Cui in 16th with a time of 2:24.62, while Erlandson took

In the 50 free, Myers took 10th in 26.40 seconds while Sarah Garrity was 11th and Riley Bruen was 18th.

In the diving portion of the meet, Northville's Kelsey Libbe took eighth with 303.3 points while Jennifer Jones took 13th with 291.15 points and Kirsten



Mustang Catherine Cui.

Failing was 20th with 222.5.

Miller showcased her talent in the 100 fly, taking fourth in 1:00.84 while Lohman took seventh and Schoenek took eighth. Brown finished the event in 13th, followed by Lia Nagata in 14th and Bruen in 18th. In the 100 free, Myers finished 22nd in 59.94 seconds and Schoenek was 24th in 1:02.22. Ifverson was the top finisher in the 500 free for the Mustangs, taking 15th in 5:43.59 while Leann Dimitroff was 20th and Song was 21st. The team of Myers. Cui, Lohman and Miller took sixth for Northville in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:45.

The Mustangs were quite impressive in the 100 backstroke with Lohman leading the way in fourth with a 1:02.53 while Erlandson was fifth, Garrity was sixth, Brown was eighth, Nagata finished in 10th and Ashley Filipowicz was 17th. Northville was just as strong in

the 100 back, where Brown was fourth in 1:04.03, while Erlandson was fifth, Lohman was sixth, Kipke finished eighth, Garrity was ninth and Nagata was 10th. In the 100 breaststroke, Cui captured third in 1:11.94, while Burford

The final event of the day found Northville's 400 free relay team finishing seventh in a time of 3:52.8. The squad consisted of Schoenek, Nagata, Brown and Erlandson.

"I would have liked to have finished higher than third, but we swam really well and just did not get the top spots that the other teams did," said McNeff. "I am very proud of how our team swam and now we can just re-focus and swim even better at the state meet."

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News



Mustang Brianna Schoenek swims at the MHSAA prelims at South Lyon East on Nov. 6.

Griffiths earns **All-State honors**

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Northville cross country coach Chris Cronin didn't have a lot of advice for his best runner as he prepared for the state finals last Saturday, but what he didn't have to say was short and to the point.

"The last 400 meters, you have to be all-out and crosseyed at the finish," he said.

Frank Griffiths, a senior and the lone qualifier for the state finals from the Northville boys team this year, took that advice to heart and ran a 28th-place finish, earning him All-State honors with a time of 16:19 despite strong windy conditions at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Frank ran the race that we discussed on our walk to the starting line," said Cronin. "Don't get me wrong, Frank deserves all the credit, but he made me look genius today."

Cronin and Griffiths discussed the need for positionof the race, and how the next 1,600 meters would be all about hard work. Then, how important it was to maintain composure and focus over the last 1,200 meters once Griffiths hit the infield at the Michigan International

At the two-mile mark. Griffiths was in about 40th place.

"Frank was amazing over the final 1,000 meters," said Cronin. "I saw him go with about 500 meters remaining and I knew he had a chance for top 30. He was passing people in the home stretch like they were standing still. It really

was an inspired effort."
Griffiths said going into the race that his goal was to leave everything on the course and to walk away with All-State status. As an added bonus, Griffiths finished ahead of long-time rival Mike Blaszczyk of Novi, who finished in 16:31.

Please see GRIFFITHS, B2



The runners warm up before the start of the cross country state finals Saturday. Pictured are (from left): Trent Johnson, Christian Guenther, Jason Lerner, Colin Riley, Chad Cini, Frank Griffiths and Matt Sierra.

Mustangs slowed at state meet by sickness, injuries

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls cross country team knew heading into the state finals that they were going to be the youngest and most inexperienced team competing. What they didn't know what they would likely be the sickest, too.

The squad, coached by Nancy Smith, got bit by illness and injury the week heading into the state finals. By the time the girls showed up at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn last Saturday, they were already worn down. They didn't give up, however, finishing 21st out of a field of 28 teams in their first state finals showing since

*It was six places better than in 2006, but not quite where they wanted to finish," said Smith, who was also feeling the draining effects of illness.

Smith noted there was also a grueling headwind that hindered all of the runners in the meet - well, all except Rochester's Megan Goethels, who won the Division 1 race with a record-setting time of

16:54. Times were off by at least 30 to 40 seconds from last years finals," said Smith. "The 30th place last year was 18:46, compared to this year's 30th place finishing in 19:18."

Despite the finish that wasn't up to their own expec-

tations, Smith said the girls have nothing to hang their heads about.

I am still so proud of my team this season," she said. We are young and inexperienced so to get to the state meet this season was amazing. Running today will give them the confidence needed next year when we return to the state meet again.'

Leading the way for Northville was sophomore Gina McNamara, who ran a 19:46 for 52nd place. Not far behind was Katie Vandervoort, who ran a 19:47 for 55th overall. Freshman Alexandra Drawybuck was 120th, finishing in 20:33, while freshman Erin Dunne was 146th in 20:56. Freshman Claire Courtney was 177th overall, finishing in 21:17, while junior Emily Sklar ran a 21:41 for 199th. Rounding out the top seven was freshman Alex Rodriquez, who ran a 21:49 for 208th place.

Smith said there is plenty of work to be done for next season — a season that should see all of Northville's top harriers back in action for the black and orange.

Current plans? Rest, said Smith, and then after a few weeks the team will start conditioning to prepare for another run next season.

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District title gives Mach 300th career victory

BY SCOTT SHEPHERD CORRESPONDENT

There had been wins like this one before for Tom Mach 299 to be exact.

But that doesn't mean that this one was any less special.

The Novi-Detroit Catholic Central coach notched his 300th career victory on Saturday night as his undefeated Shamrocks beat visiting Livonia Stevenson, 38-0, in the Division I-District 2 final.

CC, now 11-0 overall, will face Canton, 10-1, in the Region final beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at CC.

In typical Mach fashion, it was once again the running game that propelled the Shamrocks to the victory and ended the Spartans' season at

Senior Anthony Capatina led the Shamrocks 155 yards rushing on 18 carries and a touchdown, while fellow senior Niko Palazeti added 145 yards on 29 carries.

The bruising, 6-foot-2, 245 pounder did most of the dirty work for CC offensively, punching in four TDs, all of them from inside the 5-yard line.

"Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," Tom Mach jokingly referred to his star running

backs after the game. They're a great one-two punch. Capatina has great drive and great heart. Niko, too. They carried us once again tonight."

After fall to the Spartans last year's district final, CC made sure that history would not repeat itself Saturday

The Shamrocks wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, getting the ball first and marching 70 yards on just eight plays, capped off by a Palazeti 4-yard touchdown run.

After a Stevenson threeand-out, the Shamrocks took the ball straight down the field again, this time going 58 yards on just seven plays, with Palazeti finishing the drive with a 2-yard score that gave CC a 14-0 lead with 3:39 left to play in the opening quarter.

We definitely remembered what happened last year," said Palazeti after the game. "We wanted to come out and beat them in devastating fashion tonight."

After the Spartans failed a convert a fourth down deep in CC territory, Capatina took the first play of the ensuing drive 67 yards down the right sideline that led to a CC field goal to push the lead to 17-0.

After Stevenson failed on

another fourth down conversion attempt in Shamrocks territory, CC answered right back with a 14-play, 69-yard drive that was once again capped off by a Niko Palazeti 2-yard touchdown run, giving CC a 24-0 lead at halftime.

While Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside seemed unstoppable for the Shamrocks, Stevenson's star running back was never able to get it going.

Senior Austin White, who has committed to play at the University of Michigan next season, finished the game with 75 yards on 10 carries for the Spartans, but was unable to use his speed to break a big run against the very solid Shamrocks defense.

"He's a great back," Mach said. "We know that he likes to cut back, but we played with great technique on defense, played with great discipline, and never let him get to the outside.'

A fake punt helped the Spartans advance the ball to the Shamrocks' 49 on the opening series of the second half, but senior quarterback Brendan O'Hara fumbled the next snap and the Shamrocks recovered.

The Spartan turnover led to a Capatina 12-yard TD run to

make the score 31-0 halfway through the third quarter.

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Palazeti added a 5-yard score late in the game, leading

to the 38-0 final count. The fumble early in the third quarter served as the only play that the Spartans would run in Shamrocks territory in the second half.

"They were just better than us," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "They won in every phase. They chewed up so much time the scant offense we had never got into any rhythm."

CC's shutout victory marks the seventh time they've won in such a fashion this season. In 11 games, they've allowed just 30 points.

"We pride ourselves on shutouts," said Palazeti, who also plays on the defensive line. Last week we gave up seven points, but it was a defensive touchdown on a fumble, so really it's like our defense has two shutouts in the playoffs."

When asked after the game what Tom Mach's 300 wins meant to him, Palazeti said, "He's a legend. What else can you say?

Mach, however, had a much different take.

"It means I'm really old," he

CC boys prove their dominance

BY SAN EGGLESTON

Healthy runners. That's all Magni said his boys cross

Catholic Central coach Tony country team needed in order to have a chance at competing for the State championship

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International Speedway without a sniffle or a cough among them and did more than just compete for the title — they went out and won it.

The Shamrocks captured 68 points to simply dominate the competition, with Ann Arbor Pioneer coming in second with 96 points and Pinckney in

victory was none other than

Ricardo Galindo, who took second overall with his best race of the year at 15:51.

"Ricky started out strong with strength of mind that would facilitate his robust finish, earning him All-State honors for the second year in a row," noted Magni.

Andrew Garcia-Garrison, who has been a strong finisher all season long, saved his best kick for the last race. As he made the final turn coming into the stadium and toward the finish line, Garcia-Garrison dug deep and pushed himself past three runners to take eighth place in 16:07.

Viktor Puskorius, who had been suffering from the flu wy during the regional race last week, turned in a 16:17 for 14th place. Both Garcia-Garrison and Puskorius earned All-State honors, as did Catholic Central's Austin Zebrowski, who finished 20th in 16:22,

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finishing just yards ahead of his identical twin, John-Paul Zebrowski, who was 24th in 16:23. Finishers in the top-30

"I don't like to lump them together, but Austin and John-Paul are each other's source of energy and motivation," said Magni. "They demonstrated their connectivity to push one another on, and in this joint effort positioned themselves for a fine race performance."

earn All-State honors.

Also finishing for the Shamrocks were Mackenzi Boyd, who finished 106th in a time of 17:22, and Sean Carney, who was 188th in 19:45.

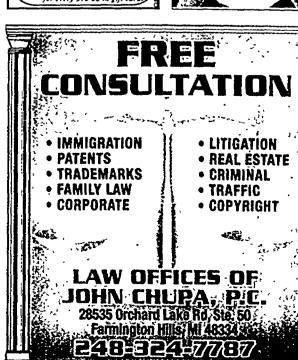
y Magni, who has been coaching at Catholic Central for 3 years, has long told all of his runners that if they did their best, then they won. Last Saturday, that's exactly what

happened. This victory marks the fifth State championship the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks have earned since the school began participating in the sport. The Shamrocks earned titles in 1983, 1984 1989 and 2001.

Galindo is the third Shamrock to finish second in the State Finals. Andy Dillion ran to second in 1979 and John Krawiec was second in 2001. Two Shamrocks have taken first in the State Finals, but neither on a year the Shamrocks earned a championship. Mike Mittman was first in 1992 and Joe Leo was first in 1995.

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Griffiths is the fifth All-

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State cross country runner for Northville over the past 30 years. Other All-State "Frank ran the perfect race runners include Clark today," Cronin said. "He has Couyomjian (1980), John been an All-State runner for Fisbie (1987), Kevin Arbuckle us the past two years, but now (1997) and Tim Dalton I can officially call him that. (2003).I'm thrilled for Frank. He has worked hard for this moment,

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Defense and running games to be featured Saturday

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Come I p.m. Saturday, there is going to be some hard hitting taking place on the gridiron at Catholic Central High School.

The Shamrocks, coached by Tom Mach, will face off against the Canton Chiefs in a game that will surely find both teams not holding back at all.

The Shamrocks, undefeated at 11-0 after a convincing victory over Livonia Stevenson last week, will be looking to shut down a very potent offense from Canton, 10-1.

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Who: Catholic Central (11-0) vs. Canton (10-1)Where: CC

When: I p.m. Saturday

The Chiefs bring a very powerful offensive line that includes Ryan Dunleavy, Carter Saffield, Alex Marsh, Alec Gilo, Chris Hilton, Joe Galanty and tight ends Dakota Dark Bird and Angelo Lanava.

The line will be pushing for senior fullback Adam Payter — basically Canton's version of Shamrocks standout Niko Palazetti. Payter has more than 1,400 yards this year with 15 touchdowns.

The Chiefs will throw the ball, too, though not nearly as much as they have traditionally run the ball. Senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz has thrown for just more than 450 yards this year, but is known to play hideaway with the football and run with it, amassing more than 500 yards rushing this year.

The Chiefs have outscored their opponents 442-129, and their only loss came in a late regular-season falling against Livonia Stevenson, 36-27.

Catholic Central isn't afraid of

high-scoring offenses. They've beaten each one they've come across this year, including four that are still alive in their own playoff brackets. Last week, Catholic Central upended Stevenson, 38-0. They've held their opponents to just 30 points this year while scoring 373 of their own.

Catholic Central won't be coming with an y fancy plays this week, instead looking to do what they always do: grind the ball. The Shamrocks will rely on Palazetti up the middle as well as the speed of running back Anthony Capatina.

When the running gets tough, the tough will throw the ball and throw

it well, with senior quarterback Sam Landry capable of winning a game

through the air. The pride, however, is the defense, which has shut down every major

running and passing attack this year. Canton and Catholic Central have met three other times in the playoffs. In 1990, 2002 and 2003 — all won by the Shamrocks. All three of those seasons, the Catholic Central football team ended the season with a State Championship.

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Eight Mustangs earn All-Conference football nods

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It was a good year to be a member of the Northville Mustangs football program. A 6-4 record and a season that found the Mustangs winning back the Baseline Jug from Novi for the first time since 2000 and earning a trip to the state playoffs for the first time since 2004.

The coaches in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association recognized the strong season for Northville, as well as the individual players who helped make some of this year's team goals a reality.

Seniors making the All-Conference team were Nicco Buffone, Kyle Galdes, Akshar Patel, Dan Stern and Justin

Buffone earned All-Conference honors for his play on the offensive and defensive

"Nicco is a leader on and off the field," said Northville coach Matt Ladach. "He is a young man with great character and a great work ethic. Since I took over last season, Nicco never missed a day of football. If I was here, Nicco was here. I'm going to miss

Galdes made a name for himself with his play at running back and defensive back.

Kyle is the only player on our team to start every game on both sides of the ball," said Ladach. "He was our most consistent player all season. and he was consistently good. He is a very diverse athlete, and his abilities enabled us to do a lot of things on both sides of the ball."

Patel was an offensive lineman for the Mustangs who made his impact felt on nearly every play.

"Akshar did a great job for us on the offensive line," said Ladach. There were not many blocks that Akshar couldn'tor wouldn't-make. He'd reach defensive ends, he'd drive defenders off the line and he also provided us with good pass protection."

Stern made himself known thanks to his bruising presence as the team's middle line-

Dan was solid for us up the

middle all season," Ladach said. "He was our leading tackler all season long. I loved watching him in practice and in games. His face was always a bloody mess. It was awesome

Umin was a crushing force on the defensive line as a quick end capable of disrupting offenses throughout the

league.

"Justin moved down from the linebacker position early in the season to provide our defensive line with athleticism," Ladach noted. "It turned out to be a great move. Justin had a great season."

Juniors earning All-Conference honors this season were Jon Alandt and Mike Wegzyn.

Alandt was a running back and outside linebacker for the Mustangs this season.

"Jon had a tremendous off season," Ladach recalled. "His work ethic enabled him to start on both sides of the ball for a few games this season. Unfortunately, an injury kept him out of our last game."

Wegzyn, who is considered by many to be a college football prospect, played quarter-back for the Mustangs.

"Mike helped spark our offense off the bench early in the season," Ladach said. "He has tremendous talent and potential. His arm strength alone forces opponents to respect our vertical passing game." .

The lone sophomore from Northville's squad to be

selected to the All-KLAA team was Brett MacDonald, a linebacker.

We moved Brett up from the junior varsity after our first week of camp, and there was no way we were sending him back down. Brett is a tough kid with great athletic ability, and he has a very bright future."

Earning honorable men-

tion All-Conference honors were sophomore defensive back Brandon Love, junior linebacker Michael Maclean, junior defensive back Trei Walton and senior quarterback and wide receiver Dan Mills.

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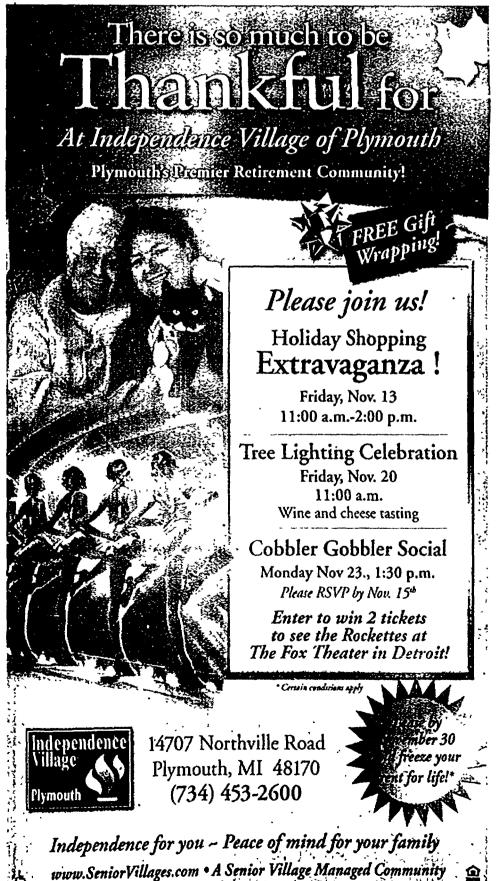
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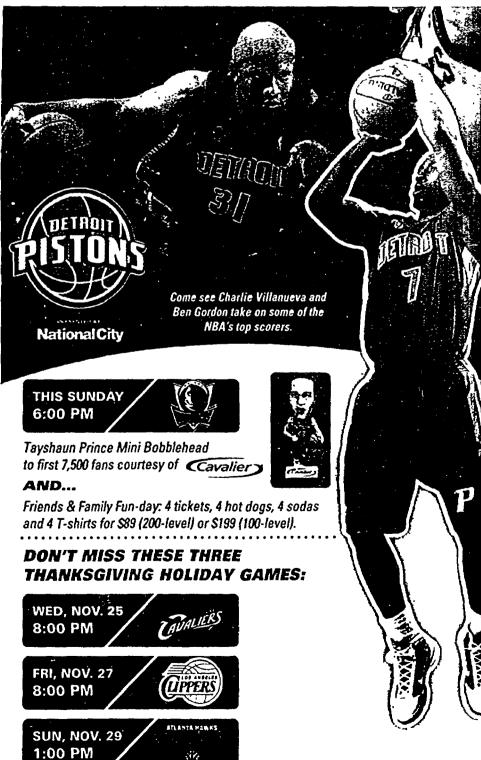
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Northville Prep hockey finishes fall season

Northville Prep closed out its fall with a 7-3 loss to Milford, but rebounded with a 4-1 victory against Woodhaven.

On Oct. 28, Milford jumped out to an early lead against Northville. Despite a pair of goals in the third period, Northville was unable to catch

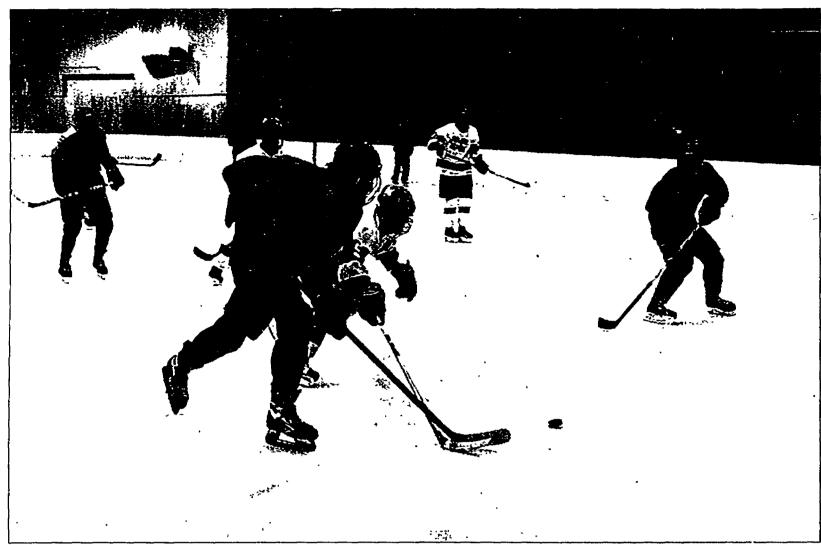
Milford started fast, notching three goals in the first period before Jake Sobas was able to answer for Northville on an assist from Ben Bloom. Though Northville matched Milford's play in the second and third periods, it didn't show on the scoreboard until Sobas and Bloom were able to score on assists from Tyler Harrigan Brian Makowski and Danny O'Malley. The loss ended Northville's 5-game win streak.

Northville played Woodhaven in the fall season finale Nov. 1 that saw Northville pull away in a hardfought game for a 4-1 victory.

Neither team was able to take advantage of several early powerplays as the first period ended in a scoreless tie. The game remained scoreless until the 5:31 mark of the second period when Brian Makowski scored on a feed from Tyler Harrigan.

Just 15 seconds later,
Harrigan scored on an assist
from Andrew Carlone to
give Northville a 2-0 lead.
Northville closed out the second period killing off a full 2
minutes of a 5-3 Woodhaven
powerplay:

Woodhaven finally got on the scoreboard in the third to cut the Northville lead in half, but Matt Evasic pushed the lead back to two less than a minute later on a feed from Danny O'Malley. Andrew Carlone added a fourth Northville goal and the defense took over to preserve



Despite a loss to Milford, the Northville Prep hockey team ended its season Nov. 1 with a victory against Woodhaven.

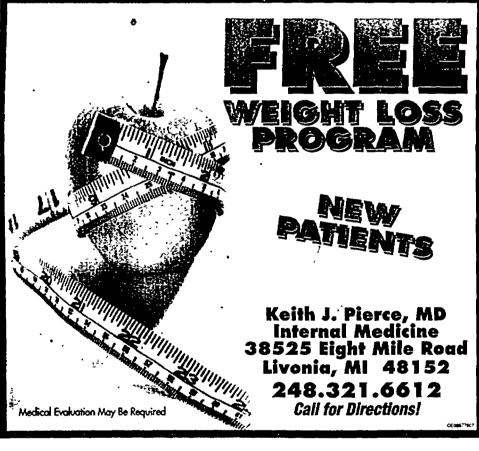
the 4-1 victory. Justin Stupar and Jake Pawloski split the win in the Northville net with Stupar turning away all seven shots faced while Woodhaven was only to get one of 14 shots past Pawloski.

Northville Prep will open its Winter season with the first of 20 Great Lakes Prep Division 1 League games against Hartland at the Hartland Sports Arena on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 8:30 p.m.

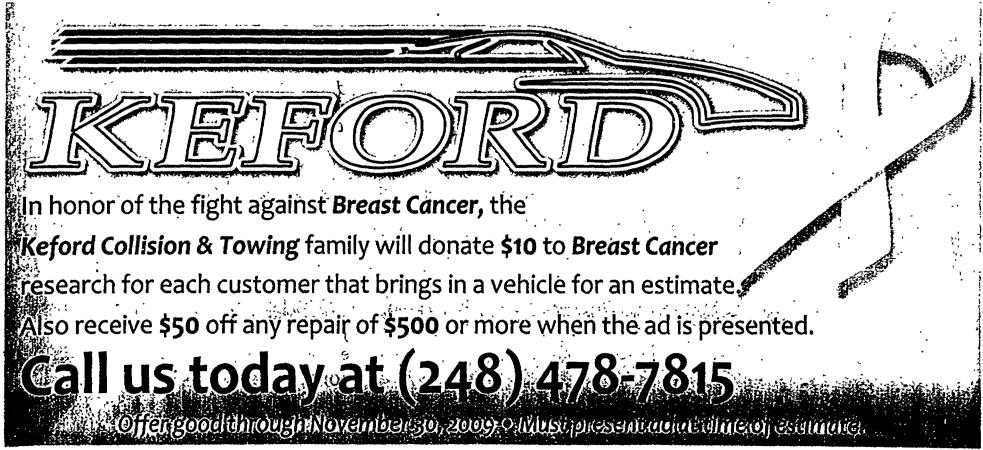


The Northville goalie stops a Milford shot in the team's 7-3 loss.

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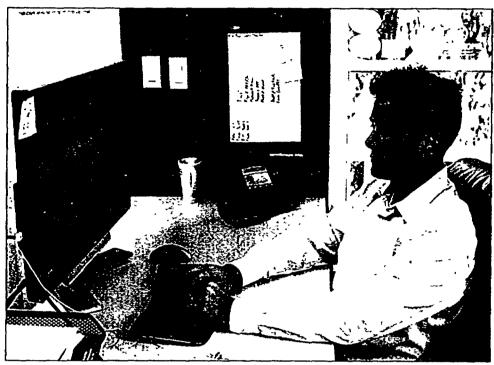
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repeat myself when I explained the situation.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

The state of things in Michigan has really opened doors for Vision that were previously a struggle. Business owners are looking to reduce costs while maintaining the same level of service they're used to receiving. The fact that we present an offering that increases their level of service at a fraction of the cost of a full-time IT staff really energizes our prospects.

Any advice for business owners?

Plan and budget appropriately for your business's IT needs and be realistic. Consider not only your repair costs, but also have a solid plan to phase out technology that is over four years old.

What's in store for the future of your business?

Although 2009 was a significant growth year for Vision, I'm most excited for what 2010 has in store for us. We spent the entire year retooling our services to offer subscription-based, all you can eat, flat-cost support solutions for small to midsized business backed by a 100% "you can't lose" guarantee. Everyone we share this with gets excited by the prospect of paying one bill and having unlimited IT support. We expect a lot of work this year adding clients to

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Goldfish Swim School makes a splash

The temperature outside may be dropping, but inside Goldfish Swim School of Farmington Hills conditions are always ideal for learning how to swim. With two 90-degree pools, cabana-style changing rooms and a Caribbea themed décor, this tropical setting opened its doors to the public for a grand opening party on Oct. 30.

Goldfish Swim School is Michigan's first aquatic facility dedicated entirely to indoor swim classes and programs for children, ages 4 months to 12 years. This fun environment eliminates the anxiety and chill that often accompanies traditional swimming lessons by providing warmwater pools, small class sizes and a focus on perpetual learning that allows children to progress naturally. Instead of lessons that start and stop with the seasons, Goldfish students go year-round and are less likely to forget what they've learned.

Brian and Hope Bayer of Northville enrolled their three children at the first Goldfish Swim School in Birmingham. They were so impressed with the School's unique approach they decided to become owners of its first franchise.

"Our children love Goldfish, because it's fun and they feel safe in the water," says Hope. "We saw this as a great business opportunity but an even greater opportunity to share this amazing concept with our friends and neighbors here in western Oakland County. Brian and I are excited to begin helping area children learn a skill they'll keep for life."

Classes for all ages and skill levels began Oct. 19. Goldfish Swim School is located at 22710 Haggerty Road, just north of Nine Mile Road. For more information on the school or the upcoming event go to goldfishswimschool. com or call (248) 596-1914.

Oakland County offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in September, offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are

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now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

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Consultant raises forecast for 2010 sales

An automotive consulting firm is raising its forecast for 2010 U.S. auto sales, saying improved employment and auto lending numbers should translate to higher sales.

CSM Worldwide raised its forecast Wednesday to 11.8 million vehicles from 11.2 million vehicles. Sales at that rate would represent the first year-over-year increase in U.S. vehicle sales since 2005, when automakers sold 16.9 million vehicles.

CSM said it expects unemployment to peak in the first quarter of next year, then slowly improve throughout the year. Consumer confidence will grow as household finances and auto lending show improvement by the third quarter, the Northville-based company said.

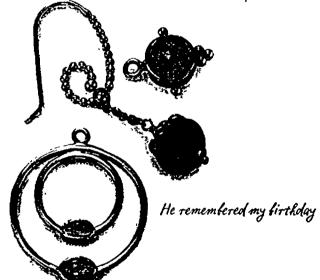
By the fourth quarter, CSM forecasts the annualized vehicle selling rate will be 13.6 million vehicles. That rate shows what sales would be if they continued at the same pace for a full year.

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Levinson, for Mildred L. example, wrote in "The Season's of a Man's Life" in 1978 that men entering their 60s become

concerned about their legacy. Today's 60s might well be reshaping this trend, as men and women blend skills they've long been using with meaningful experiences from earlier in their lives.

DEVELOPMENT

Lynne Velling has been bridging with her past by teaching English as a Second Language in the Adult Schools of the El Monte Union High School District, El Monte, Calif., part time, for more than eight years. "I probably have taught about 1,500 non-native speakers easily by now," she says, sometimes from ten or more countries at once" -many multilingual (up to five languages). Students in the three- to four-hour classes are largely Hispanic and Asian.

The granddaughter of immigrants, Velling relies on her drama, English and business

background, and training in counseling and speech coaching to teach. She's also studying for an M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language, which she anticipates receiving this summer from California State University, Los

At a time when many peers are slowing down she's increasing her career options. An M.A. will open the door to teaching at community colleges and universities. It might also lead to curriculum development in education or business

Opening these doors wasn't going to be inexpensive; so Velling decided to apply for grants. Just days after her 60th birthday, she learned that the American Association of University Women was awarding her a Career Development Grant for 2009 to 2010. "It's especially for women expanding their potential," she says.

MARKETSHIFT

Another 60-year-old was in a very different spot in his career. Mike Jenkins, in fact, was neither job hunting nor increasing his options. He was ensconced at Eyethink Inc., a graphic and design firm in Powell, Ohio. Prior to that, he'd worked in a PR and direct marketing firm after quick-service restaurant chains and a Detroit-area hospital. However, his daughter's study in Spain reminded him of his Navy years there. He'd enjoyed culture and the arts, which he now says

"are what brighten and make lives more

A friend suggested he apply for an opening at his alma mater. Jenkins competed successfully against 145 other applicants for Communications director at the College of Arts and Letters in East Lansing's Michigan State University. His work impacts 31 departments and niche academic programs, many related to the arts and culture. A family member teased him about contacting the

"Guinness World Records" with a headline of "60-year-old man gets job in Michigan!" The new industry uses his skills, with a challenge: "You can't waste money or go overboard while being very creative," Jenkins points out. He loves how quickly the minds of his colleagues work and how their creativity makes his work better. He also enjoys being the bridge to business skills. Jenkins doesn't believe that he could have

made a similar change in any other industry.
"Maybe education is one of the few places where age and experience are seen as pluses," he says. Tve been told that I was hired because I can 'do it all, whereas younger candidates only had done some of the position's job duties.

Jenkins has been watching peers enter fields totally unrelated to what they've been doing, such as the food researcher who became a life coach. Velling wants to remain in her field, which needs people badly, unlike other fields, except, possibly, nursing. In both cases, it's clear that wise choices



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Lynne Velling, ESL teacher at Rosemead Adult School in El Monte, Calit., received a Career Development Grant from the American Association of University Women. Here she asks student Hung Kal Chu about the acupressure tool he uses on his back during their four,

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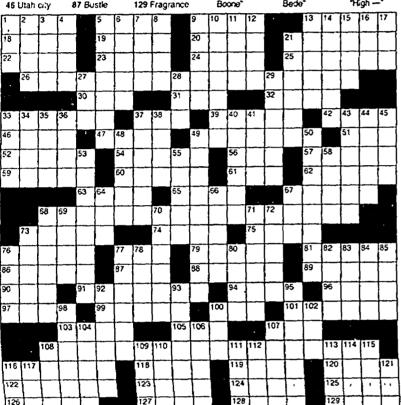
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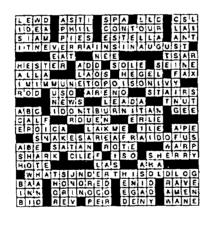
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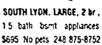
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REAL ESTATE

Prepare your home for winter's wrath

BY JULIE RROWN OSE STAFF WRITER

Home pro Harry Jachym of Plymouth Township lists furnace maintenance at the top when it comes to getting a home ready for winter.

Jachym, who teaches construction at Henry Ford Community College, recommends a furnace check now. He also recommends an annual maintenance plan which will cover a clean, check and adjust for your furnace, along with air conditioner work in the spring.

Jachym, who also works part time for National Heating & Cooling in Detroit, said you should change furnace filters regularly. The "high efficiency" ones are better, and available at big box and regular hardware stores.

They'll just make the home more livable," he said. "It makes the air quality better."

Don't wait until the snow flies to be sure your furnace is fine: "We just went absolutely nuts at the office" during a recent cold spell, he said. You'll need that inspection

done by a qualified technician for safety reasons. Look for a factory-authorized dealer and one certified by North American Technician Excellence.

There's not so much to do with plumbing this time of year. You should turn off the water in your basement or crawl space, and clear out all outside faucets so they don't freeze up. Most homes have a water shutoff in the basement or crawl space for the outside, he said.

"It's a real good idea to get your gutters cleaned out." You could end up with damaging ice dams in the winter if you don't have gutters cleaned.

Jachym also recommends caulking at windows and doors, anyplace where dissimilar items such as wood and brick meet. "It's a good time to touch up any painting that needs to be done," he said.



Winter's unforgiving of loose shingles, so it's good to check a roof for those.

"Anything I've mentioned a good do-it-yourselfer can handle" other than furnace inspection, he said. Those uncomfortable on a roof

should think about hiring a home pro to do work.

There are many library books and online sources of information on home maintenance and improvement, Jachym said. "There's always a wealth of information."

He finds the degree to which people prepare for winter is based on their personality, and he's been known to put tasks off. "If we're good at planning ahead, we do it." Caulking and painting are better done while weather is

moderate, he added.

Jachym retired two years ago from the Livonia Public Schools where he taught residential construction.

"My students made the houses they sell" on Newburgh north of Joy, he said.

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

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Joins office

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, a top real estate broker in Southeast Michigan, announced that Juanita Mallmann has joined the company, working out of the Rochester office.

"Juanita is just the sort of professional we want to have here, and I am delighted she has joined us," said Carole Eizelman, manager of the Rochester office. "She brings a wealth of real estate experience and business acumen that will benefit consumers and agents alike."

Mallmann, a multimillion dollar producer, has been a Realtor for more than 20 years and a Rochester resident for 30. She is a certified relocation specialist and accredited buyers

· Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel announced that Nancy Ritter has joined the company, working out of the Rochester office.

Ritter came from with Prudential **HWW Rochester and Prudential**

Cranbrook Realtors Troy.

We are very pleased that Nancy has chosen to come to Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said Carole Eizelman, manager of the Rochester office. "For most of her 16 years in the business, she has been a consistent multimillion dollar producer."

Ritter is also an accredited buyers representative and a certified relocation specialist.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. Please RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

investors to meet

Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will hold a monthly general membership meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, at MSU-Management Education Center, 811 Square Lake Road, Troy. It will include 5:30-7:15 p.m. networking; 6:15-7:15 p.m. Early Bird session; 7:15-7:30 p.m. general

meeting, 7:30-9 p.m. speakers' presentation.

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Loan modifications have become a necessary evil in today's economic climate. It is a permanent change in one or more of the terms of a mortgage. The panel of experts includes: Bruce Redman, lawyer with Redman Law Firm, specializing in real estate since 1994; Suzanne Taube, in the mortgage lending industry for the last 25 years, working for companies like Countrywide, GMAC and Kaplan; Ellen Mahoney, with Loss Mitigation Consulting Services LLC, who has more than 26 years of experience in real estate and finance providing assistance to individuals assessing options pertaining to residential real estate.

There will be a question and answer time.

 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Certified Graduate course on Building Codes, Standards and Guidelines on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Don Pratt, CGR, CGB, of Wake-Pratt Construction, will present how to successfully navigate building codes, standards and guidelines. The course is based on the International Residential Code (IRC) and the National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) Residential Construction Performance Guidelines. Topics to be covered include the evolution of building codes, code administration and enforcement, construction planning and plan review, locating and interpreting required information, and how performance guidelines achieve quality construction. This course counts toward NAHB designations CGA and GMB.

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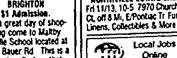
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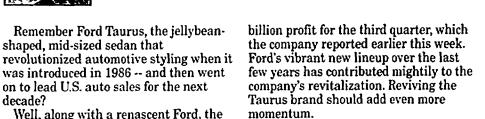
a comeback -- a real comeback -- too. That's why Conan O'Brien, who infamously owns a 1992 Taurus SHO,

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Though not radically styled like the original Taurus, the new version bears some

interesting design cues, such as the



And when Ford reported October sales, the redesigned Taurus helped lead the way. It sold more than 6.000 units, the most for the nameplate since May 2008 and, for the month, second in its segment only to Buick's redesigned LaCrosse in consideration by new-car shoppers on Edmunds.com. Ford dealers reported that Taurus sales nearly tripled year-earlier levels of the old Taurus.

"Taurus already is going pretty well in a very competitive segment," said Jessica Caldwell, head of U.S. industry analysis for Santa Monica, Calif.-based Edmunds.

Little wonder. The new Taurus is something Ford can be proud of rather than shun. The company finally got this vehicle right again, with high-tech features including all-wheel-drive, crosstraffic alert, collision warning, blind-spot monitoring and adaptive cruise control.

The high-performance Taurus SHO (Super High Output) model features the new EcoBoost 3.5-liter, V6 engine, which generates 365 horsepower.

And the styling of the new Taurus while certainly not head-snapping like its curvaceous ancestor of 20 years ago - at least is fresh and contemporary, like the rest of Ford's new products.

Taurus wasn't the only bright spot in Ford's October sales picture, either: Its overall sales were up 3 percent compared with last year. Ford's retail market share. said chief of U.S. industry analysis George Pipas, improved compared with October 2008, a performance that marked a dozen times in 13 months the company's retail share increased.

Ford is gradually rebuilding inventories, said Pipas, to the point where they will be approximately 400,000 units by year-end, approximately 10 percent less than at the same time last year. Additionally, almost 90 percent of Ford's inventory is comprised of 2010 models - a pace that is well advanced of typical years, when prior-year inventory is not cleared to that level for many more

And Pipas said Ford's - and the broader industry's - intensive efforts to curb inventories now is paying off: Ford's incentives in October were 30 percent less than the same period last year.

"Clearly, the Ford plan is working," said Ken Czubay, vice president of U.S. marketing." r

The new, new Taurus already is a big hit for Ford.

In addition to Taurus' 141-percent sales gain over a year earlier, the Fusion midsize sedan also posted a healthy 24percent gain and even the Mustang, whose sales have dwindled in a tough economy, notched a 2.2-percent increase. The only Ford-brand car to see a sales drop in October was the Focus, with a 4.3-percent decline.

Underscoring how difficult 2009 has been, however, only one Ford car, Fusion, has broken into positive numbers for the year. Taurus remains off by 27 percent, the Focus is down 22.7 percent and the Mustang is off by 32.4 percent.

After a heavily advertised "truck month" promotion, Ford's crossovers and SUVs appeared to be the actual beneficiaries; the F-Series pickup line remained down by 8.8 percent while the Edge crossover jumped 37.5 percent, the Escape compact crossover surged 26.1 percent and the long-sliding Explorer SUV chipped in a rare increase at 15.2percent better than last October.



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