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ON THE RECORD

Look for Bill at charity preview

The *Northville Record* is dedicated to being "all about you" and our readers are "celebrities" in our hometowns. Look for Bill Bresler at Friday's North American International Auto Show Charity Preview in Cobo Hall so he can photograph you in front of your favorite car, with your special date or wearing that special tux or gown. Look for your photo in our gallery online at www.hometownlife.com and in the Thursday, Jan. 21, edition of the *Northville Record*.

Picturing America

Northville District Library is the recipient of The National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) Picturing America initiative. Picturing America provides an innovative way for citizens of all ages to explore the history and character of America through some of our nation's great works of art.

The Library is one of over 56,000 schools and public libraries nationwide to receive 40 images of American art. The images, chosen for their quality and breadth of media and time period, are rich examples of the many ways that art can communicate meaning. It is hoped that the project will help students and all library users learn how to look, explore and enjoy the process of visual discovery.

The images are being rotated in the Library every few months through May. These images of people, places and events illustrating American history give patrons a chance to better understand our country's past and its ideals.

What better way to see the courage of an American individual than in Grant Wood's *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*? How better to appreciate the power of American democracy and freedom than through James Karales' *Selma-to-Montgomery March for Voting Rights in 1965*? Don't miss the chance to view American creativity and ingenuity in action in Walker Evans' *Brooklyn Bridge*.

Stop in and take a moment to browse the images being displayed in the Library by the fireplace and near the computers on the lower level. One can also visit the Picturing America website at www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov. Peruse the site, and check out all 40 images and the links provided for more information.

Walkthrough options outlined

Several parties must evaluate suggested plans

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Gary Cooper from Cooper Design in Ann Arbor presented four options last week on what could become a new part of downtown Northville in the future - a walkthrough or cut-through from the Marquis Parking Lot south of Dunlap Street to Main Street.

Greg Presley, chair of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, mentioned a few months ago that this idea has been batted about since the 1990s among city planners. But it looks like it may actually become a reality in the near future if all parties involved can come to a consensus.

DDA Board members must first discuss plans with Comerica Bank,

which has agreed to donate the property to construct the project next to the bank's location on East Main Street.

The cut-through would be made where the former Girly Daze store is located, just west of the downtown branch office.

Board members also need to review the proposal with Northville Historic District Commissioners

THE FOUR CONCEPTS

The four concepts are a one-story tunnel, which would be the least expensive; a full two-story option, which would be the most expensive; a partial two-story design; and an open alley. All concepts assume the same front and rear façade

Please see **PLANS, A6**

Leaders review more fire department training



JOHN HEDDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Township firefighters Adam Burton, left, and Brent Muller take a stretcher off one of their fire-rescue vehicles. Township firefighters may provide ambulance service to local residents in the next few years.

NCBA members to review plan at January meeting

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

No decisions have been made yet, but Northville Township leaders are looking at providing training to more firefighters so they can provide ambulance service to residents.

A special study session took place Jan. 7 following a service level assessment of the fire department by John Werth, director of public safety, and Richard Marinucci, deputy director of fire services.

Another study session on the same

topic is slated for 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at township hall.

The report says that the level of emergency medical service provided to the community has been discussed almost since the inception of the career fire department in the township.

Currently, the township is under contract with Community Emergency Medical Service for ambulance service. The fire department responds first with a basic level of service. CEMS then arrives with paramedics and then transports patients to the

hospital.

The fire department has licensed paramedics and the equipment to provide advanced service. However, the department is only licensed to the basic life support level. First responders initiate care but do not transport patients to the hospital. With minor exceptions, only the transporting agency is authorized to invoice for this type of service.

Marginal costs for enhancing the service can be easily recovered

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Senator Corriveau?

Representative will run for
Patterson's 7th District seat

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marc Corriveau thinks the problems facing the state will take longer to fix than the two-plus years he'd have left in the state House if he wins a third term representing the 20th House District.

So the two-term Democrat from Northville, who has represented the cities of Plymouth, Northville and Wayne, along with Northville, Canton and Plymouth townships since his election in 2006, has turned his attention to the bigger picture. Instead of seeking re-election, Corriveau will run for the 7th District Senate seat being vacated this year by the term-limited

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State Rep. Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), announced he'll run for the state Senate in 2010.

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Council approves \$2 million sidewalk, streetscape project

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville city council members gave their blessing to the \$2-million downtown sidewalk and landscape improvement project last month, even though design changes can still be made.

"We're working on refining the plan," Bob Doyle from the landscape design firm JJR in Ann Arbor told council members at their Dec. 21 meeting. Members of the Northville Central Business District will take a look at the plan at their meeting this month.

The design firm plans to lay brick pavers at Wing and Main streets, Cady and Center streets and Dunlap and Center streets, with colored concrete planned at the bump-out areas.

Brick crosswalks at the intersections of the gateways to the city, such as at Center and Main street, are also part of the plan.

Council member Nancy

Darga thinks the improvement plan solves a lot of problems, such as making it safer to enter and exit downtown streets, providing more pedestrian areas and adding more sidewalk areas for outdoor dining.

But, she's somewhat concerned about the brick pavers with the high number of manholes in the city's intersections and also some of the colored concrete planned.

Darga described the colored concrete design as a little "patchworky."

"It's going to read like we're doing things in sections," she said. She would just like for the sections of concrete to be more integrated. "It's a little schizophrenic here with three different patterns in a half block."

MARY ALEXANDER COURT

Council member Doug Bingham was concerned about the amount of money that might have to be spent to change the driveway into

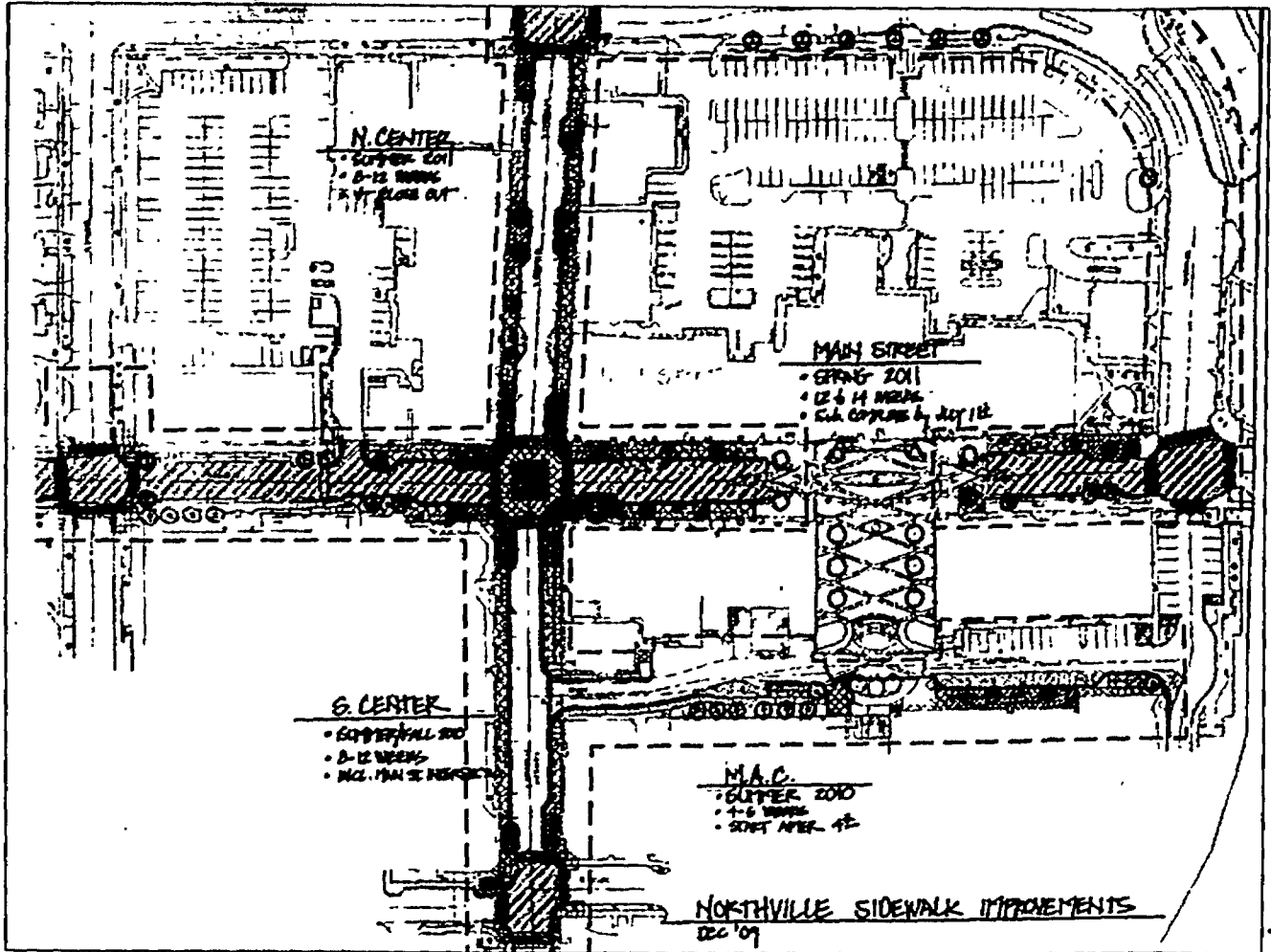


ILLUSTRATION COURTESY JJR

Although this drawing from JJR in Ann Arbor is preliminary, it shows the general area where the \$2-million sidewalk and landscape improvement project is planned in downtown Northville. The first phase of the project will begin by making Mary Alexander Court a two-way street.

the parking lot off of Mary Alexander Court when it is made into a two-way street.

Lori Ward, DDA executive director, explained that the configuration to the entrance of that parking lot had to be changed if the street is going to be made into a two-way one.

Mayor Chris Johnson said some people already make

illegal left turns onto Mary Alexander Court off of Center Street.

"It's time we make Mary Alexander a two-way street," Johnson said.

TREES VS. PLANTINGS

Some council members would have preferred to leave

trees instead of small plantings at the bump-outs onto the streets, but that's not what the current design specifies.

Johnson thinks the concept needs to be reviewed again by the Design Committee before construction drawings are finalized.

The motion to approve the

plan passed 3-1, with Darga casting the dissenting vote.

"Your comments are not off-base," Doyle said to Darga. "This (colored vs. the plain sidewalks) is what we've been struggling with all along."

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Northville Youth Assistance gets grant from state program

Funds to be used to salute efforts of local mentors

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville Youth Assistance mentors provide additional meaning to the lives of the young people they befriend as well as their own. On Tuesday night, they were honored at a special dinner at the Northville Community Senior Center. Funding for the event was provided by a \$400 grant from a state program known as Mentor Michigan.

NYA is one of 35 mentoring organizations that received a total of \$15,000 in grants to help them recruit, recognize and honor mentors. Grant amounts ranged from \$150 to \$1,000.

LOCAL CHILDREN SERVED IN 2009

Here's a breakdown of the children served by Northville Youth Assistance last year:
Referred for mentoring or counseling: 16
Referred for diversion: 28
Summer camp scholarships: 167
After-school music lessons: 84
Attended after-school homework help (9-09 to 12-09): 179
Youth Employment Program (approximate): 75
Challenge Day participants (approximate): 700
PILLAR* participants: 21
Kids Against Hunger participants (approximate): 150
Victorian Festival costume lending closet: 50
TOTAL 1,470
*PILLAR is an acronym for Personal strengths, Introduction to NHS, Leadership, Listening and Communication, Adventure Education and Relationships.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mentors, from left, Patrick Giesa, Chris Miller and Mike Martinko at the Northville Youth Assistance Mentor-Mentee Picnic last summer. Training for mentors is conducted on an ongoing basis, so anyone who's interested can contact Sue Campbell, director of the program. There is no cost. Mentors just have to live within the boundaries of the Northville School District.

THIS IS MENTORING MONTH

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm has proclaimed January as the 2010 Michigan Mentoring Month. This annual effort highlights the importance and impact of mentoring in communities across the state. It is held in conjunction with the National Mentoring Month.

"The future of Michigan's children is the responsibility of all citizens," Granholm said. "By strengthening young people through mentoring, we are building a stronger future for them, our communities and our great state."

Michigan Mentoring Month is supported by Mentor Michigan and administered through the Michigan Community Service Commission.

The 2010 Michigan Mentoring Month mini-grant funds were made possible thanks to a fundraising effort conducted through Meijer this past summer. On June 20, Meijer donated \$2 to Mentor Michigan for every \$25 Meijer gift card purchased, providing the organization with valuable funds to distribute to mentoring programs across the state.

Thanks to these mini-grants, a variety of

opportunities to spotlight mentoring will occur this month.

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and state and local government to support mentoring.

Mentor Michigan also builds public awareness about the importance of and the need for mentors by urging caring adults to "Pass It On," because sharing a little of yourself with a young person can reward both of you with lifelong benefits. Learn more by visiting www.mentormichigan.org, or call Sue Campbell, director, Northville Youth Assistance, at (248) 344-1618.

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WEDDING



Rosowski-Karsten

Kate Karsten and Gary Rosowski were married Nov. 7, 2009 at Mill Race Historic Village, in Northville. A reception followed at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center.

The bride, daughter of Ned and Laurie Karsten of Zeeland, is a graduate of Zeeland High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed at Digtas.

The groom, son of Don and Mary Jane Rosowski of Westland, is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Team Detroit.

The bride's attendants were Andrea Brink, Amanda Huizenga, Kristie Welte and Emily Rosowski.

The groom's attendants were Jim D'Antonio, Larry Pociask, Mark Rosowski, Brad Kaminski and Chris Sanchez.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Jamaica.

They reside in Northville.

ENGAGEMENT

Pettijohn & Anderson

David and Melissa Pettijohn of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Pettijohn, to Michael Anderson, son of Ralph and Carole Anderson of White Lake.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Michigan State University and a master's in social work from Wayne State University (2009). She is employed by the Area Agency on Aging in Battle Creek.

The groom-elect earned a bachelor's degree in supply chain management from the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University. He is employed by Chase Plastics in Clarkston.

A July 2010 wedding in East Lansing is planned.



ENGAGEMENT



Brandis & Wolven

Joseph and Linda Brandis of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Leigh Brandis, to Casey Christopher Wolven, son of Keith and Judy Wolven of Woodbine, Ga. and Julie Wolven of Maple Rapids.

The bride-to-be graduated from Novi High School in 2002. The groom-elect graduated from Michigan State University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in applied engineering sciences and is a supply chain analyst at Exel.

A Sept. 3 wedding at Lady of Sorrows is planned.

ENGAGEMENT



Arndt & Krispin

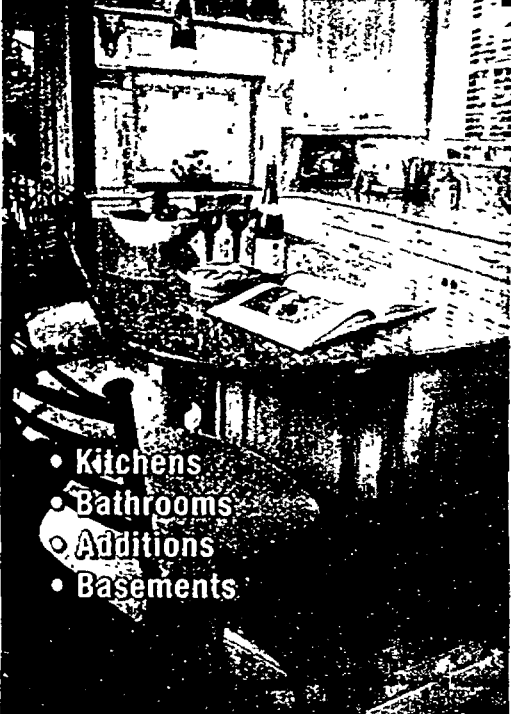
Lee and Sharon Krispin of Rochester Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Krispin, to Brian Arndt, son of Melody and Dave Arndt of Grand Haven.

The bride-to-be graduated from Rochester Adams High School (2002) and Michigan State University (2006) and is employed at Target Corporate Headquarters.

The groom-elect graduated from Northville High School (2000) and Indiana University (2004) and is also employed at Target Corporate Headquarters.

A Sept. 25 wedding in Rochester Hills is planned.

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EDUCATION

Unity in the Community: Contest honors Dr. King

Special event slated for Monday at Genitti's

This is the third year the Northville Public Schools District has sponsored the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Writing and Poster Contest and hosted the Unity in the Community event planned for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 18. The theme of this year's district-wide contest was the King quote, "The time is always right to do what is right."

Students participating in the contest were asked to write an essay, letter or poem, or create a poster or project describing what they think needs to be done to achieve peace and harmony in our community and world. The deadline for entries was Dec. 14.

Nine writing contest winners were selected including one from each of the district's six elementary schools' fourth and fifth grade entries, and one winner each from Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School. Two winning poster/projects were also selected from entries from the school district's special education center program students at Cooke and Old Village School. One honorable mention recipient also was selected from each of the district's 11 schools.

Student winners of the writing and poster contest will share their work at the "Unity in the Community" celebration being sponsored by Northville Public Schools on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at Genitti's Little Theatre, 112 East Main Street in Downtown Northville. In addition, winners also receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond provided by the Northville Educational Foundation. All honorable mention recipients also will be recognized at the "Unity in the Community" event.

Community members are welcome to attend the "Unity in the Community" celebration, which will also feature songs celebrating Dr. King's message of peace and unity sung by Northville High School choir students and a special presentation by Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Superintendent Chris Wigent.

For more information about the "Unity in the Community" event contact the Northville Public Schools Special Services Office at (248) 344-8453.

Annabelle Lawrence
5th Grade, Amerman Elementary
Winner

Dear Adam,
The 1950's and 60's Boy...It wasn't exactly a pretty time frame in the beautiful U.S.A. Especially the south. Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi - it wasn't the best there. African American and white people were separated in every way possible. Different schools, buses, and restaurants. Even different drinking fountains. Then came a man. A man who had a dream. This man was Martin Luther King Jr. He changed the world with non-violent ways. He made peace without war. Finally his wish came true. No matter what color people were they were treated the same. I want Dr. King's footsteps to be stepping stones for you to do the right thing.

Your first step is to put yourself in others' shoes. Have you ever passed on a rumor? If you have, next time DON'T! Sometimes you may feel tempted because you may think it will make you popular, but the truth is no one wants to be friends with a rumor spreader. How would you like it if people spread rumors about you? By not spreading

WINNERS

AMERMAN ELEMENTARY
Winner: Annabelle Lawrence, 5th Grade

Honorable Mention: Lauren Masse, 4th Grade

MORaine ELEMENTARY
Winner: Madison Bates, 4th Grade

Honorable Mention: Farzad Baghaie, 5th Grade

RIDGE WOOD ELEMENTARY
Winner: Colin Latta, 5th Grade

Honorable Mention: Sohan Yadav, 4th Grade

SILVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
Winner: Samantha Cantie, 5th Grade

Honorable Mention: Jillian Ickes, 4th Grade

THORNTON CREEK ELEMENTARY
Winner: Alex Braeseker, 5th Grade

Honorable Mention: Grace Chi, 4th Grade

WINCHESTER ELEMENTARY
Winner: Addison Lentz, 4th Grade

Honorable Mention: Claire Wenrick, 5th Grade

HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Winner: Amy Walsh, 6th Grade

MEADS MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Winner: Brandon Robinson, 6th Grade

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Winner: John Collieran, 10th Grade

COOKE SCHOOL
Winner: Lamar Coleman

OLD VILLAGE SCHOOL
Winner: Damien Wright

rumors you can set examples for younger kids. Little kids like to imitate older kids. If you are a good person then there is a 90% chance that that child will grow up doing the right thing. What if you grew up doing the wrong thing?

Another reason why it is important to do the right thing is that it could make the world a better place. One way is to trust others. What I mean is work your way toward trusting someone. Like when you are friends for a long time you get to know them step by step. If they trust you, you trust them. If everyone trusts each other then world peace will evolve. No war, fighting, or people dying. If you make the world a better place there will be nicer people. If you are nice to people they will reflect your kindness and be nice back. If we are all kind, then the planet will be over flowing with nice people. So, if you are kind, people will repay your kindness.

Now you may be thinking, doing the right thing won't make me as famous as Dr. King, but you would be wrong. Doing the right thing can be as easy as holding the door open for someone or asking the new kid if they want to play with you at recess. To these people you will be like Martin. It may take a while for people to realize you are a good person but the more good deeds you do, the quicker change will happen and the warmer your heart will get.

So remember: put yourself in others shoes. Make the world a better place, and just do those little things. Thank you for reading this. By completely reading this letter you just grew an inch of your way to doing the right thing.

Lauren Masse
4th Grade, Amerman Elementary
Honorable Mention

Dear Governor Granholm:
I am a fourth grader at Amerman Elementary School in Northville, Michigan. I am very fortunate to have

the learning opportunities I have been provided. I love my school, my teachers, and my education, and I would like to keep it that way.

Our state government is taking lots of money away from our schools. This means that in the future, my education, and that of all other Michigan children, may not be as promising. Education is very important because without it, you cannot go to college, get a good job, and make a living. Kids are the future of Michigan and America, so we need a good education.

As a kid, I can't vote and I can't change what our government does, so I need you to do it for me. Like Martin Luther King, Jr. has shown, if you really fight for what you believe in, you can succeed. Dr. King's house was bombed and he kept fighting. His brother's house was bombed and Dr. King still kept fighting. He protested for ten years before he started to achieve his dreams.

No matter what it takes, education must be a priority for everybody in Michigan. Please do the right thing, and tell your fellow politicians to give back the money to Michigan schools. If you can make this happen, many other kids and I will be very grateful. Thank you, Governor Granholm!

Madison Bates
4th Grade, Moraine Elementary
Winner

Dear Emma,
Did you know that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was kind, honest and polite to everyone? He'd rather resolve a problem with words rather than fighting. And did you know that what Dr. King did was dangerous? Speaking out about people's rights was tough. There were a lot of people who didn't like him. I know it's kind of hard to believe, but some people even kind of well...hated him. But he still stood up for people's right and what was fair. Dr. King fought for what he believed in. He was phenomenal.

Even 41 years after his death, Dr. King's non-violence and fairness teachings are still relevant. So, the next time you see someone being bullied on the playground or being picked on around your neighborhood, stand up for them. Don't push or kick or do anything that might hurt the bully. Words are more effective than physical force. Even though speaking up in someone's defense might seem like a small thing, just remember, that is doing the right thing, the right way. Dr. King said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

It's getting close to the time of year when people start thinking about ways to be better and their New Year's Resolutions. Well, I have a resolution that everyone can use. "If it isn't true, don't say it. If it isn't yours, don't take it. If it isn't right, don't do it." (Author Unknown). Can you imagine how awesome 2010 would be if everyone made that their resolution?

Farzad Baghaie
5th Grade, Moraine Elementary
Honorable Mention

Dear Kevin,
Dr. Martin Luther King was a great man who stuck to his words. One of his sayings was to do the right thing. A saying I learned throughout my years of school was to do the right thing even if it means to take the long route. A simple way to say this is to do the right thing.



Here is the Old Village School winning poster in the MLK Writing and Poster Contest. It was drawn by Old Village student Damien Wright.

Martin's example of doing the right thing was standing up for his rights. He did this by starting a boycott system. The boycott system was when African Americans did not ride the bus. They did this so the bus system would not get their money. A reason why they started the boycott system was when Rosa Parks was sitting on the bus in the black section, a white passenger boarded the bus and he recognized all of the seats were filled up. The white man told Mrs. Parks to give up her seat. She refused and was arrested. The white people did not do the right thing because Rosa paid for her seat and was sitting in the black section where she was allowed to sit.

My way of doing the right thing is to get my homework done, study hard, care for our environment, to stop pollution, and last but not least, to tell the truth. Doing the right thing is extremely important when it comes to almost anything, like standing up for your rights - all the way to saving the environment.

Since Martin Luther King, Jr. did the right thing, African Americans ended up receiving their rights because they're not different from anyone else. So remember to do the right thing.

Colin Latta
5th Grade,
Ridge Wood Elementary
Winner

Dear Dad,
Did you know that Dr. Martin Luther King always tried to do the right thing? Dr. King urged people not to use violence and to be at peace with one another. The reason Dr. King boycotted so convincingly is because he never used violence. Even if you get frustrated, you should always do the right thing.

Never hurt, threaten or lie to people because it will catch up with you later in your life. For example, one day I was playing in my room and I was rough and careless, around the fur-

niture, and I broke my lamp. I didn't tell mom, but she later found out and I got in trouble. In third grade I heard a good saying, "parents will always find out." That means that if you don't tell a parent the truth when you do something wrong, they will be more mad at you for not telling them than for what you did wrong.

Another big thing that involves doing the right thing is treating others the way you want to be treated. For example, if you treat someone with respect, they will also treat you with respect. If you treat someone without respect, they will not respect you. One time I was playing with my friend and didn't agree with something he did. I got frustrated and was mean to him, so he treated me the same way back and then we both felt bad. Like Dr. King, I believe it is important to do the right thing because if you don't, it may catch up with you in the future.

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HELEN M. (SELLERS) BALCH

Age 94, of Northville, formerly of Detroit, passed away January 5, 2010. Loving mother of Shirley Cury of Northville and Sarah (Frank) Kalivoda of Florida. Adored grandmother of Karen Kalivoda of Maryland, Karla (Joe) Myers of Florida, and Kristen (Harvey) Helgemo of West Bloomfield. Cherished great-grandmother of Parker, Cole, Anelle, and Connor. A service was held last Friday at Christian Memorial Cemetery. The family requests donations to Northville Civic Concern, attn. Donation for He'len Balch, PO Box 323, Northville, MI 48167. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

DOLORES BARLOW

January 5, 2010, Age 79. Wife of the late Thomas for 30 years. Mother of Robert (Janice), Mark (Patty) and Kevin. Grandmother of Thomas, Evan, Chelsea, Nick and Kent. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500.

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FRANCIS J. BUDDÉ

Jan. 5, 2010, Age 87. Funeral was Jan. 12, 2010 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to Holy Family Church Christian Service or St. John's Health Foundation. Condolences: www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

ALAN HENRY CICCÉ

Age 54, of New Hudson, passed away January 9, 2010. A funeral service was held on January 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

WILLIAM COURTNEY FAY

January 7, 2010 age 88. Beloved husband of the late Mary Lee. Loving father of Jane (Ken) Hilbert and William (Jean) Fay. Dear grandfather of Matthew (Courtney) Vali, Ashley, Kelsey and Robert and great-grandfather of Sophia and Anais. Brother of Arthur (Dee) Fay and the late David and Jean. Dear friend of Lucille "Lou" Gilbertson. William was a Captain and Fighter Pilot in the U.S. Air Force during WWII in the European Theater. Visitation at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (248) 348-1800 Friday 3-9 PM. Funeral Liturgy at St. James Church, 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, Saturday 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com



WILLIAM C. HIGGINS, JR.

Age 97, longtime resident of Northville, passed away January 9, 2010. He was born December 4, 1912 in Amherst, Nova Scotia to William and Grace (Lloyd) Higgins. At age 10, William moved to the U.S. and became a naturalized citizen at age 18. A graduate of Cass Tech in Detroit, William proudly served with the U.S. Navy during WWII as an Aviation Chief Radio Technician. He was united in marriage to Rosemary (Green) Higgins on December 28, 1942; they spent 49 loving years together until her death in 1992. He retired as a District Manager with the Detroit News after 45 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory, where he enjoyed singing in the choir. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus. William's cup was always half full; he was very cheerful and always had a kind word for everyone. He loved dancing, music, and playing the piano. He is survived by his children William (Janice) Higgins III, Patricia (Alan) Hughes, and Mary (James) Hoose, his grandchildren Jennifer Hughes, Ryan Hughes, Sara Higgins, Maria (Tim) Spangler, Michael (Gwendolyn) Hoose, and Jenna Hoose, his great grandson Ethan Spangler; and his loving companion Clarice Hoyt and her family. He was preceded in death by his wife, his son Thomas Higgins, his grandson Matthew Hughes, and 5 brothers and sisters. A funeral mass was held Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery, where he received Military Honors rendered by the U.S. Navy Honor Guard. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to OLV, attention: Music Program, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

MARY JANE KUZILA

Age 81, of Northville, passed away Jan. 7, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held Mon. Jan. 11, 2010 at Our Lady of Victory. Contributions appreciated to Angela Hospice or the National Kidney Foundation. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

GILBERT E. LARSON

Age 78, of Salem Township, formerly of Chicago, passed away, January 9, 2010 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 20, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, son of the late Arvid and Edith (Berggren) Larson. Gilbert is survived by: his loving wife Ruth; his beloved children: Jeanette (Stephen) Goldman, Darlene (Keith) Southwick; 4 grandchildren: Matthew, Brennan, Derek (Amy), and Dawn (Bret); 2 great-grandchildren: Reagan and Raley; and his brother Kenneth (Mary Ann) Larson. Visitation was held on Mon., January 11th, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Funeral services were conducted on Tues., January 12th, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



VIRGINIA MARIE MEEHL

A resident of Highland Township since 1980, passed away at her home on January 6, 2010. She was preceded in death by husbands, Lloyd Spangler and Lavern Meehl, a son, Richard (Sheila) Spangler, and brother, Robert George (Nathalie) Lechner. She is survived by her son, Donald David Spangler of Lakeville, MN; daughter, Donna Marie (Larry) Smigelski of Grand Blanc; grandchildren, Michelle Stournaras, Mike Laursen, Monique (Keith) Shorr, Melanie (Tom) Jennings, Ronald (Francine) Nesheim, Kenneth Nesheim, Matthew (Amy) Spangler, fifteen great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews and dear friends. Virginia was a long time active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit Women's Club, the Blue Army, served as a Eucharistic Minister for the homebound, and helped prepare luncheons for gatherings at the church for over twenty-five years. A Funeral Liturgy was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010 with Fr. Leo Luko officiating. Burial at Highland Cemetery Memorials may be made in her name to the Church of the Holy Spirit Building Fund. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JOHN W. MELISE

Age 69, died January 6, 2010. A Funeral was held January 8th, Friday at 12 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

TONY PASCUCCI

December 30, 2009, Age 71. Funeral was January 5, 2010 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265. Condolences: www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com



BEVERLY H. PIETRYGA

Age 77 and a resident of Highland, Michigan since 1974, passed away at her home in the care of her family on January 9, 2010, after a battle with cancer. She is survived by her beloved husband, Leonard; sons, Michael (Susan) and Matthew; daughter, Mary (James) Ogle; grandchildren, Eric, Sarah, and Emily Pietryga, Zackary, Cameron and Mackenzie Ogle, and Mason Pietryga, numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and dear friends. A Funeral Liturgy was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland, on Wednesday, January 13th, 2010 with burial at St. Stanislaw Cemetery in Bay City. Memorials may be made in her name to the Church of the Holy Spirit Building Fund. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SAMUEL W. RESSLER

Age 94, passed away Jan. 8, 2010. A Funeral service was held on Jan. 12 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

WILLIAM D. ROSEBROOK

Age 82, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully January 10, 2010. He was born August 21, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan to William and Erma (Bartlett) Rosebrook. He was united in marriage to Geraldine J. Samoly on April 12, 1947; they spent 62 loving years together until her death on June 1, 2009. Bill served in the US Navy during WWII. He worked as a Computer Operations Manager for Ford Motor Co. for over 30 years. Bill was a member of the American Legion Post 0338, the Shriner's Motor Corp of Southfield, and the Masonic Lodge #172 in Dearborn. Bill was a very generous person with a wonderful sense of humor. He is survived by his children Cheryl (William) Holmberg, Randy (Phyllis) Rosebrook, and Larry Rosebrook; 7 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his daughter Michelle Rosebrook. A funeral service was held at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025

WILMA F. SHARP

Age 89, of Northville, formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away Jan. 5, 2010. Funeral service was held Fri., Jan. 8, 2010 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. She was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Park. Contributions to Angela Hospice

MARJORIE Z. SIMS

Age 88, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away on January 9, 2010. She was born on December 15, 1921 to John S. and Ada (DeHaven) Snell. She was united in marriage to Tom Sims and they spent many loving years together until his death in 1978. Marjorie is survived by her children Thomas L. Sims and Zo (Jerry) Chisnell; 3 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and 7 brothers and sisters. A funeral service was held Tues. January 12, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Pastor James McGuire with the Fellowship Presbyterian Church officiated the service. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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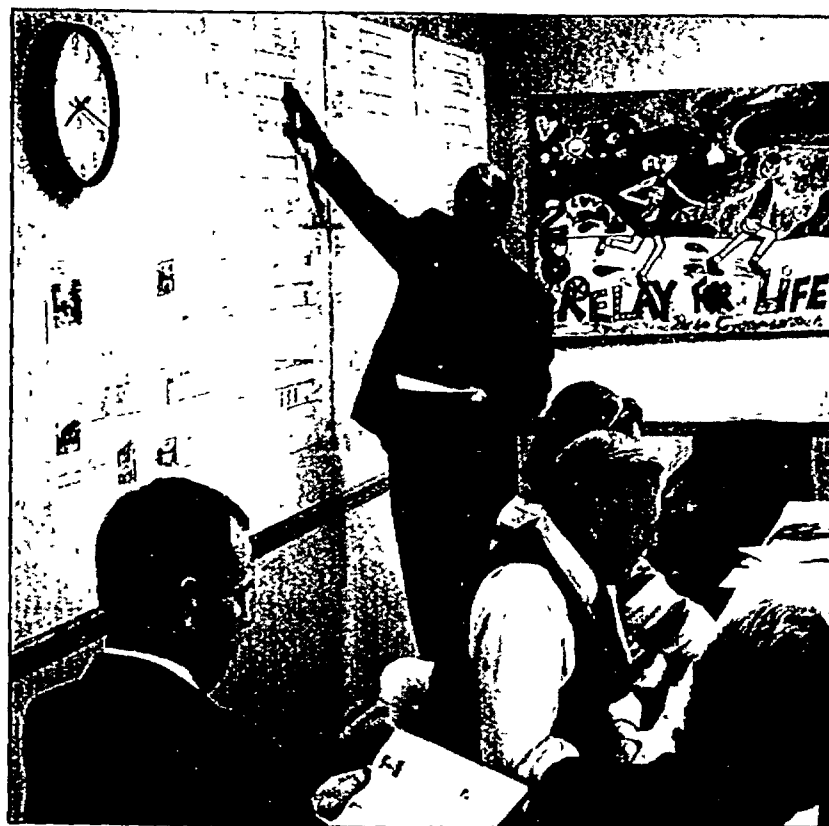


PHOTO BY PAM FLEMING/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Gary Cooper of Cooper Design outlines the concepts his firm is proposing for a walkway from the Marquis Parking Lot to East Main Street in Northville at a Jan. 5 meeting with the Northville Downtown Development Authority Board. Comerica Bank officials, Historic District Commissioners and city council members must review the proposals next.

PLANS

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improvements.

In the one-story, "tunnel" option, the walkway is proposed as a one-story space with the existing second floor lease space remaining above.

In the full, two-story option, the second floor would be removed.

In the hybrid or partial two-story option, the walkway is proposed as a one-story space at the front and the rear and as a two-story space in the center, where there would be a two-story central light well.

The open alley option proposes that the second floor and roof are removed at the walkway space and that the walkway be treated as an open alley. The front and rear facades, however, would remain and be reconstructed.

Cooper said some changes would have to be made to the Comerica Bank space and that the front of the branch office would also have to be rebuilt.

A bathroom would have to be moved so that it could stay in the bank's space, and a new vestibule in the rear of the branch office would be needed.

Presley said DDA board members also decided

against adding public rest rooms as part of the project.

DISPLAY PANELS

Another concept discussed as part of the project are

some display panels that could be added on the walls of the first floor of the walkway. The displays could represent aspects of the history of Northville or highlight local artists' work.

Cooper also talked about having a skylight if a second-floor plan was adopted.

One advantage to having an open-space concept is that it would give more options as far as adding windows on the walls. Cooper said Comerica bank officials, however, aren't terribly interested in having windows on the bank's side of the walkway.

Cooper said he can stay within the estimated budget of \$800,000 no matter which design is selected.

Lori Ward, executive director of the DDA, said there was a lot of discussion amongst Design Committee members as to whether the space should be open at both ends or with doors.

Cooper said he could include a sign or a design on the sidewalk to mark the entrance to the walkway, which would have a 12.5-foot-wide entrance. An open-air walkway would require more maintenance.

Jim Gallogly, public works director, said he thinks the walkway is a good idea.

BOARD MEMBERS' OPINIONS

Board members weighed in on their choice of the four options during the Jan. 5 special meeting.

John Casey from Poole's Tavern likes the open alley concept. Carolann Ayers likes the one-story "tunnel" option. Linda Heaton likes the par-

tial two-story concept with skylights.

Pat Sullivan, city manager, was interested in either the full two-story option or the partial two-story option.

Jim Long and Margene Buckhave like the one-story option because that would cost less.

David Larsen likes either the full two-story option or the partial two-story option. Lou LaChance likes either the one-story option or the full two-story option. Mary Starring likes the one-story option, again, because of the lower cost.

Ken Roth likes the full two-story option or the partial two-story option.

Presley likes the fourth option, the open alley concept. Johnson said he is not "married" to any option, but is leaning to the full two-story option. "It's an investment in the future of downtown," Johnson said. "I think it's penny-wise and pound foolish to not do the one we prefer and try to go back and recreate it later."

Cooper said he needs some direction soon because the DDA would like to start the design in the next construction season. He will submit the concepts for discussion to the Historic District Commission and city council, with a future discussion to be set up with Comerica Bank officials.

Johnson said it would be best to receive bank officials' input before going to commissioners or council members as they are the ones who are donating the property.

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CORRIVEAU

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Bruce Patterson.

"I think I've done what I said I would do when I was elected in 2006, which is go up to Lansing and work hard to represent the people who sent me there," Corriveau said. "Now I want to take that attitude to the rest of the 7th Senate District."

Corriveau, who before being elected spent six years practicing law with his family's Northville firm, has been contemplating the move for awhile and said consultation with his family over the last few weeks solidified - and their resulting support - solidified his decision.

Corriveau chairs the House health policy committee and sits on the House judiciary, education and government operations committees. He said he's spent his first two terms building relationships with local leaders, regardless of political party, and hopes to take that bipartisan attitude to the Senate.

If he gets there, he'll have a much bigger challenge. The 7th Senate District is made up of the same communities (except for the city of Wayne) he now represents, plus Flat Rock, Belleville, Rockwood, Trenton and Woodhaven and the townships of Brownstown, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron and Van Buren.

Corriveau said he's already been meeting with local leaders in the southern end of the district in an effort to educate himself on issues that concern those residents and letting

people know he's available.

He said the relationships he has established with local leaders at this end of the district - Republicans Richard Reaume in Plymouth Township and first Tom Yack, then Phil LaJoy in Canton - will continue to help him should he win the Senate seat.

He pointed to work he's done on ethics legislation, his efforts in the Northville annexation issue (with Patterson) and efforts to get equitable school funding. Statewide issues he points to include the smoking ban, which goes into effect May 1, along with water issues and a push for alternative energy and the movie industry.

He's been the Michigan Township Association's "Legislator of the Year" and said he's about to get the honor from the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. He also got the Michigan Business and Professional Association's "Distinguished Service Award" last year.

"I've had some successes in the House," Corriveau said. "What I've learned is the systemic changes that need to be made need to be started now. If I want to see the long-term reforms come about, the Senate is where I need to be."

Corriveau acknowledges timing is everything in his decision to seek the Senate seat. If he stays in the House, he'd have one two-year term remaining, then have to be out of the game for two years before the Senate seat would be open again (in 2014). Seeking the seat now, while it's an open seat and won't require beating an

incumbent, makes more sense.

"I can either work two more years to see what I can get done, or I can work the next nine years (one year remaining in the House and then a potential two four-year Senate terms) and try and get things done."

Corriveau prides himself on constituent services, recalling his early days helping residents with issues as varied as a woman whose daughter was injuring herself and a man who complained because trains coming through Plymouth were blowing their horns too long.

But he said he's also knocked on every door in the district and figures he'll try to do the same in the southern end of the 7th Senate district in an effort to show residents down there what residents in his current district already know - that he'll work hard. That'll be harder this time around - with some 250,000 such doors in the Senate District - but Corriveau vows to make it work.

"We set a tone early we were going to listen to people and respond to them," he said. "People understand that now, and we get a tremendous number of calls. When I said that in 2006, I had to prove it. I think after three years I've proven I was serious."

Northville Township Trustee Chris Roosen is considering running to replace Corriveau as State Representative. "I have been elected twice in the 20th District and am being encouraged to run for Marc's seat by both Republican and Democratic community leaders," Roosen said.

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Pill splitting: When it's safe, and when it isn't

Dear Savvy Senior,
Is pill splitting safe? I have several friends who split their prescription pills to save money, and several who don't because they don't think it's safe. What can you tell me?

Split Decision

Dear Decision,
Splitting your pills – literally cutting them in half – is a simple way to save money on your prescription drugs but be sure you talk to your doctor first, because not all pills can be split. Here's what you should know.

SAVINGS AND SAFETY

The reason pill splitting is such a cost cutter is because of a quirk in the way drugs are manufactured and priced. A

pill that's twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it's usually about the same price. So, buying a double-strength dose and cutting it in half may allow you to get two months worth of medicine for the price of one. But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that splitting your pills is OK for you, you learn how to do it properly, and you split only pills that can be split, there's really no danger.

WHAT TO DO

If you're interested in pill splitting, the first step is to talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you use can be safely split. It's also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle. The pills that are easiest to split are those with a score down the middle.

However, not every pill that's scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split include:

- Cholesterol lowering drugs, like Crestor, Lipitor, and Pravachol
- Antidepressants, like Celexa, Paxil, and Zoloft
- High blood pressure medicines like, Monopril, Prinivil, Univase, Zestril, Avapro and Cozaar.
- Erectile dysfunction pills, like Viagra, Cialis and Levitra

Having the right equipment helps too. Don't use a knife to cut your pills in half. It can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous. Purchase a proper pill cutter. They only cost around \$5 to \$10 and are available at most pharmacies and large discount

stores.

For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once. But check with your doctor first. It's possible that exposing the interior of the pills to the air could reduce their effectiveness. It's also important to know that pills are only safely split in half, and never into smaller portions such as into thirds or quarters.

UNSAFE SPLITTING

Many medicines, because of their ingredients or design, cannot be split safely. Here's a list of pills that should not be split:

- Blood thinners (Coumadin, warfarin).
- Chemotherapy drugs.
- Anti-seizure medicines.
- Birth control pills.
- Capsules of any kind that contain powders or gels.

- Pills with a hard outside coating.
 - Extended-release pills that deliver medication over time in your body.
 - Pills that are coated to protect your stomach.
 - Pills that crumble easily, irritate your mouth, or taste bitter.
- Again, your doctor or pharmacist will know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you're taking a medicine that can be split, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need. Then you can start splitting and saving safely.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Driving, no license

1 A 35-year-old Brighton man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 5:14 p.m. Jan. 11 at Horton Avenue and Eight Mile Road.

The man was pulled over because his license plate was obscured by snow, making it unreadable. The officer could see a white January 2009 sticker in the upper right corner of the plate.

The driver told police that he knew his plate was expired but was driving this vehicle because his other one was in the shop.

The man was also not able to produce a current insurance certificate to the vehicle.

Suspended license

2 A 21-year-old Milford man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 2:06 a.m. Jan. 11 at E. Eight Mile Road and Novi Road.

The fact that he was driving 56 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Drunk driving

3 A 47-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 6 a.m. Jan. 10 at North Center and Main streets.

Police were dispatched after they received a call that a vehicle was traveling more than 70 mph and almost struck the caller head on.

Police located the vehicle and observed the driver crossing over lines, striking a curb and speeding.

The man said he had consumed three drinks earlier while at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

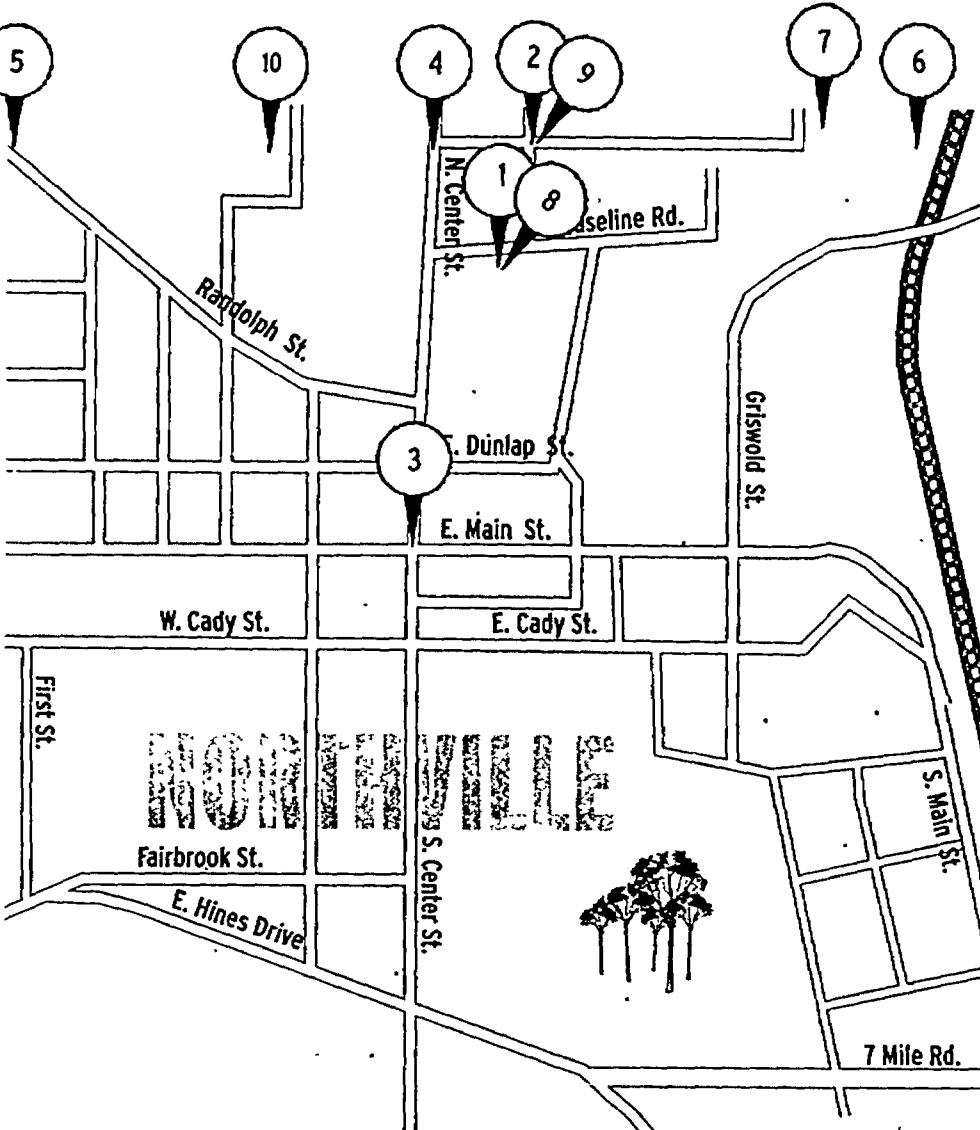
The man's speech was slurred, and his eyes were glassy and bloodshot. Police could also smell alcohol on his breath.

Crossing guard disobeyed

4 A 34-year-old Novi woman may receive a citation for disobeying a school crossing guard signal at 3:55 p.m. Jan. 7 at W. Eight Mile Road and Center Street.

A school crossing guard came into the police station to report the incident after obtaining the woman's license plate number.

She told police that she did not understand what the crossing guards were doing and thought two vehicles were involved in an accident and



that she thought she was being waived through the intersection.

The request for the citation was referred to the city attorney.

Larceny from auto

5 Police were dispatched to a residence on Revere Court about a theft from auto report that occurred between 8 p.m. Jan. 4 and 9 a.m. Jan. 6.

An 18-year-old woman said she parked and locked her vehicle in the driveway as she was unable to put her car into the garage.

Two days later, she noticed that the face plate on her stereo was pulled out and her iPod Touch with the FM transmitter was missing from the center console.

A Garmin Nuvi GPS unit was also missing from the glove box.

The GPS unit was valued at \$160. The iPod was valued at \$150, and the transmitter was valued at \$10.

Another theft from auto

6 Police were dispatched to Begonia Brothers at 21141 Brickscape about a larceny from auto that happened

between 4 p.m. Dec. 29 and 8 a.m. Dec. 30.

The 37-year-old owner of the business, who lives in Wolverine Lake, said someone used a torch to cut off the catalytic converter on one of his trucks.

Breaking and entering

7 Police were dispatched to American Beauty Tanning & Nails at 1027 Novi Road about an alarm going off at 9:38 p.m. on Dec. 29.

Police opened the rear door of the business and found items scattered about the floor.

Police later determined that the break-in was staged due to an employee's boyfriend's need for cash to purchase drugs. More than \$700 was taken and recovered from the business.

Operating intoxicated

8 A 24-year-old Rochester man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving while his license was suspended at 7:53 p.m. on Dec. 26 at Horton Avenue and Eight Mile Road.

The driver was pulled over for driving 59 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Drunk driving arrest

9 A 22-year-old Brighton man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and violating a restricted license at 1:55 a.m. on Dec. 31 at E. Eight Mile and Novi roads.

The man was pulled over for driving 62 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Police could smell alcohol on his breath and noticed that his eyes were glassy and bloodshot and that his speech was slurred. He said that he had consumed three drinks earlier.

Operating intoxicated

10 A 31-year-old South Lyon man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:32 a.m. on Dec. 27 at the Mobil gas station at 710 W. Eight Mile Road.

The man was approached when he was parked next to the building at the gas station when the station was closed.

The man, who was asleep in the driver's seat, said he had been there about 20 minutes and had had a couple of beers at Doc's Sports Bar in Livonia.

Police could smell alcohol and noticed that his eyes were bloodshot and glassy.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

Judge grants Orlewicz a new trial

BY BRAD KADRIC
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three days before Christmas, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow delivered the present Jean Pierre Orlewicz has been hoping for since his murder conviction last year.

Morrow on Dec. 22 issued an opinion granting Orlewicz's motion for a new trial, saying psychiatric evidence ruled inadmissible by the original trial judge, Annette Berry, should have been allowed and granting the defense's motion for the new trial.

Orlewicz's appellate attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, had argued that keeping such testimony out of the original trial was tantamount to denying Orlewicz proper counsel.

Following a hearing that stretched over several months, Morrow agreed.

"The Sixth Amendment guarantees to every person the right to counsel," Morrow wrote.

"The order issued by the court ... denying the testimony of Drs. Billings, Speck and Shiener, denied defendant Orlewicz of the effective assistance of counsel. This denial deprived defendant Orlewicz of his right for a fair trial."

"Therefore, this Court will grant defendant's motion for a new trial," Morrow wrote.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office had 21 days to appeal the decision.

"We are baffled by the judge's decision, and believe that it is based upon a profound misunderstanding of the Sixth Amendment, the rules of evi-

dence, and the rules of criminal procedure," Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said in a statement. "We are confident that the Court of Appeals will reverse the decision in relatively short order."

Jacobs understands that, pending Worthy's appeal, any new trial is a long way away. But that didn't dim the defense's attitude over Morrow's opinion.

"We're very pleased the judge understood and found my client's rights had been violated," Jacobs said Tuesday. "I believe the judge came to the correct decision. We believe, given the opportunity to present the case completely, a jury will return a verdict more compatible with the evidence."

The victim's parents, Jim and Kim Sorensen of Westland, were disappointed in Morrow's decision.

"I'm not happy, because he's wrong," Jim Sorensen said. "This isn't any more than I expected he would do. He's basically allowed the defense to do an end-around around the original trial and present a second defense, and I'm not happy with that. I'm comfortable the appellate court will evaluate everything and reverse Judge Morrow's decision."

"The thing that's hard is it means it drags on a little bit more," Sorensen added. "By no means do I think there will be a second trial."

Orlewicz was convicted last year of killing and beheading 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge, then dumping and burning his torso in a Northville field and disposing of the head in the Rouge River.

Are You Ready to Set a New Land Speed World Record?

The first significant snowfall has come and many of us will head outside to go sledding.

Sledding is very popular in Northville, because of Hines Park which has an abundance of hills. Sledding although fun, can be extremely dangerous. According to the Consumer Product Safety commission, 74,000 injuries are directly related to sledding each year. Most of these injuries could have been prevented with a just a little preparation. Here are some general sledding safety tips:

- Children should always have adult supervision while sledding.
- Never go down a hill head first.
- Don't use inner tubes, toboggans or saucers to sled, because they do not provide any steering capabilities.
- Dress appropriately, by wearing layers.
- Wear a helmet such as a bike, hockey, football, or ski helmet. Anything is better than nothing.
- Don't over load a sled with people.
- Everyone should learn how to roll off the sled if it won't stop.
- Don't cut off or run into others.
- Keep arms and legs inside the sled.
- Never ride a sled being pulled by a vehicle.
- Sled during the daylight.
- Never sled into a snow bank.
- Make sure that the hill is free of jumps, bumps, and other obstacles (poles, fences, trees).

SAFETY ZONE

• Never sled down a hill that ends at a road, parking lot, lake or pond.

• Someone should always have a cell phone available to call 911 if an emergency happens.

• Do not consume alcohol while sledding.

The Northville Township Fire Department encourages family and friends to get outside and have fun, but please do it in a safe manner. Your Fire Department responds to numerous sledding accidents during the winter months, some of which are very serious. If you witness or are involved in an accident, it is important to know exactly where you are located. The Fire Department prides itself on getting to the scene of an emergency as quickly as possible, but in some instances this does not happen because of poor communication between the victim and dispatcher. Whether you are a victim or witness, you can be the critical link for the Fire Department in getting to a remote location quickly, by giving accurate directions. Be aware of your location, be safe, and always have fun while sledding.

Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at jraschke@tpw.northville.mus

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Classic films return to Marquis Theater

Series runs Jan. 16-March 27

Throughout the years Hollywood has created many memorable films, and now audiences can see 11 all-time favorite classic films on the Marquis Theatre's big screen in the 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series, sponsored by Urban Optiques Vision and Eyewear and Tom Holzer Ford and presented by the Northville Township Development Authority.

From musicals to romance to drama, action and intrigue classic movie buffs can relive some of the timeless films featuring many of the beloved movie stars of all time -- including Audrey Hepburn, Cary Grant, James Stewart, Katherine Hepburn, Doris Day and Bing Crosby -- in featured films shown every Saturday night from Jan. 16-March 27 at 7:30 p.m. for all viewings; doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets (\$3 each) for the Movies at the Marquis are limited and may be purchased exclusively at participating Northville merchant sponsor locations. The Movies at the Marquis series is open to guests five years and older.

Individual Ticket Sponsors will be hosting pre-show events exclusively for ticket holders, including:

"North by Northwest" ticket holders have the opportunity to enjoy a spy-themed pre-show cocktail hour from 5:30-7 p.m. hosted by ticket sponsor Long, Plumbing, Heating, Kitchen & Bath at their store located at 190 E. Main Street (corner of Main Street & Hutton). During the pre-show festivities, ticket holder guests can solve mystery games and win prizes as they dine on complimentary table wine and cheeses. Ticket holders interested in attending the pre-show event at Long, Plumbing, Heating, Kitchen & Bath must purchase tickets and RSVP by Jan. 14 to (248) 349-0373 or pniskode@long-mechanical.com

"My Fair Lady" ticket holders who stop in before the show at Edwards Café & Caterer between 5-7 p.m. the night of the "My Fair Lady" will receive a free homemade sugar parcel with any purchase. Ticket holders will be given a coupon for the free treat when purchasing movie tickets at the sponsor location. Edwards Café & Caterer will also be giving away two gifts during a drawing at the theater right before show -- one basket, and one cooking class certificate for two.

"The Thomas Crown Affair" ticket holders can enjoy a pre party from 5:30-7 p.m. hosted by ticket sponsor, Starring The Gallery on Jan. 23. Starring The Gallery will also be giving away prizes during a pre-movie drawing at the Marquis Theatre. Guests should make sure they write their names on the back of their ticket so it can be collected for the drawing.

The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street. For more information and updates on Movies at the Marquis Series, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call (248) 349-0345.

The 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series schedule includes (date/movie/sponsor location):

Jan. 16, North by Northwest (1959), Long Plumbing, Heating, Kitchen & Bath, 190 E. Main, tickets on sale now.

Jan. 23, My Fair Lady (1964), Edwards Café & Caterer, 115 E. Main, tickets on sale now.

Jan. 30, The Thomas Crown Affair (1968), Starring the Gallery, 118 W. Main, tickets on sale Jan. 16.

Feb. 6, Philadelphia Story (1940), Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main, tickets on sale Jan. 23.

Feb. 13, Roman Holiday (1953), Riffles Homestyle Restaurant, 160 E. Main, tickets on sale Jan. 30.

Feb. 20, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939), Wine Sync, 122 W. Main, tickets on sale Feb. 6.

Feb. 27, That Touch of Mink (1962), Alexander's Custom Clothiers, 124 W. Main, tickets on sale Feb. 13.

March 6, Charade (1963), Sincerely Yours Inc., 110 N. Center, tickets on sale Feb. 20.

March 13, Paris When It Sizzles (1964), Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Court, tickets on sale Feb. 27.

March 20, Vertigo (1958), Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main, tickets on sale March 6.

March 27, Easter Parade (1948), Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, tickets on sale March 13.



Digging out
Ben Toporski, off from school, helps to clear the driveway of an inch of snow of his North Beacon Woods home on Dec. 21 -- the first day of winter.

NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Peter Cottontail' auditions ZBA meeting slated Jan. 20

The Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northville) is holding auditions for "The Adventures of Peter Cottontail" for children 8-16 years old at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17. Participants will be asked to sing "Do-Re-Mi" from "Sound of Music" with an accompanist and read a poem or monologue, no longer than 90 seconds (does not have to be memorized). Phone (248) 349-8110 for more information.

Play euchre, fight leukemia

The Northville Sports Den is hosting a Euchre Tournament and Silent Auction to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on Thursday, Jan. 14. Registration for the Euchre Tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. and the tournament will begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person with cash prizes awarded for first, second and third places. From 6 p.m. to the end of the tournament, 10 percent of all food revenues will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For more information, call (248) 231-5872.

Northville Township residents are reminded that the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 20. On the agenda is a tabled request by board members of the Meadowbrook Islamic Center on Eight Mile Road east of Silver Springs Drive. The center's board members want to have a parking lot constructed at the site. They requested a 42-space parking lot at the December meeting. ZBA members asked the board to come back with a revised request with fewer parking spaces.

'Mimi' author signing books

Northville educator Sue Beth Balash will appear at Barnes & Noble for a special storytime and signing of her new children's picture book, "Mimi the Inchworm" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20. The store is located on the northwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. "Mimi the Inchworm" is the charming story of how the smallest creatures can have a large positive influence on the world around them. Following a reading of her story, the author will sign copies of her book as well as facilitate a craft with the children.

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OUR VIEWS

Celebrate Dr. King at Monday's Unity in the Community

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and for the third straight year, Northville Public Schools has sponsored a student writing and poster contest honoring the civil rights leader. This year's district-wide contest theme was King's quote, "The time is always right to do what is right."

Dr. King spent most of his life urging others to live in harmony and do what is right. Students participating in the contest were asked to write an essay, letter or poem, or create a poster or project describing what they think needs to be done to achieve peace and harmony in our community and world.

The winning and honorable mention writings can be read in this issue of the Northville Record.

Student winners of the contest will share their work at the "Unity in the Community" celebration being sponsored by Northville Public Schools on Monday at 7 p.m. at Genetti's Little Theatre, 112 East Main Street in downtown Northville. In addition, winners also receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond provided by the Northville Educational Foundation. All honorable mention recipients also will be recognized at the "Unity in the Community" event.

For many, Martin Luther King Day is a day off from work or school, a chance to sleep in or go shopping. But for others it is a day to remember King's message. For them, it is a time to rekindle his dream of a world where people see each other not as black or white, but as human beings. King's "dream" is far from reality. Great strides have been made since his death in April 1968, but more needs to be done. We all need to embrace King's message of love, peace and reconciliation and a great place to start is at the King Day celebration.

Community members also are welcome to attend the "Unity in the Community" celebration, which will also feature songs celebrating King's message of peace and unity sung by Northville High School choir students and a special presentation by Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Superintendent Chris Wigent.

King was one of the most influential leaders of the 20th century. His name is synonymous with the civil rights movement and his speech, "I Have a Dream," has inspired millions of people from all races to seek to understand each other and break racial barriers.

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King's legacy should be mean more than a day off; it should be a time to reaffirm our commitment to the belief that we all are created equal.

We encourage residents to attend with their children so the next generation hears and takes to heart King's message.

Even four decades after he died, it still rings true: "Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."

Of course, if you aren't able to make it to the celebration, you can still embrace the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. Luckily, his message is valid year-round — not just on the holiday.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What was your favorite part of your recent Christmas break from high school?



"It's going to sound odd, but bowling practice with the Mustang team. That and family stuff and getting out and seeing friends."

Lindsey Funfgeld
Northville High



"Probably having my brothers home for Christmas. One came back from college and the other moved back in. It was like the whole family was back together."

Jessie Sammat
Northville High



"I guess I liked being off school — it was stress-free. I also liked hanging out with my friends and snowboarding."

Shelby Curlew
Northville High



"I liked a break from school, and going snowboarding was fun."

Garrett Baughman
Northville High

LETTERS

Enough already

I couldn't help but chuckle when I read my recent *Northville Record*. I look forward to the letters to the editor section as many times it provides some entertaining, witty and creative comments on our local landscape.

Then I read the all-too-familiar letters from the same people that take up the whole section. Why do you provide a pulpit to these people and print this kind of commentary? I am really growing tired of reading the long-winded personal manifesto from readers that think I care about their personal slant on our national political landscape. Regardless of what political branch I swing from (and I do have passionate views from one side of the aisle), I don't care if you hated or loved George Bush and/or Bill Clinton or think Barack Obama is in over his head or is the anointed one.

Now we get to read a rebuttal commentary that's just as long-winded as the original! Surely this point-counterpoint will go on for a few weeks, and we'll all be treated to this wordsmith battle. If I want to see Democrats and Republicans scream at each other, I can find this noise every night of the week on the partisan networks. I don't expect and really don't need the *Record's* readership to provide me their cutting analysis on ACORN, Medicare or whether Saddam really had WMD in that illegal war. This is like opening the menu at a coney restaurant and seeing their surf-and-turf special with certified Angus beef, Maine lobster (flown-in daily) and a vegetable medley drizzled with a delightful mango chutney. I am confused a little.

So please, kind editor, please spare me from these guest editors and their diatribe of poli-babble. Don't get me wrong — I would never ask you to quash the voice of the people; quite to the contrary. And whether I agree with these views or not, I very much respect those willing to take such a polarizing position with their impassioned argument. Just do it somewhere else.

I'm just asking that my local paper give me local news and that the readership continue to provide their ever-keen insight on these local issues. Wonderful topics might include downtown merchants; our Northville School District, its looming financial crisis, the teachers union and their oh-well attitude toward this crisis; the library; the police; that juggernaut Little League/soccer/pee-wee football team; local government; that mega-successful fundraiser hosted by our fantastic community neighbors at Hiller's; or the ever-popular psyche hospital chronicles. And let's not forget my hands-down personal favorite, the roundabout on Taft Road! Now that there's snow, it's much easier to see the tire tracks of the cars that just drive right over the top of the circle, and I continue to enjoy the ever-growing missing chunks of curb and the gash marks left by people's rims. I really love hearing my Hillside daughter tell me about how NPS bus driver Dave takes them "over the bump" each morning and afternoon. The other day I drove through a new roundabout on Grand River near South Lyon with fresh curbs and no sawed-off light poles. "Who do they think they are?" I said to myself, "trying to be Euro-chic like us." Then I smiled as I realized that we had ours first!

Now that's news.

Andy Terhune
Northville

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Leave it alone, Ms. Beason

I propose that Ms. Beason come to my house next fall to rake the leaves prior to pickup. With all the troubles we have in this world, she is worried about the leaves? She must not have much else to do with her day. I try to wait to rake the leaves, but with a full-time job that has me working long hours and weekends, I find myself having to rake leaves when I am home, there is daylight, it's not raining or snowing, or the wind is not blowing so hard you can not rake. That day is difficult to come by.

It is not equal to taking out the garbage, as she mentions in the article. Garbage takes one minute to take out, and you can do it in the rain or snow. Some yards can take days to rake, not to mention the leaves do not all fall off the same day. At my previous house on Horton Street, I had four old trees in the yard; one I called the psycho tree, as the leaves never fell off until after a couple of snowfalls.

So, Ms. Beason, I ask you to help all us working people out, and rake our yards prior to pickup. This way we can afford to pay our taxes, so the others that do not have a higher tax burden can have the same services provided to them.

Dawn Hamill
Northville

Kudos to Hillebrand

I had been attempting for months to bring some township concerns to the attention of Northville Township officials.

After being insulted by Chip Snider, harassed by the police department and ignored by Mr. Abbo, I asked the township clerk for some information. That is when things started to happen.

It is gratifying to know that at least one township leader is keeping a watchful eye on the well-being of Northville Township and its citizens.

Thank you, Sue Hillebrand. You have my utmost gratitude and support.

Jerry Smith
Northville Township

Community adopts those in need

Good things can be accomplished when we work together to reach and even surpass a goal. That is exactly what happened at Northville Civic Concern during the annual Northville Civic Concern Christmas Adoption Program.

This program actually begins in late September, with our clients creating a needs-based list. Overall, the lists were

conservative with many families asking for only the basics. We then begin the process of making matches for people in our community who want to shop for our clients. (Several of our client families declined the Christmas program to put the families with children first.)

Neighborhood groups, Bible study groups, book groups, businesses, scouts, schools, families and individuals "adopted" our clients and provided them with a Christmas they wouldn't have had if it weren't for this all-out community effort.

The Christmas program culminated Friday, Dec. 11, with shoppers dropping off the wrapped and tagged gifts and Saturday, Dec. 12, with clients picking up the gifts, munching on cookies and having a picture taken with Santa.

That is not the end of the story. Because of the tradition and interest in helping others, we were able to suggest that if all families were "adopted," gift cards to local grocery stores would be accepted and our goal would be to give each client household a card at our last 2009 food distribution, which took place Dec. 18. Guess what? We did it because of you!

Tears and hugs along with humble and grateful attitudes were all the thanks needed to know that another successful year was completed because of all the participants in the community who care.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Mariene Kunz
director of Northville Civic Concern
Jan Covert
Christmas coordinator
Jan Catanese
cookie coordinator
And all the volunteers

Intersection woes

I've had it with the awful traffic problem at the intersection of Main and Center streets. The powers-that-be thought they were doing the city drivers a big favor by making Center Street (coming up from the racetrack area) a no-left-turn onto Main. This helped a great deal. However, the fact is, there shouldn't be any left-hand turns at this intersection.

I've seen traffic back up all the way to Hutton Street, or all the way to Dunlap, while two to three (sometimes more) cars are waiting to turn left. Like several other drivers, I've had to sit through two to three light changes while the left-hand turners wait for their big moment. Once in a while, some lucky car is able to inch his car to the right of the left-hand turner while he waits for that lucky break. But usually there is a delivery truck or some other obstacle in this small area.

At the very least, the lights need to have green arrows installed that last at least 15 seconds so anywhere from two to four cars can finally make their left-hand turn.

Another viable idea (and most people in Northville will hate this idea and probably hate me, too) would be to prohibit parking on Main Street and Center Street in the city proper. The city had all these parking structures built, added quite a few new parking lots and expanded those already built. Yet the city still allows curbside parking on both streets where there's not just traffic congestion, but pedestrian congestion.

Sharon Johnson
Northville

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Downtown Northville holiday shopping mystery winners are announced

Who's the third-place winner?

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The "Where's the Blue Spruce?" shopping mystery promotion last month in downtown Northville was a success, with shoppers searching for the blue spruce in front of the designated store for 23 days in December.

They then got a card stamped, which allowed them to enter a contest for prizes depending on how many stamps they received throughout the month. Now, however, there's a mystery within the mystery: The third-place winner left Northville Square, where the Dec. 24 drawing took place, before Bob Buckhave, organizer of the promotion, had a chance to get the winner's name. Anyone who knows who the "mystery winner" is can contact the Record, and the person's name will be published at a later date.

cate from Sweet 220 Pastry and Specialty Cakes; and two tickets valued at \$50 from the Tipping Point Theatre.

THIRD-PLACE WINNER: \$275 VALUE

Still an "unsolved mystery" is the couple who won a \$25 gift certificate from Community Financial Bank; \$25 gift certificate from gg boutique; \$25 gift certificate from Northville Gallery; \$25 gift certificate from Northville Sports Den; \$25 gift certificate from Pearaphernalia; \$50 gift basket from Preservation Dental; two tickets valued at \$50 from the Tipping Point Theatre; \$25 gift certificate from Tuscan Cafe; and \$25 gift certificate from Wine Sync.

FOURTH-PLACE WINNER: \$225 VALUE

Priya Niskode of Farmington Hills won two tickets valued at \$100 for dinner and a theater performance at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall; \$25 gift certificate from Healthy Jones; \$25 gift certificate from Riffles Homestyle Restaurant; \$25 gift certificate from Solid Grounds Coffee House; \$25 gift certificate from Starring "The Gallery"; and a \$25 gift certificate from Van Dam's Boutique.

Buckhave said the promotion drew many people into the stores to get their cards stamped, with several shoppers telling him they spent more money in Northville this past holiday shopping season as a result of the promotion. Obviously, the promotion attracted people from outside of Northville, as at least three out of the four winners are from neighboring communities. Buckhave hopes to be able to repeat the downtown Northville holiday shopping mystery promotion next December.

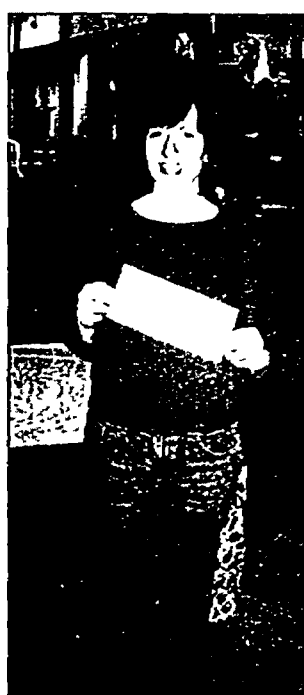
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FIRST-PLACE WINNER: \$500 VALUE

Andrea Divetta of Farmington received a \$500 gift certificate from Orin Jewelers.

SECOND-PLACE WINNER: \$400 VALUE

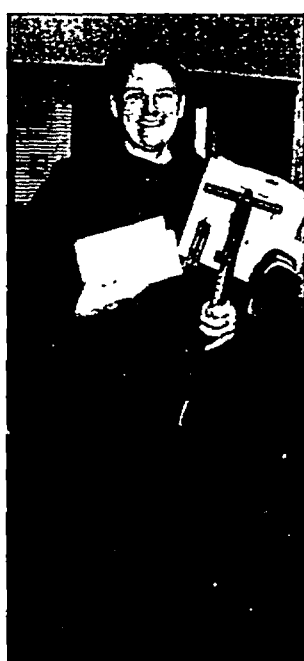
John McGill of Livonia received a \$25 gift certificate from Baby Plus More; \$50 gift certificate from D & D Bicycle and Fitness; \$25 gift certificate from Gardenvue; \$25 gift certificate from Great Harvest Bread Company; \$25 gift certificate from KB Jewelers; \$25 gift certificate from Long Plumbing Kitchen & Bath Design; \$25 gift certificate from Northville Candle & Gifts; \$25 gift certificate from Oasis Tropical Tanning; \$25 gift certificate from Red Pepper Deli; \$25 gift certificate from Sincerely Yours card and gift shop; \$25 gift certificate from Stampdollar Plus Memories; \$50 gift certi-



First-place Solve the Mystery winner was Andrea Divetta of Farmington.



This "mystery" couple left before the contest organizer could get their names. Do you know who they are?



Second-place winner was John McGill of Livonia.



Fourth-place winner was Priya Niskode of Farmington Hills.

TRAINING

FROM PAGE A1

through billing.

"The key to successful ALS (advanced life support) is getting the service to patient side as quickly as possible," the report states. "When this is the case, the outcomes are better."

PARAMEDICS ALREADY EXIST

The fire department already has 12 licensed paramedics on staff, and the other 12 members of the department are willing to get licensed. The only other personnel consideration is the need for an EMS coordinator. Werth and Marinucci said the position could be funded with revenue from user fees.

As far as equipment, there would be more wear and tear on vehicles and more mileage if ambulance service was offered by the township.

Directors anticipate a vehicle would have to be replaced about one year earlier than now.

A major cost is the monitor/defibrillators, which must be replaced every five years. Current cost is about \$45,000 for two units, but St. Mary Mercy Hospital may donate them.

Supplies are replaced after each call. Initial cost is about \$1,500, with funding currently available.

The department is investigating a joint venture with neighboring departments that would bundle all calls for medical service, creating a larger volume, which would reduce the fee paid to the billing company.

REVENUE TO EXCEED COSTS

There are expenses anticipated that are more than the current amount spent on emergency medical services in the township. However, these are well below the anticipated revenue. CEMS expects to collect \$500,000 annually based upon the run volume and payer mix. Last year, fire department personnel responded to 2,075 incidents. About 75 percent were medical runs. About 75 people are taking to the hospital monthly or about 900 a year.

Rates range from \$410 to \$485 plus mileage costs per medical run, depending on the type of service provided.

Werth and Marinucci estimate about \$315,000 annually in revenue to the township if ambulance service was provided by the fire department.

Since most of the surrounding communities already provide advanced life support with their fire department, directors believe it would be good for the township to do so.

"It improves mutual aid relationships and also creates a better environment to pursue joint ventures, shared services and the like," the report states.

The department would require approval from the state to upgrade its level of service, which includes an application process followed by a site visit.

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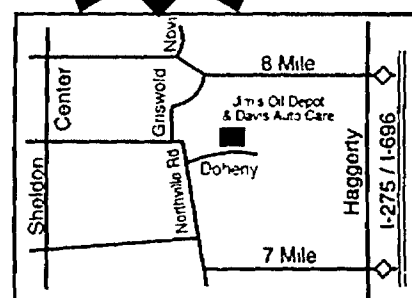


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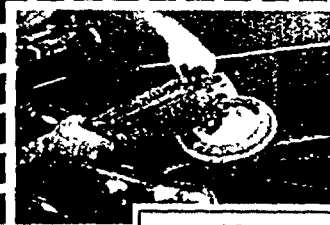
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KING

FROM PAGE A5

Sohan Yadav
4th Grade,
Ridge Wood Elementary
Honorable Mention

Dear Himansu,
I hope you like your new school. I want to tell you why it is important to do the right thing. Doing the right thing is important because if someone is getting bullied, you have to stand up for that person or that person will get teased by the bully for no reason.
Remember how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. put a stop to the Jim Crow laws? Well, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. did this because he wanted to do what was right. The Jim Crow laws are laws that separated people of color from the white people. But Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. didn't want people of color to be separated from the white people. So, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood up for people of color and did what was right. Martin Luther King, Jr. did boycotts and long marches with other people of color. Soon after that the government took out the Jim Crow laws. Remember, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be watching to see if you are doing the right thing.

Samantha Cantie
5th Grade, Silver Springs
Elementary Winner

Dear Classmates,
When I think about Martin Luther King Jr., I usually think about how it does not matter what color your skin is. Trust me, that is definitely an important subject, but there was much more than just that subject that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wanted us to understand. He wanted us to know, "The time is always right to do the right thing."
It is really important to do the right thing. Our world would be peaceful if we all decided to do the right thing. That is exactly what Dr. King wanted us all to come together and do. If none of us tried to do the right thing, what would our world be like? Would it be calm and peaceful? Would everyone be happy or have hurt feelings? I think without doing the right thing everyone would have hurt feelings and no one would trust one another to be nice or helpful.
Doing the right thing is not always easy. One time, I really wanted to keep a book that my family was going to donate. I told my mom it was one of my favorite books even though it wasn't. I just wanted to have more things. Even though I really wanted to keep it, I knew the right thing to do was give it away. Now, one more kid has one more book to read that I have already enjoyed. It was hard at first, but afterwards I had a satisfying feeling. I believe that this, along with many other things, is what Dr. King urges us to do - the right thing.
So my classmates, I and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., encourage you to always try to

Thanks King

By: Lamar Coleman

He ended segregation,
He helped make great changes to our nation.

He said "I have a dream,"
And just for that we should want to be on his team.

He won the Nobel Peace Prize,
And for the things he did that is no surprise.

He stood up for what was right,
He was not a violent man and didn't bring the world to a fight.

Martin Luther King Day is his birthday,
He brought peace to the world what else can you say.

Thanks King,
You did the right thing.



This is the Cooke School winning entry in the MLK Writing and Poster Contest written by Cooke student Lamar Coleman. It is a rap song.

do the right thing. It is one of Dr. King's dreams.

Jillian Ickes
4th Grade,
Silver Springs Elementary
Honorable Mention

Dear Mr. Snyder,
It is good to do the right thing because inside of yourself you feel good and you make others feel good. Dr. King spent most of his life trying to convince America that African Americans should get equal rights to Americans, and that we should be peaceful with each other. However, many people did not agree with Dr. King and wanted him thrown in jail. But this did not stop him. He kept trying to convince the Americans. Then he wrote the "I Have a Dream" speech and inspired many people by his thoughtful words.
Soon, things changed and rights were given to the African Americans. But some Americans were mad at Dr. King, and one of them assassinated him. But that is a great lesson to us Americans because he never gave up on getting the rights that African Americans deserved.
Dr. King is a great role model for everyone, and everyone should do the right thing. If you do the right thing it can change the world, or make someone smile. No matter what you do, you can still make a difference.

Alex Braeseker
5th Grade,
Thornton Creek Elementary
Winner

Dear Sam,
"The time is always right to do what is right." I will always

remember those 10 words in the sentence that Martin Luther King Jr. said on that day.

He inspires me to do the right thing. Like a couple days ago we had the Trade Fair and I saw one kid who only had 3 muffins. So, I gave him a cookie for one of his pencils. I knew he felt good because he got something other than muffins.

Another time, someone was all alone at recess so I played with him that day. The next day he was alone again, so I played with him for that week. The next week he was alone again and I still played with him. My friends were giggling at me but I did not care one bit. Finally, he had 3 friends with him at recess for a whole week.

At recess one day I saw a kid being picked on everyday. He turned and looked at me. He could see tears falling down his cheeks. Then I whispered, "That is it." I scampared to the teacher and told her what was happening. The bullies got in trouble. The little kid smiled at me and ran off.

When you do the right thing you get a little tangle of goodness inside of you. It doesn't matter who it is or what it is, as long as you do the right thing, it is all right.

Grace Chi
4th Grade,
Thornton Creek Elementary
Honorable Mention

Dear Grandpa,
I really, really miss you. How are you?
I have been doing some research on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He really reminds me of you, especially when he said, "The time is always right to do what is right."
I remember when I was

little you'd sit me on your lap and you'd tell me stories about how important it is to do the right thing. The tales were usually based on getting things clear before you make a move or something like that. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. did the right thing when he stood up for the African Americans. If it wasn't for him we wouldn't have Barack Obama as president. There would be stuff only white people could use. Now we don't look down at African Americans. In fact, there are a lot of famous African Americans, like Jackie Robinson, Michael Jackson, Rosa Parks, Barack Obama and many more.

Some things are the right thing, but they are boring, like piano. You have to do it for years to see a little progress. But still, I know that's the right thing to do.

Addison Lentz
4th Grade,
Winchester Elementary
Winner

Dear Lillian,
Do you know how important it is to do the right thing? It is very important, although most people don't quite realize it. Many people think, "So what if I do the right thing? What difference will it make? I'm just an ordinary person." Think about Martin Luther King Jr. He was just an ordinary person and he did the right thing. That choice changed the world forever, and that is why it is so important to do the right thing!

Everyone is an influence for someone else. So, well, if someone does the right thing, someone else may see them and have the guts to do the right thing, as well. Then someone else may see them and it could go on and on and on and on until, well, A LOT of people are doing the right thing just because of one... yes, just ONE... person!

It's one thing to know what the right thing is to do, and another to do the right thing. P.S. And like Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

Claire Wenrick
5th Grade,
Winchester Elementary
Honorable Mention

Dear Citizens of America,
You may not have known this but Martin Luther King Jr. made a difference in the world by doing the right thing. For example, he encouraged people to use love instead of violence and peace could live in harmony.

Without him, black and white kids would never be able to be friends or go to the same schools. So because of what he did, we should all do the right thing. Martin Luther King Jr. did because he felt that blacks didn't have the same rights as the white people. He set out to make a difference and that was the right thing to do.

One of the things he did to change America started off when Rosa Parks refused

to move to the back of the bus while she was seated in the front and a white man wanted to sit there. At that time, if a white man/woman wanted to sit in the seat that a black person was sitting in, the black man/woman would have to move. When Rosa refused to go to another seat she got arrested and went to jail. After that, Martin Luther King Jr. decided not to ride the bus until blacks could sit wherever they wanted. He convinced all of the blacks to not ride the buses. Martin worked with them, talked with them and sang with them. After 381 days, blacks were allowed to sit wherever they wanted.

I have done the right thing in my life many times. For example, I have done The Giving Tree, Kids Against Hunger, made blankets for the poor and canned food drives. Those are all examples of me doing the right thing and helping people out.

The reason I am encouraging you to do the right thing is because if you do it could change the world. If you think something isn't right, change it or at least fight for what you believe in. Then because of you, everyone will admire you for that thing you did and you will feel good. So don't be afraid to do the right thing.

Amy Walsh
6th Grade, Hillside Middle
Winner

Martin Luther King Jr. was an inspiration to all of us to create unity in our school and community. "The time is always right to do what is right," Martin Luther King Jr. said. We should all believe in that. Creating unity is something that we can all take part in. We can do this in many ways. Creating unity can be as easy as just being a good friend. The whole point is having a common goal with others to make a difference.

Teachers, Principals and even your classmates can help you to create unity in your school. You can organize a group to do a toy drive or raise money for charity by having a bake sale. In your own community you can help too. You can have a neighborhood get together and clean up a local park or help an elderly neighbor with his or her groceries.

Another part of unity is being committed. Whether you do soccer, or are part of student council your job is to be part of what you are doing, get along with others and stick to it. Sometimes it might be hard but if Dr. King can do it then so can you. Be a good friend. Help your buddies with there homework or sit with someone that you have not sat with at lunch lately.

Work Together. Whenever you are working in a group make sure that you make your contributions but do not take over. Remember that all of your teammates have a special role. Even the smallest role can pull the whole project together. If you are on a team, let's say basketball, you have your moments but passing will get you the farthest. Just like in a group it might seem nice to do everything alone but when you work together you conquer the most.

"The time is always right to do what is right." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

Brandon Robinson
6th Grade, Meads Mill Middle
Winner

'Twas the night before Christmas break
And all through the school
The students came together
To collect a fundraising pool

A voice in my head
Told me never to be greedy
The holidays are about unity
And helping people that are needy

Collecting presents
Put in a flurry
We joined as one
To get done in a hurry

We gathered as a community
Everyone marched and we sang
Holding hands together
We went further as we gained.

During bad times and doubt
Forget the greed
Reach out and pray
There are people in need

Hatred comes from others
They way what they can
But we shut it out
And remain focused again

A wise man once told me
To never lose sight
Because the time is always right
To do what is right!

Martin Luther King died hard
and brave
No one will be the same
Remembering in our hearts
He will always remain.

"The Time is always right to do what is right"

John Collieran
10th Grade, Northville High
Winner

A king,
Head of State
Someone who exercises monarchical powers over his realm
Some may consider these characteristics of a king
However this king stood proud
This king stood tall
This king did not try to express power over any
He only tried to show others to express their power through word and numbers

When violence and hatred
looked him in the eye
He merely stood strong and spoke only of peace
Never to fight back
Never to accuse
Only to forgive all

The king, never selfish, cared only for the greater good of humanity
He always stood tall,
In hopes to send a message to all beings,
Black, white, yellow, red,
Wealthy, poor, anguished,
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Never to discriminate
Only to compensate

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Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyspiritnovi.org

Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

ADOPTIVE PARENT NETWORK MEETING
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
Details: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

Crosspointe Meadows Church
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfe-nazarene.org
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 Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service,

Children's program, Youth Worship Service
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 age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
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
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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
Christmas Eve Service: 6 p.m.

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.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit presville.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

WALKING IN THE PARK
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A Stephen Ministry church
Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fume-northville.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP
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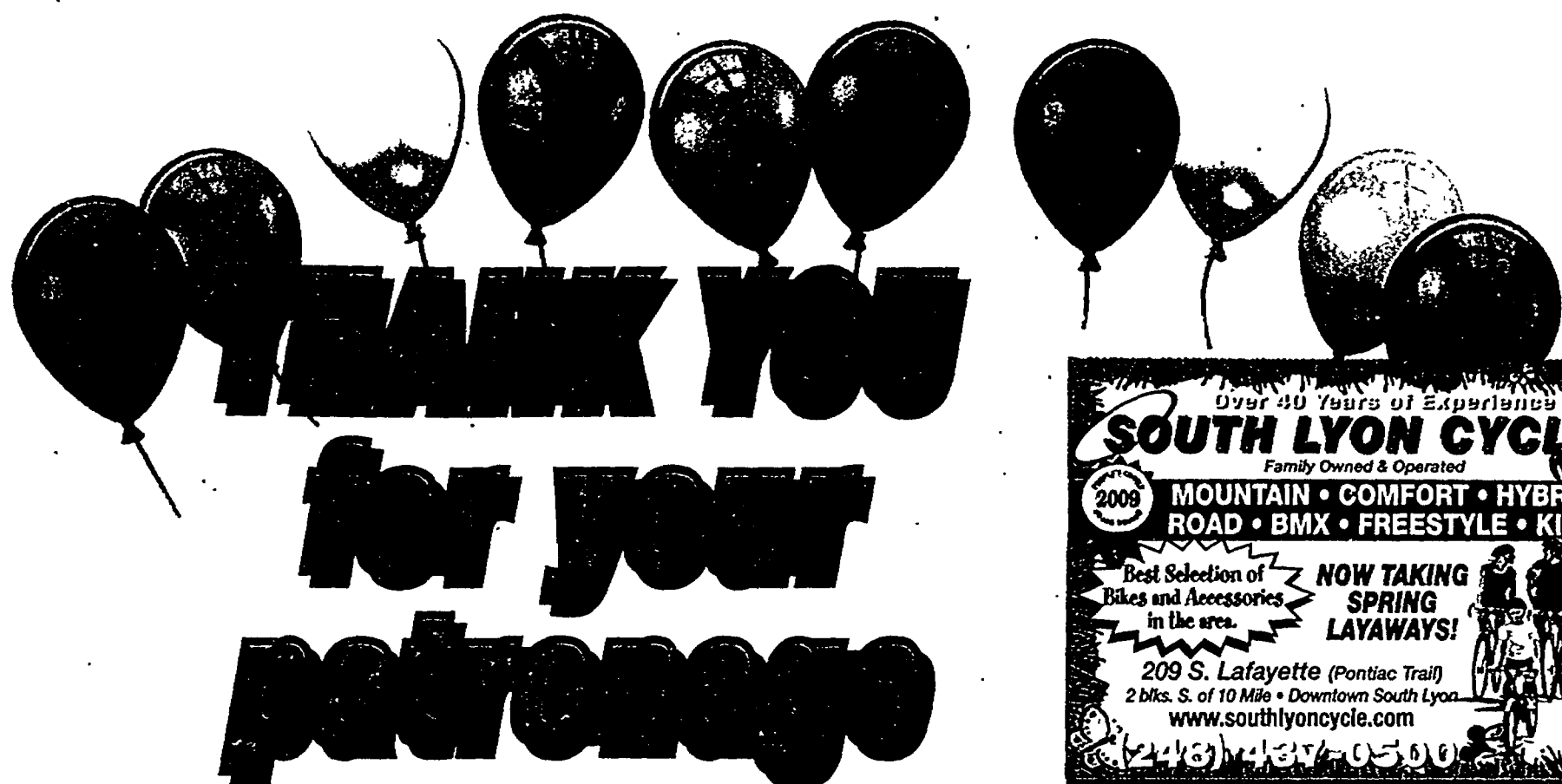
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Girls cagers drop opening division game

■ Stevenson fends off
Northville rally to secure win

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It was a quarter of basketball none of the Northville Mustangs girls players are going to soon forget, chocked full of defensive pressure and offensive intensity.

Unfortunately for Northville, their impressive play arrived two quarters too late.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs will try to get things rolling in their direction when they play host to Novi Friday at 7 p.m. in a Central Division match-up. The team will then host South Lyon East Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs girls basketball team, coached by Todd Gudith, fell to the Livonia Stevenson Spartans last week, 53-48, in the opening Central Division contest of the year. The loss drops Northville to 3-3 overall and 0-1 in the division.

The Northville Mustangs rallied in the fourth quarter with 16 points

while holding Stevenson to just 10 and cutting the score to a three-point difference at one point, but the hole they had dug in the second quarter was just too much for

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Mustangs fall in defensive collapse

■ Stevenson looks strong in
big win over Northville boys

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Call it a mental collapse, or just plain ugly. It doesn't matter how you describe it, the definition for what the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team went through last Friday was a plain and simple butt kicking.

The Northville Mustangs found themselves on the wrong side of a convincing loss against the Livonia Stevenson Spartans, 72-54, in a game that found the team losing track of its defensive pressure and offensive stability.

"Stevenson came out of the blocks with lots of intensity," admitted Northville coach Todd Sander. "It took us awhile to match that effort."

By then it was too late, despite trailing by

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Northville's Ben Schoenok competing in the 200 individual medley against Livonia Stevenson.

Early showdown Northville swimmers submarine Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS
GANNETT NEWS

It's still early in the boys swimming and diving season, but Thursday's KLAA Central dual meet between host Northville and Livonia Stevenson may prove to be an early barometer.

Although Stevenson swept all three relay races, the Mustangs chewed up enough points in the individual events to earn a 108-78 victory to improve to 3-0 overall.

"We got touched out in all three relays, but we touched them out in a few individual events," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "And when you're touching people out there's not that much difference, even when it's a 30-point swing."

Northville has a veteran group with seven returning state qualifiers off last year's team which placed 12th in the Division 1 state finals.

"It's hard to tell right now where we are," Bennetts said. "I like the

way we're working, but we still have a lot of work to do.

"Our relays need improvement. We've had four different guys every week and we are still trying to find the right people. You've got to have everything going into the state meet."

First-place finishers for the Mustangs included a pair of double winners - Nate Lunn in the 200-yard freestyle (1:48.01) and 100 butterfly (54.66); along with John Lubisco in the 100 freestyle (49.64) and 100 backstroke (58.09).

Other Northville firsts came from diver Kevin Bain (248.80 points) and John Bickle (4:59.13), the latter whom just touched out Stevenson's Danny Schoff (4:59.32) in the 500 freestyle.

"I thought our flyers, Nate Lunn, and Ben Schoenok, swam great races," Bennetts said. "And (John) Bickle had a great swim in the 500 freestyle."

"And both of our divers, Kevin

Bain and Will Price - they're huge for us. Ninety percent of the meets they're going to get one-and-two for us. That's a result of our diving coach, Dayna Azzopardi, who is doing a great job."

Stevenson, which finished fifth last March in the Division 1 state finals, was hard hit by graduation losses.

The Spartans, now 2-1 overall, got firsts from Kellen Schoff in the 200 individual medley (2:02.25) and Aaren Marecki in the 50 freestyle (22.89).

Schoff and Marecki teamed up with John Loria and Adam Dabkowski to win the 200 medley relay in 1:42.49.

The Spartans captured the 200 freestyle relay by 8-100ths of a second as Brandon Bielicki, Andy McLean, Mohamed Ghotemi and Dabkowski were clocked in 1:33.82.

Kellen Schoff's anchor leg then

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Northville icers split week

■ Mustangs fall to
Birmingham, topple
Ann Arbor Pioneer

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It's been a new year of downs for the Mustangs, highlighted by a recent up.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, took three losses in a row since the beginning of the new year but rebounded with a big victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer to get their game back on track.

The squad couldn't stop their game plan from sputtering in the Saint Clair Shores Holiday Invitational to start the year off, falling to Saint Clair Shores Unified, 6-1, and Macomb Dakota, 2-1.

Their woes continued last week, taking a 5-3 loss to Birmingham in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational tournament before finally getting their skates back underneath them and pounding out a 7-0 win over Pioneer last Saturday.

"Overall, the team played with more passion and did a better job of managing the puck," said Hatley.

Managing the puck, in Northville hockey language, must mean peppering the goalie with shots. The Mustangs out shot the Pioneers 41-18. Sean Bretz stopped all 18 shots for Northville to earn the shutout victory.

Highlights from the game include Tyler Marotta's three assists, while Matt Rosari and Clay Neal collected one goal and two assists each.

The game prior, Northville out shot their foes, too, but couldn't find the back of the net enough and fell to Birmingham, 5-3.

The Mustangs put 51 shots on goal and Birmingham managed 26. David Ketelhut took the loss as goalie for the Mustangs.

"Turnovers hurt," said Hatley. "Three Birmingham goals came off turnovers. We have to do a better job of managing the puck."

The Mustangs did take the lead early in the game, jumping to a 2-1 advantage by the end of the first period as Tyler Marotta and Eric Goebel each tallied goals. Assists went to Kyle Sargent (2), Mike Scorzo and Max McHugh.

Birmingham's offense kicked into high gear, however, and scored three consecutive goals in the second to take over the lead, 4-2. Northville fought back, cutting the lead to 4-3 before the end of the second on a goal from Stephen Champagne, assisted by Goebel and Robbie Thornburg. The score remained the way until the end of the third when Birmingham scored on an empty net.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

ON TAP

The Mustangs are expected to drop the puck against Walled Lake Western tomorrow at the Novi Ice Arena at 6 p.m. On Saturday, the team will travel to Roosevelt High School for a 7:20 p.m. start.



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carried the Spartans to a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:22.01), which also included Marecki, Ghotemi and Bielicki.

"We're not very deep and they (Northville) are a lot deeper than we are, but all-in-all I thought we swam pretty well," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "I'd like to have more mid-tier guys, but we've been training well and we're pretty healthy right now. We had some good times over-

all. Our goal is to get as high as we can at the (Division 1) state meet."

Despite the setback, the Stevenson coach was encouraged by some individual performances.

"I thought Dan Schoff had a good time in the 500 (freestyle), he did well in both the 200 and 500," Shoemaker said. "And I thought Kellen (Schoff) had a good meet. We had three good relays and I'm happy with that. We have a decent state meet team and that's huge."

Northville will try and

unseat the Spartans, who are defending KLAA Kensington Conference champions.

"It was two quality teams," Bennetts said. "It's fun to coach against Jeff (Shoemaker) because if you don't swim well you're going to get taken to task."

"Salem is another team to watch out for. They have some good kids and you can't take them lightly, but at the end of the day I see ourselves and Stevenson probably as the top two teams."

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Mustangs bow in tough loss

■ Gymnastics team narrowly misses defeating Farmington

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes when a tough loss gets handed to a team, the most important thing is to look for the successes that still occurred.

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team found themselves in that position after a tough loss to Farmington Unified last Wednesday, 143.175-139.95. The Mustangs, coached by Erin McWatt, refused to look at the loss as a disappointment.

"Farmington is an excellent team, and the girls enjoy competing with them because they realize if they want to be a top team they need to compete against top teams," McWatt said.

Farmington placed third in last year's state finals competition behind Livonia Blue and Grand Ledge.

Northville took the loss and looked inward at it, noting where improvements need to be made as the season continues.

"We're looking to increase

our consistency, for one," said McWatt. "Falls on events need to be eliminated, and from there, once we know we can stay on the even, we need to focus on execution and composition."

There were some bright spots on the night. MaKenna Pohl earned a 36.4 to be the overall first-place finisher in the meet, while Cassidy Winter turned in an impressive 35.6 for fourth place overall. Co-Captains Amy O'Brien and Michelle Steslicki also turned in strong performances, with O'Brien scoring an 8.75 on vault and Steslicki scoring an 8.65 on beam.

"MaKenna performed two pike vaults yesterday—she's had some trouble with consistency in the past," said McWatt of the outstanding performance by Pohl and the others. "Michelle performed the strongest beam and floor routines of her career."

"I'm proud the girls are in such great 'meet shape' this early in the season."

The Mustangs will use all of their insights to hope-

ON TAP

The Northville gymnastics team will be back in action when they take a road trip to Brighton today at 6:30 p.m. They will compete again Saturday in Farmington at 9 a.m.

fully improve their routines. McWatt said that going up against a team such as Farmington—which is not in Northville's conference—allows her team to push themselves and challenge themselves.

"We choose to include non-conference teams like Farmington in our schedule because the level at which they compete inspires the girls to work harder," she said. "Regardless of the team or meet location, we do the best we can that day and take each meet one at a time—it's all practice until we get to states."

In addition to the loss, the meet had another low note. All-around performer Allison Kemp was injured during warm-ups. No information about her expected return was available at press time.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

BOYS HOOPS

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just four at halftime, 29-25. Stevenson added to their lead, pulling away for a nine-point lead with about four minutes left in the game. Northville's defense continued to falter until the Spartans added sev-

eral scores in the waning minutes. Bobby Naubert scored 27 points to lead the Spartans, though he was held scoreless in the first quarter of play.

"We had a number of key defensive lapses and breakdowns, which led to wide-open looks (for Stevenson)," said Sander. "We certainly didn't look like the same team from a

week ago, and Stevenson made us pay. You have to give them credit."

Northville fell to 3-3 on the season with the loss, and is now 0-1 in Central Division play.

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GIRLS HOOPS

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Northville to overcome.

Northville and Stevenson opened the game with both teams showcasing strong offensive capabilities and pushing one another every step of the way. When the first stanza came to a close, Stevenson led by the narrow margin, 14-12. The second quarter was a different story altogether, however, and Stevenson's defense suddenly seemed dominate and their offense could do no wrong, outscoring the Mustangs, 15-4, for a 29-16 halftime lead.

"We had a number of defensive lapses, especially in the second quarter, and Stevenson made us pay," said Gudith. "We were too slow in getting to their players. Give our girls credit in fighting back, but a 15-point deficit is tough to eat away at."

It wasn't for a lack of effort in the second half, however. Northville chipped away at Stevenson's lead in the third quarter, scoring 16 points to the Spartans' 14, before their fourth-quarter rally fell short.

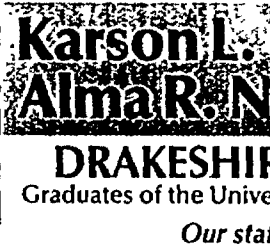

"Every time we gained some ground, we gave them an opportunity to stay ahead," said Gudith. "Our

team has to realize that the plays made early in the game have just as much of an impact as at the end."

Northville scored a season high six three-point field goals in the contest, but went a dismal 6-for-15 from the free-throw line.

Leading Northville in scoring was senior Katherine Jansen, who poured in 16 points in the losing effort. Junior Katie Giacomini added nine points and senior guard Tori Wright added eight.

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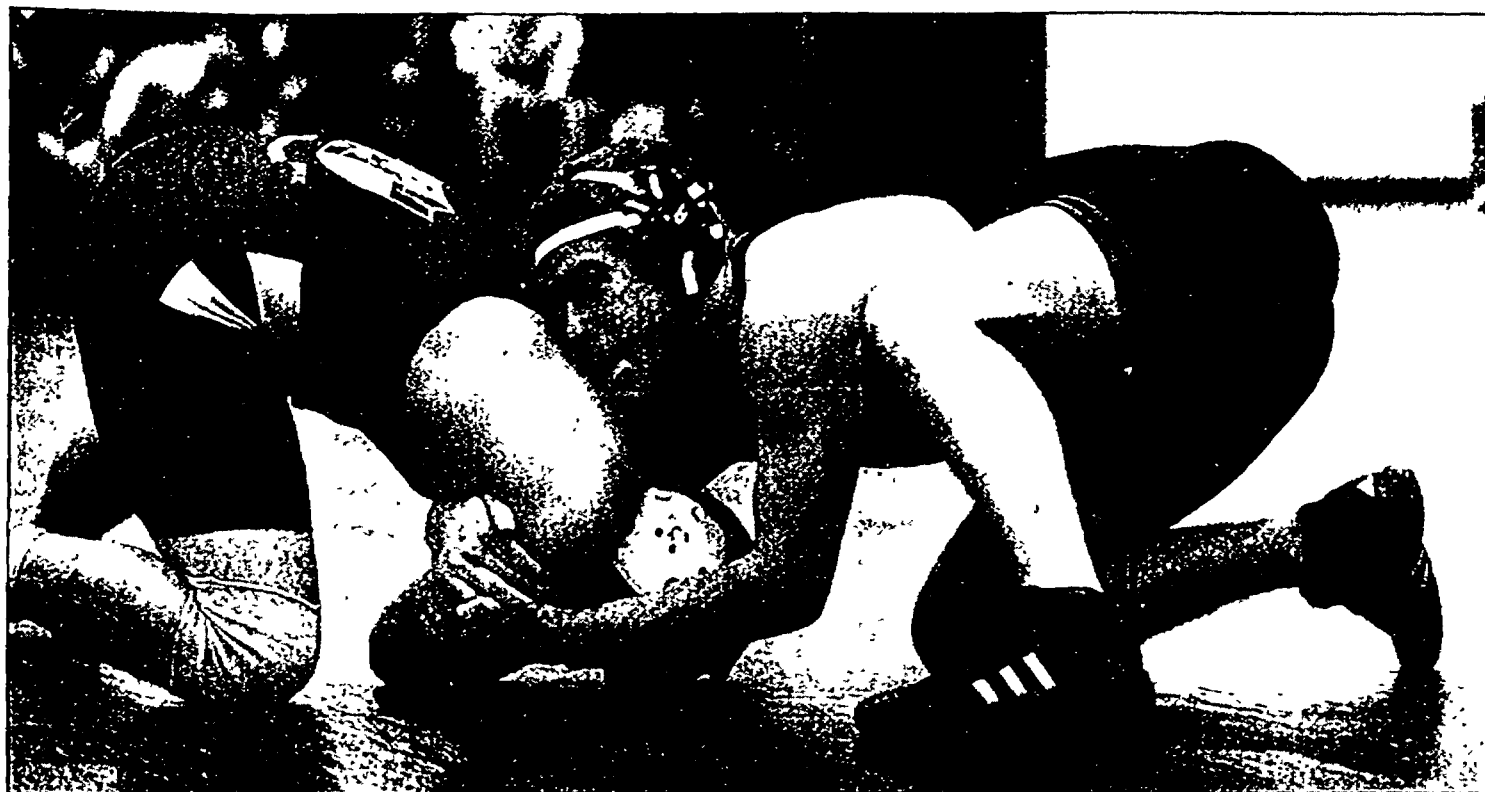
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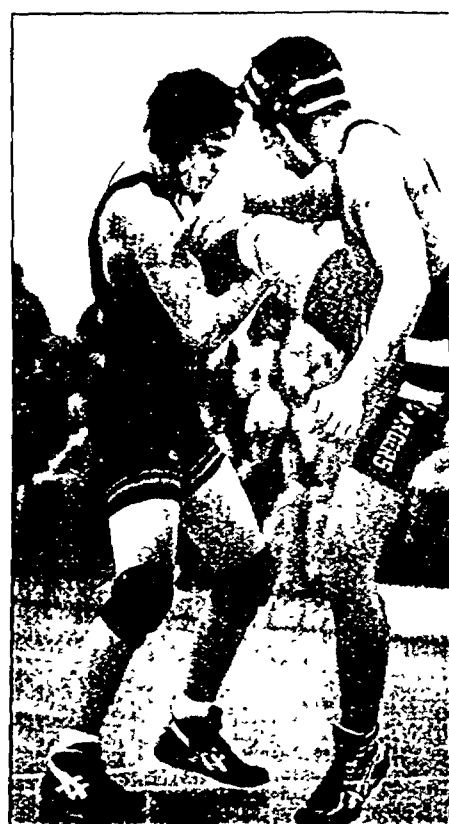
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Mustang Nick Mudar wrestles in a quad meet at Livonia Franklin on Jan. 6.



Kevin Lerner looks to trip up his Canton opponent in a Jan. 6 match.

Mustangs have mixed results

■ Injuries plague wrestling team

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Injuries nagged the Mustangs last week, forcing a line-up with inexperienced underclassmen to be used in varsity matches.

Strangely enough, the Northville wrestling team didn't look too much worse for wear, however, and split the week with a win and a loss despite the hampering conditions. During a three-way meet between Northville, Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill last week, Northville toppled the Chargers, 45-22, but fell to Franklin, 34-27.

Against Churchill, the Mustangs won nine of their 14 matches. Against Franklin, the meet came down to the final match where the Mustangs just weren't able to keep up their winning ways.

A bright spot against Franklin was an outstanding match by senior Greg Lorrain, who wrestles at 125 pounds. Lorrain pushed himself against a top-notch wrestler Steve Tuyu, who had defeated him earlier this year. Lorrain earned the win to avenge his early-season loss.

Northville's injuries weren't the focus of the team when it traveled to the Rochester Invitational tournament last Saturday. The day found two grapplers bringing home championships in their respective weight class.

Jon Nelson, who grapples at 152 pounds, earned four pins on the day for a perfect record and the title. Nick Mudar, who wrestles in the 171-pound division, earned five wins for an undefeated day. His final match found him beating the second-ranked wrestler in Division I this year, Mike Hart of Rochester.

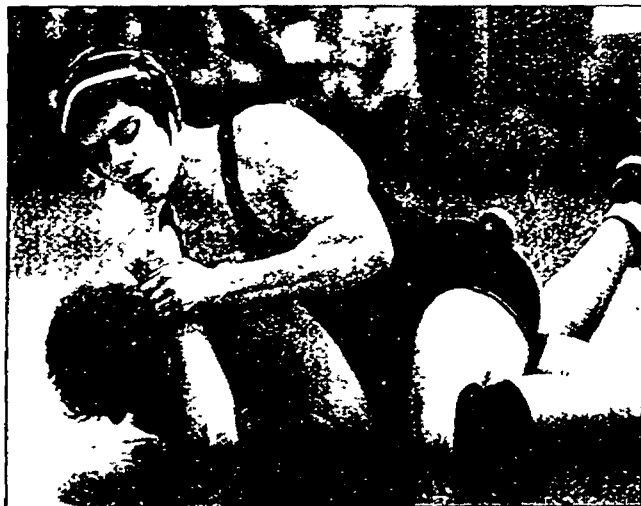
Other impressive performances on the day came from Ian Stirton, 103 pounds, who earned second place with a 3-1 record after falling to all-state wrestler Tyler Foley in the finals. Bobby Lahiff, 189, also finished second with a 4-1 record.

Taking third for Northville was Andrew Benjamin, 130 pounds, and Justin Umin, 215. Fourth place finishers were Lorrain, 125, and Harry Eicholtz, 140, while George McClymont, Alex Coe and Jake Johnson all finished fifth in their respective weight classes.

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Mustang Alex Coe wrestles in a quad meet at Livonia Franklin on Jan. 6.



Mustang Jon Nelson has the upper hand against this Canton High wrestler as they compete in a quad meet on Jan. 6.

Mustang Harry Eicholtz is declared winner of his 140 lb. wrestling match in a quad meet at Livonia Franklin on Jan. 6.



Mustang Kyle Gutowski, bottom, wrestles in a quad meet at Livonia Franklin on Jan. 6.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team is scheduled to compete again Saturday when they travel to Stevenson High School at 9 a.m. The team will then compete on the road in a quad meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Northville girls start new year in first place

■ Bowling teams find tough challenge in Canton, Salem

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The best way for any team to start the new year is in first place, and the Northville girls bowling team is doing just that. The squad earned wins over a tough Canton squad and a Salem team to remain undefeated in divisional play and solidly in first place. The boys team isn't faring so well, dropping games to both squads despite good individual efforts. The girls started last week with a win over Canton, following the lead of Marie Samson and Brittany Browers. Samson put up a pair of 214 games to lead her team to victory while Browers shot a 209 and a 189 in the victories. Other solid performances were turned in by Kristen Muzzillo, who shot a 183, and Shelby Curlew, who recorded a 165 game followed by a 159.

Against Salem, the girls looked just as impressive as they did earlier in the week. Leading the way was Jesse Sammut who helped Northville out of a tight spot in the first game match by striking out in the 10th frame. Lindsey Funfgeld shot a 177 on the day while Samson shot a 181.

The boys found themselves outmatched against Canton to begin their week, dropping the divisional contest. Strong individual games were recorded by Ian Lovdahl, who shot a 227, and Garrett Baughman and Ryan Benoit, who turned in a 212 and 213, respectively. The boys also fell to Salem, though no individual scores were submitted.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The junior varsity bowlers from Northville turned in some impressive performances last week. The teams lost to Canton and the boys lost to Salem. Against Canton, the boys were led by Darren Meredith's 168 and 169 games while the girls were led by Emily Kallil (150 and 146), Lisa Rice (167 and 189), Sara Ramsey (145 and 142) and Jacki Bell (145 and 136). Against Salem, the girls turned in a win with Rachel Beger leading the way with an impressive 223 while Rice contributed with a 172. The boys lost, though Meredith recorded a 210 on the day.

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ON TAP

The Northville bowling teams are scheduled to be back in action Tuesday when they travel to the Wayne Super Bowl at 4 p.m. before heading to Milford in a week for a 3:30 p.m. start time.



Britney Browers bowls at Novi Bowl on Jan. 5, during a multi-school meet for varsity teams.



Northville Mustang boys varsity bowling team member Ian Lovdahl in action at Novi Bowl on Jan. 5.



Mustang varsity bowler Christ Peters rolls the rock on Jan. 5 at Novi Bowl.



Northville varsity bowling team member Kristin Muzzillo bowls during a Jan. 5 meet at Novi Bowl.



Mustang varsity bowling team member Lindsey Funfgeld bowls during a school meet on Jan. 5.

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Boys and Girls Bowling

All meets are at 3:30 p.m. unless noted
Tue 01/19/10 @ Salem (4 p.m. Super Bowl)
Thu 01/21/10 Mott @ Novi 3:30 p.m.

Competitive Cheer

Wed 01/20/10 6:30 p.m. @ Quad at Livonia Stevenson

Wrestling

Sat 01/16/10 9:30 a.m. @ Manning View Invite
Wed 01/20/10 5:30 p.m. KLA Quad, Stevenson/Northville/South Lyon (Novi Fieldhouse)

Boys and Girls Skiing

All meets are at 4 p.m.
Thu 01/14/10 Brother Rice
Tue 01/19/10 Lakeland
Wed 01/20/10 Hartland @ Alpine Valley Ski
Thu 01/21/10 @ Walled Lake Central

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Boys Basketball

All Games at 7 p.m.
Fri 01/15/10 @ Novi High School
Tue 01/19/10 @ South Lyon East H.S.
Fri 01/22/10 Salem High School

Girls Basketball

All games at 7 p.m.
Fri 01/15/10 Novi High School
Tue 01/19/10 South Lyon East H.S.
Fri 01/22/10 @ Salem High School

Boys and Girls Bowling

Tue 01/19/10 @ Wayne Super Bowl 4 p.m.
Thu 01/21/10 @ Milford Super Bowl 3:30 p.m.

Cheerleading

Sat 01/16/10 @ Rochester HS TBA
Wed 01/20/10 @ Stevenson High School 6 p.m.

Gymnastics

Thu 01/14/10 @ Brighton High School 6:30 p.m.
Sat 01/16/10 @ Farmington High School 9 a.m.
Tue 01/19/10 @ Canton High School 6:30 p.m.

Boys Hockey

Fri 01/15/10 W.L. Western 6 p.m.
Sat 01/16/10 @ Roosevelt High School 7:20 p.m.
Fri 01/22/10 @ Churchill High School 6 p.m.

Boys swimming and diving

Thu 01/14/10 @ Salem High School 6:30 p.m.
Sat 01/16/10 Northville Quad noon
Thu 01/21/10 Novi High School 6:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Sat 01/16/10 @ Stevenson High School 9 a.m.
Wed 01/20/10 @ Quad 5:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL Basketball

All games at 7:30 p.m.
Fri 01/15/2010 Brother Rice
Tues 01/19/2010 @ Taylor Kennedy
Fri 01/22/2010 @ DeLaSalle

Hockey

Sat 01/16/2010 Cranbrook 7 p.m.
Sun 01/17/2010 @ Cranbrook 2 p.m.
Fri 01/22/2010 @ Culver Military Academy 8 p.m.

Wrestling

Sat 01/16/2010 CC Super Duals 10 a.m.
Wed 01/20/2010 Clarkston/Rochester Adams 5:30 p.m.

Northville girls hockey gets two wins

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls hockey team is turning up the offensive pressure and it's paying off with dividends.

The girls team, coached by Bill Holden, earned two wins to start the new year off right as they toppled Walled Lake, 3-2, and then beat Plymouth, 4-3, in overtime two night later.

The offensive pressure was the difference in both game, as Northville, combined, out shot their opponents 67-21.

The Mustangs jumped out to an early lead against Walled Lake last Thursday, following the lead of Allison Holden

as she put a shot on the bar and ricocheted off the crossbar and into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead. Nearly a full period later, Erica Zazo added another goal, this one from the right face-off circle, which skittered into the net for a 2-0 advantage.

Walled Lake came back, adding a goal of their own late in the second period to cut Northville's lead in half before the Mustangs were able to add their final tally of the night on a shot by Lauren Grigg.

Walled Lake fought for another goal, making it a 3-2 game, and applied plenty of pressure, even getting three point-blank shots on goal that were stopped by netminder

Kaitlyn Sabourin to secure the win.

"A big part of this success has been the outstanding play of the defense," said Bill Holden.

The defense is led by senior Katherine Gears and juniors Katelyn Meck, Lindsey Kreichelt and Natalie Demuro. Goalies for Northville this year include Sabourin and Avery Allman, who are both sophomores.

Two days later, Northville was back to their winning ways, taking a 4-3 victory from the combined Plymouth-Canton-Salem squad.

Northville controlled the puck much of the game, opening the contest with a quick score by Allison Holden, who fired in a rebound off a Krista Oldham shot for a 1-0 lead.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, JUDICIAL DISTRICT 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CAYMC, Two Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

Plaintiff Bertch Cabinet Manufacturing, Inc., P. O. Box 2280, Waterloo, IA 50704. Plaintiff's attorney, JAMES R. CMEJREK, 2201 Medford Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104; (734) 677-1440

Defendant: Randall A. Dickinson; 633 Natalie; Northville, MI 48170 AND DC Kitchen & Bath, L.L.C.; 136 Liberty Street; Plymouth, MI 48170

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Your are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to recover monies owed to them by you. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before February 13, 2010. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Plymouth Observer and the Northville Reporter three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. John Phillips shall post a copy of this Order at 633 Natalie or 501 West Dunlap, Northville, Michigan 48170.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to Randall A. Dickinson and DC Kitchen & Bath, L.L.C. at the last-known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Notice of Rate Increases Water & Sewer Department

The following water and sewer rates have been adjusted as follows and are effective with the new billing cycle that begins on January 25, 2010. The rate changes are as follows:

Rate per 1,000 gallons:		
	Present:	New Rate:
Water	\$4.24	\$4.45
Sewer	\$3.92	\$4.12

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2010 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

Northville Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Offering chiropractic services to all ages

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

I own and operate a chiropractic office in Northville with the help of my office manager, Heather Wyman. We provide chiropractic services to the local community and surrounding areas. Our family practice offers chiropractic care to infants, elderly, and everyone in between. We also offer orthopedic products to help relieve patients of their symptoms.

2. How did you first decide to open your business?

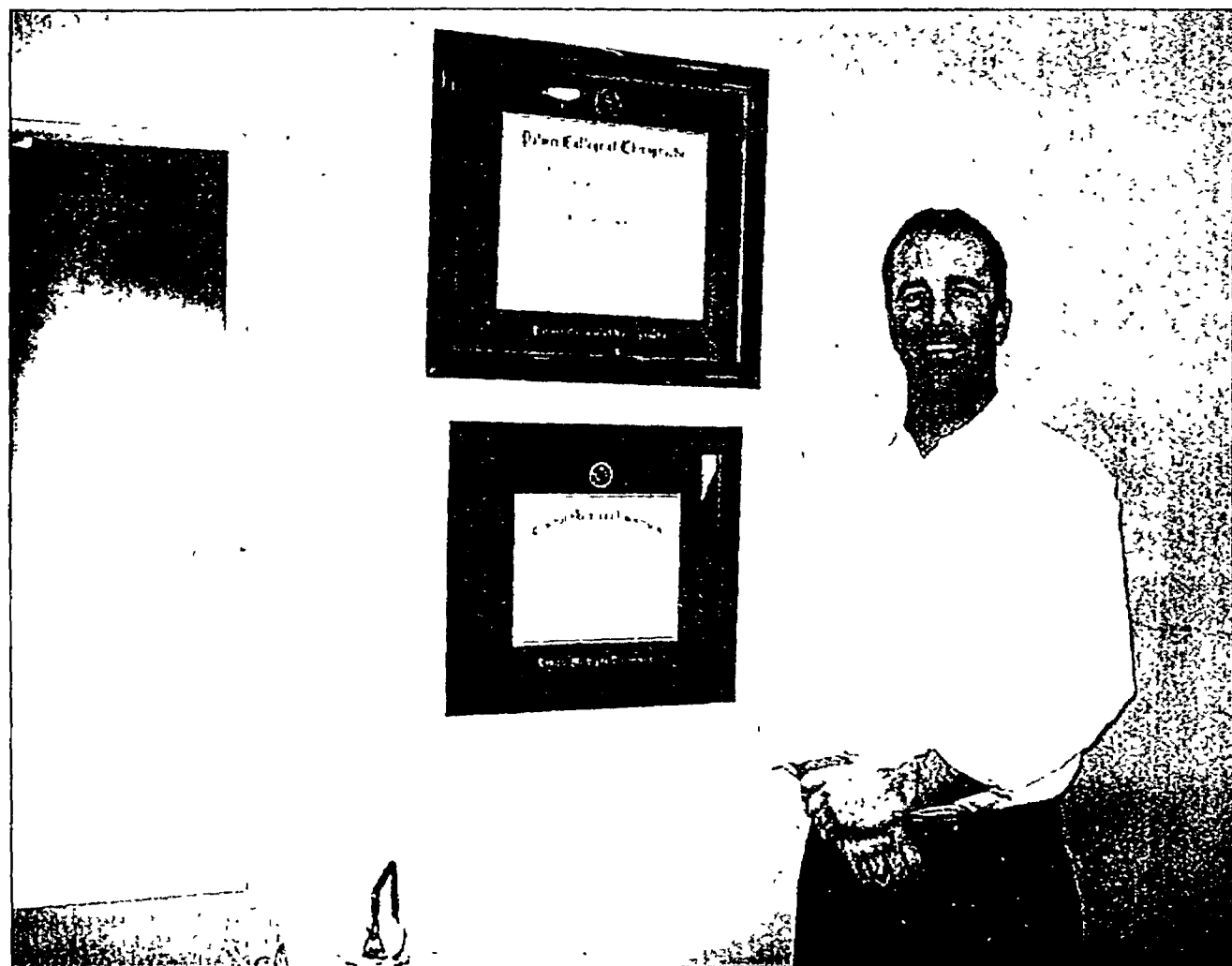
Throughout my schooling at Palmer College of Chiropractic I have always dreamed of opening my own practice. Upon graduation I was an associate at another practice before opening the doors to Buckle Family Chiropractic. The decision was made amongst myself and supporting family to accomplish my set goals.

3. Why did you choose Northville?

I chose to build my practice in Northville to stay close to family especially my 7-year-old daughter. She is the ultimate inspiration and motivation behind all of my decisions. Northville is a close-knit community and a city to be proud of, which appeals to me.

4. What makes your business unique?

I believe the one major thing besides technology and techniques, which makes my practice unique from other practices, is in my attitude and dedication towards my patients. I truly love what I do and always have the patient's best interest in mind. I treat my patients the same as I do my own family.



Kyle Buckle's chiropractic business has been open since June 2007.

Ever since the doors have opened the practice has continued to grow. I remember when I first opened and there wasn't a single person on my schedule. Today it's a different story with many new forged friendships and patient relations.

6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

I was talking with a patient today and she told me a story which made me laugh. She remembered when she first

called my office, which was at 10 p.m. on a Friday, to get my business hours off the machine, and I answered which took her completely off guard. After that, she knew I can be reached at any hour.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

The economy has affected the rate of growth within my office as it has for so many new businesses. I do understand it has affected just about everyone so I have kept my prices low and have not raised them since my doors have opened in 2007.

8. Any advice for business owners?

DETAILS

Business name: Buckle Family Chiropractic

Address: 41620 Six Mile Road, Suite 102, Northville 48168

Your Name/Title: Kyle Buckle, D.C.

Your Hometown: Farmington Hills

Business Opened When: June 2007

Number of Employees: Two

Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; by appointment only Saturday

Your Business Specialty: chiropractic - neck pain, back pain and wellness care

Phone: (248) 349-9933

Website: bucklechiro@att.net

I am sure I would be the one to take advice rather than give this early in business. If I could suggest one thing to new business owners it would be to work hard, set goals and dream big. Dreams do become reality!

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

The future for Buckle Family Chiropractic holds continued learning and expansion within technique and technologies.

Governor Granholm just signed a scope restoration bill for chiropractic. This bill allows chiropractors to treat within their education and training. Prior to the scope restoration, Michigan's scope was the most restricted in the nation. Patients will now, not only benefit from a caring staff but also a chiropractic office that will continue to move forward within the field.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

Planet Fitness expanding

A new Planet Fitness club, scheduled to open in Novi in February, is Chris and Ellen Klebba's third in the metro area. They have owned and operated the Northville location since 1995 and Planet Fitness Waterford since 2008, with a fourth location also scheduled to open in 2010. Chris has over 25 years experience in the health club industry and is a fitness expert, regular columnist and speaker.

"We searched a broad area for our third location and we are proud to bring this unique fitness option to Novi where people can relax and be themselves while achieving the results they desire. We even offer pizza night and coffee and bagel mornings monthly for a chance for members to interact."

The national franchise, with over 300 locations around the country, recently started pre-sales for the new location in Novi. The club is an over 16,000 square feet, premier fitness facility that combines three unique factors — environment, people, and philosophy — to create its Judgment Free Zone, which includes a lunk alarm that sounds when loud barking and grunting occur as a friendly reminder to members to keep the noise level down.

"The Judgment Free Zone really creates a non-intimidating, friendly environment unlike any health club today," said Chris. "We are reaching a much broader population, many of our members have been away from a health club or somewhat put off by the traditional definition of a gym; plus we offer memberships starting as low as \$10 a month on a month to month basis."

The co-ed facility is open and staffed 24 hours a day during the week and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends and includes unlimited fitness instruction, a 30-minute express workout, over \$500,000 in the latest

cardio, toning and firming equipment, a 24-inch flat screen TV cardio entertainment system, massage chairs and tanning.

For more information, call (248) 668-1100 or visit www.planetfitness.com.

Gardenviews store moving

Area shoppers are moving to Gardenviews' "Moving Down the Street" sale. The business is moving to a new location at 117 E. Main St. next door to Edward's Cafe. A grand reopening is planned for sometime in February.

In the meantime, the store's owner is having a major sale to keep from having to move everything from the 202 W. Main St. location. The entire store (including some fixtures) will be 25 percent off, with Christmas merchandise 50 percent off. For more information, call (248) 380-8881.

Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in January offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. The class runs from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 14. For location and pre-registration, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$30. No refunds.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The class is held on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business - This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C. Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business - Marketing is an essential of business success. All products/services must be sold to well-targeted audiences with a wide-ranging marketing mix. Our staff/SCORE counselors can guide you through successful techniques and marketing principles helping you to promote your products and services to the most promising customers your target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). Thursday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40 (make check payable to E.M.U.), which includes all materials. No refunds.

JANUARY 22, 23 & 24, 2010 DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN

For complete schedule visit
www.plymouthicefestival.com

Home builders offer maintenance advice

The National Association of Home Builders, of which the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is a part, offers this advice on maintaining a new home.

A new house isn't a home until it's warmed by your personal items — family photos on the wall, your favorite towels in the bathroom and a joyful cacophony of pots and pans, plates and flatware for serving the foods you love. It's easy to forget that a home is also a house made up of thousands of parts, many of which require a maintenance regimen and regular inspection to ensure they are at peak performance, just like your car. Devoting regular attention to maintenance means:

- Preventing damage such as scratches, chips, cuts, burns, stains, gouges and scrapes to the cosmetic surfaces of your home
- Regular cleaning using manufacturer-recommended products and techniques
- Adjusting and lubricating the house's many parts
- Replacing consumable parts, like light bulbs, filters and batteries in smoke detectors

Understanding and adhering to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance routine for appliances and other mechanical components.

Your new home likely has mechanical systems that are different from those of your last home. Take advantage of builders' homeowner orientation programs to make sure that you are familiar with the systems in your home and understand how to maximize their efficiency for your family's comfort. Know where the main safety shut-offs are for water, electricity and gas.

Building materials expand and contract over time because of changes in temperature and humidity, necessitating ongoing maintenance. Caulk, for example, dries, shrinks and cracks, diminishing its effectiveness until it no longer provides a seal against moisture and air infiltration. Maintaining caulking will be a routine task throughout the life of your home.

Likewise, you can expect some minor cracking in concrete flatwork, such as driveways and patios. Concrete cracks can result from



home maintenance

shrinkage during curing, temperature changes or even soil movement. While cracking cannot be prevented entirely, you can minimize cracking by following these steps:

- Maintain good drainage away from concrete slabs
 - Fill low spots or settled areas near concrete slabs
 - Seal cracks with concrete caulking
 - Remove ice and snow as soon as possible
 - Protect concrete from de-icing agents
 - Keep heavy vehicles (such as a moving van or dump truck) off concrete slabs
- Beautiful yards are the result of years of caring and work, and require consistent attention to flourish. But whether gardening is a passion or a chore for you, consider planting native plants rather than exotics for best results. Cover soil as soon as possible to prevent erosion, and always maintain proper slope away from your home to ensure good drainage.

Finally, familiarize yourself with the warranties you receive with your new home, and be sure to activate

manufacturer warranties by completing and mailing any registration cards. Besides activating your warranty, this step allows the manufacturer to contact you in the event of a product recall. Retain all warranty documents, and make sure recommended maintenance is up to date.

Here are some additional tips from the organization:

1. How often do forced-air furnace filters need to be changed?
At least every three months during the heating season.
2. What part of the faucet usually needs to be replaced when you have a water leak?
The washer.
3. Should you run hot or cold water through your garbage disposal?
Cold water.
4. How often should the moving parts of garage doors be oiled?
Every three months.
5. What tools can you use to unclog your drains?
A plunger and a plumber's snake.
6. What tool can be used to unclog a toilet?
Coil spring-steel auger.

7. What faucet part needs to be cleaned every three to four months?
Aerator — the screen inside the end of the faucet.

8. What can you use for traction on icy sidewalks, steps and driveways?
Cat litter or sand — never use salt because it damages the pavement.

9. Where should the fire in your fireplace be built?
On the andirons or grate, never on the fireplace floor.

10. What will prevent soot and add color to the fire in your fireplace?
Throw in a handful of salt.

11. Where should your firewood be stored?
Outside, away from your house and not directly on the ground.

12. What helps keep unpainted concrete floors easy to keep clean?
Concrete sealer.

13. What should you use to clean unpainted concrete floors?
A solution of 4 to 6 tablespoons of washing soda in a gallon of hot water. Mix scouring powder to the solution for tough jobs.

14. When can you clean

hardwood floors with water?
When the floors have a polyurethane finish.

15. Do hardwood floors need to be waxed?
Hardwood floors that do not have a polyurethane finish probably will need to be waxed periodically. Use liquid or paste "spirit" wax.

16. What is the best polish for vinyl floors?
Water emulsion wax.

17. When is basement condensation at its maximum?
In new homes because gallons of water went into the concrete of basement walls.

18. Why should noisy water pipes be fixed promptly?
The condition that causes noisy pipes may be accompanied by vibration that can cause fittings to loosen and leak.

19. Why should frozen pipes be thawed slowly?
Frozen pipes should be thawed slowly to prevent the formation of steam, which could cause the pipe to burst.

20. How often should your roof be inspected?
A qualified roofer should inspect your roof every three years.

Court rules that premises are 'in reasonable repair'

Q: I am a landlord and have just heard about a recent case regarding spiders in a leased unit which should be of interest to landlords. Do you have any information on it?

A: The Michigan Court of Appeals recently released an unpublished decision which while not binding on any other court, may have important ramifications for landlords. The case expanded upon a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision regarding parking lot slip and falls. The case is Redman vs. Leete,

decided July 30, 2009. It involved a tenant who claimed that a spider bit her and she became ill. She later moved from the house. She sued the landlord for negligence alleging that the landlord failed to keep the premises for the use intended and in reasonable repair. The court held that spiders, like snow and ice, were a seasonal condition and that their presence in the house did not make the premises "unfit for living." The court explained that since the tenant lived in the house for 11 months and was able to sleep, eat and live on the premises, the tenant was unable to establish that the premises were unfit. Nor did the court feel that the existence of the spider was a defect in the premises, i.e., that there was something in the property he could repair to eliminate the spiders since the spiders did not cause damage to the premises; the premises were "in reasonable repair." Nor did the court feel that the spiders caused decay, damage or a serious defect to the premises which were provisions in the lease for which the landlord could have been held responsible.

Each case must be decided on its own facts but this is a step in the direction of helping landlords deal with these issues.



Robert Meisner

BIA honors top industry pros

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Ave. in Sterling Heights.

Featured guest speaker is David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He will address the economic issues facing the home building industry during 2010.

In conjunction with this event, industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the other award honorees.

Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Award honorees will be recognized at the event. They include President Darshan S. Grewal, and the distinguished award winners:

- Hall of Fame
Janet L. and James D. Compo, James D. Compo Homes
- Builder of the Year
Robert M. Tedesco, Silverado Homes
- Young Builders of the Year
Rino J. Soave, Infinity Homes

Michael Soave, Soave Homes
• Development of the Year
Gardenvue Estates
William Phillips, William Richardson and Dwight Belyue, Gardenvue Development Company, LLC
• Samuel Kreis Annual Award For Distinguished Service to the Building Industry
Fred Erb, Erb Lumber

• Distinguished Service Award in Government
Robert Hunt, director of Development, Detroit Housing Commission
• Thomas Ricketts' Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official
Bruce Johnson, building official, City of Birmingham

• Outstanding Subcontractor Of the Year
Brad Kozel, Ferguson Enterprises

• Associate Of the Year
Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architecture

• Remodeler Of the Year
Brad Hinkson, CR, Hinkson Construction Inc.

• Distinguished Service To The Remodeling Industry
Michael J. Gordon, RA, MGA Architects

• Membership Growth Honoree
Robert M. Tedesco, Silverado Homes

• Membership Connection Honoree
Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architecture

Rachel Chickensky, Blinds Unlimited
Cathy McLeod, The Huttenlocher Group, LLC

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are city addresses and sales prices.

9846 Forest Ridge Dr	\$342,000
7900 Pine Ridge Dr	\$165,000
6480 Scenic Pines Ct	\$106,000
9062 Tartan Dr	\$120,000
Commerce Township	
5464 Lancaster Ln	\$280,000
10498 King Rd	\$88,000
10012 Old Farm Trl	\$130,000
Farmington	
3451 Cass Ct	\$165,000
22481 Linc St	\$50,000
23103 Violet St	\$45,000
Farmington Hills	
27016 Arden Park Cir	\$136,000
22209 Atlantic Pointe	\$43,000
25329 Briarwyke Dr	\$185,000
30979 Country Bl	\$57,000
28379 Farmington Rd	\$142,000
28017 Green Castle Rd	\$95,000
24811 Noble Dr	\$200,000
21911 Ontaga St	\$127,000
30450 Orchard Lake Rd	\$31,000
29432 Regents Pointe	\$175,000
32562 Sanctuary Ct	\$50,000
30553 Sequoia Cir	\$203,000
28038 Shawassee Rd	\$150,000
27451 South Farm Ln	\$165,000
27453 W 14 Mile Rd	\$281,000
Milford	
400 Franklin St	\$210,000
Northville	
21847 Beechford Dr	\$177,000

410 Larry Dr	\$171,000
20716 Taft Rd	\$170,000
Novi	
234323 Glenda	\$206,000
22516 Haverdale St	\$300,000
28036 Hopkings Dr	\$125,000
4141 Huntingcross Dr	\$234,000
44862 Lafayette Dr	\$250,000
25502 Portico Ln	\$125,000
25634 Portico Ln	\$175,000
42115 Ridge Rd W	\$125,000
41941 Roundview Dr	\$245,000
22798 Summer Ln	\$430,000
29305 Weston Dr	\$118,000
South Lyon	
58732 Coach Ln	\$315,000
1086 Cliff Dr	\$185,000
57299 Hidden Timbers Dr	\$280,000
164 Princeton Dr	\$25,000
502 Princeton Dr	\$183,000
Southfield	
19231 Birchbridge St	\$150,000
20070 Heritage Ln	\$170,000
29331 Lacrosse Ave	\$170,000
29391 Stellamar Dr	\$129,000
26000 Virginia St	\$195,000
17245 Westhampton Rd	\$104,000
White Lake	
810 Golden Shrs	\$125,000
1986 Kingston St	\$215,000
10096 Lakeside Dr	\$158,000
10742 Osborn Hls	\$215,000

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 21 to 24, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are city addresses and sales prices.

2429 Arcadia Dr	\$107,000
160 Cherry Grove Rd	\$168,000
47913 Deer Trail Dr	\$270,000
5585 Denton Rd	\$80,000
233 Edgemoor Ct	\$141,000
41596 Greenwood Ct	\$138,000
48369 Gunney Dr	\$196,000
50342 Hancock St	\$335,000
48208 Hancock St	\$257,000
39923 Lynn St	\$145,000
1532 Wilbrook Rd	\$110,000
47274 Northgate Dr	\$245,000
48236 River Way Dr	\$205,000
42021 Sorensen Dr	\$114,000
19600 Sorensen Dr	\$160,000
4263 Sherwood Cir	\$179,000
7450 Sussex Dr	\$170,000
42916 Versailles Rd	\$209,000
6710 Weatherfield Way	\$188,000
2173 Woodmont Dr W	\$127,000
Garden City	
29229 Barton St	\$98,000
32550 Beck St	\$118,000
32325 Donnelly St	\$83,000
540 Harrison St	\$85,000

5930 Helen St	\$50,000
32171 James St	\$37,000
28821 John Mack St	\$34,000
Livonia	
16318 Alpine Dr	\$285,000
37565 Amherst Rd	\$126,000
10100 Bassett St	\$113,000
34004 Burton Ln	\$238,000
15320 Ellen Dr	\$169,000
11878 Farmington Rd	\$103,000
32687 Five Mile Rd	\$59,000
30789 Hathaway St	\$115,000
36720 Manger St	\$151,000
37228 Munger St	\$177,000
29679 Nottingham Cir	\$110,000
29760 Orangelawn St	\$103,000
19642 Parkville St	\$35,000
19645 Rensselaer St	\$48,000
31903 Robert Dr	\$171,000
38122 Ross St	\$170,000
15231 Santa Anita St	\$12,000
14109 Sunbury St	\$95,000
20021 Sunbury St	\$119,000
Northville	
19551 Dartmouth Pl	\$61,000
16954 Glenmoor Dr	\$393,000
17931 Maple Hill Ct	\$295,000
8656 Maple Rd	\$315,000
19516 Northridge Dr	\$63,000
16650 Sherwood Ln	\$285,000
39433 Springwater Dr	\$165,000

Plymouth	
14688 Garland Ave	\$110,000
40552 Newport Dr	\$170,000
9798 Tennyson Dr	\$234,000
9980 Tennyson Dr	\$255,000
10200 Tracwood Dr	\$280,000
12356 Wendover Dr	\$300,000
Redford	
8950 Brady	\$170,000
11655 Centralia	\$63,000
9128 Dale	\$26,000
19330 Delaware Ave	\$98,000
11421 Gaylord	\$73,000
8844 Graylock	\$72,000
19982 Kinloch	\$28,000
15630 Meadowbrook Rd	\$121,000
9201 Nathaline	\$90,000
19742 Olympia	\$73,000
8939 Sarasota	\$58,000
26312 W Chicago	\$170,000
21136 Westland Rd	\$99,000
Westland	
7311 Atfield St	\$100,000
39268 Brock St	\$90,000
31695 Fairchild St	\$80,000
8176 Gary Ave	\$109,000
8459 Gorman St	\$17,000
13611 Hunter Ave	\$175,000
6360 Hunter Pointe St	\$190,000
1762 Leslie St	\$64,000
32595 Lone Pine Dr	\$82,000

Q: I am transferring to the Des Moines area and want to know what the real estate economy is like, and what is going on in the downtown area, since I will be working there in terms of residential construction.

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

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1 Fleet
10 Comics
14 In the lead
19 Laughed loudly
20 by Loaguer
21 Jay
22 Sibelius
23 Start of a remark by Joan St. Onge
24 Paving material
25 Picnic spoler
26 Shocked
27 Susan of "L.A. Law"
28 Forsake
31 — di-dah
33 Chihuahua relative
34 — Valley, CA
36 Apantoo or Alvarez
38 Least relaxed
41 Part 2 of remark
47 Nigerian city
48 Even if, informally
49 Judd Hirsch sitcom
50 Arafat's grp
51 Profess

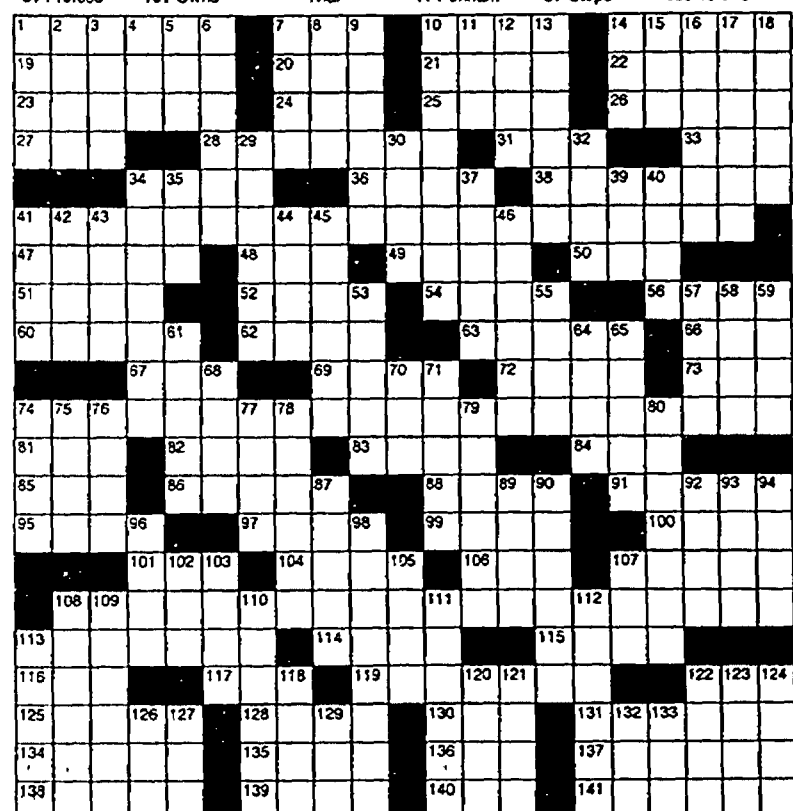
52 Joyce's land
54 Transfer temporarily
56 Exploded
60 "En" —
62 Mafia or Downey
63 Gown part
66 See 113
67 — roll
69 Made wine divine
72 Actress
73 Envelope abbr
74 Part 3 of remark
81 TVs
82 "People" —
83 Young or Diamond
84 Dallas coll.
85 Beak
86 Ready partner
88 New Jersey
91 Happen next
95 Sale stipulation
97 Smeltory refuse
99 Profit
100 Baseball's Bucky
101 Owns

104 Joyce of "Roc"
106 — Magnon
107 Droll
108 Part 4 of remark
113 Wife's Acres, Burt Reynolds
114 Medocre
115 Related
116 Sweater
117 Cutup
119 "The Consul" composer
122 Cow or sow
125 Plange role
128 Leslie
130 Health resort
131 End of remark
134 Young or Diamond
135 Evangelist
136 Bother
137 Actor
138 Mouthful
139 Inquisitive
140 Quisic substance
141 Annette of "Cat People"

2 Learning method
3 Creche
4 Onassis
5 Actress
6 Spice Girl
7 — carotene
8 Dash
9 Pot holder?
10 Big name in cruises
11 Chicken —
12 Bucket
13 Fiesta
14 Gregory's "On the Beach" co-star
15 Crone
16 Makes
17 St. Francis' home
18 Terminal
29 Acid
30 Force out
32 Rope fiber
34 Famed photographer
35 — Too Late
37 Al — and sevens
39 Zich
40 Social climber
41 Pennant

42 Molten rock
43 Perpetual lab assistant
44 Road's —
45 Express
46 Same
48 The sound of little bells
53 Minnesota town
55 Spare fare
57 It becomes ewe?
58 Stocking shade
59 Artist
61 Computer key
64 "Witard" extras
65 Subject
68 Curly conf
70 Chemical ending
71 "A Kiss Before —" (91 film)
74 Comic Carvey
75 Spring flower
76 Skater
77 Fighthess birds
78 High-flying birds
79 Become a blond
80 Shabby
87 Shops

89 It may be spare
90 Winter vehicle
92 Big rig
93 Textbook heading
94 Emulate
96 "Scal"
98 In a morose manner
102 Diving bird
103 A whole bunch
105 Cathedral area
107 Demier —
108 Odysseus' home
109 Emergency
110 Puff, for one
111 It's down in the mouth
112 With hands on hips
113 Cheerleader's maneuver
118 Copter kin
120 Grand Ole —
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serve his country and go to Iraq," reports Sergeant Neil Gussman of the Army National Guard. "A retired police (man) here is finishing eight months as a helicopter door gunner. He's 55."

Peter Rosen, president of Atlanta's HR Strategies & Solutions L.L.C., points out that not everyone fits the stereotype of an older worker, that even young people can seem old and remain that way forever. "Some people are perceived as young their whole life," he observes. In other words, a person's attitude plays a role in our perceptions of age.

IN THE CULTURE

Gussman, of Lancaster, Pa., is stationed in an air unit at Tallil Ali Air Base in southern Iraq (near An Nasiriyah). He knew what he needed to do to fit in — be in shape and stay that way. "Fitness is a big part of getting along," he says. "When we were training to go to Iraq, we had a lot of physical training. If I

were not out in front, I'd have been perceived as weak in the physical meritocracy. I was in the position women and minors are in of having to be better than average just to be accepted." A few months ago he placed third among 90 men and women in his company's fitness test.

He looked at all of the training from a youthful perspective. "My enthusiasm helped me get accepted by guys less than half my age, but who are enthusiastic themselves," he comments. He strives to keep up the rigor at risk of falling back. His success points to the fact that mature workers are in a position to do more than just get along with youthful values reign. They can also enjoy their work.

At The Coca-Cola Co., Rosen met younger workers on their terms, like Gussman. Rosen, a self-described



United States Army Specialist Andrea Magee, 27, a qualified sharpshooter, shows Sergeant Neil Gussman, 56, where to clean his gun more thoroughly. Credit: Staff Sergeant Erica Vasquez

"tech-gadget junkie," found that people came to him for help for getting through techno-glitches. His social nature helped, too. He was the lone manager on the company basketball team. "Not limiting connections in an organization breaks stereotypes," he says. Finally, he gained rapid acceptance by "giving people credit and making them look good."

RETOOLING

If you're an older worker who can't identify with the experiences of Gussman and Rosen, you may be one of a number of people who need help intergenerationally, particularly if you're not planning to retire in the near future. These relationships are the key to continuing success and satisfaction.

Diversity trainer Jeffrey Gee, president of McNeil & Johnson Learning Co. Inc., in Lake Zurich, Ill., coaches older employees in organizations in line for a promotion or lateral transfer, and others with difficulty in getting along. He advises analytical older workers that, in conversation, they need to respond "at the level and pace" of younger workers. Then he applies "the three-second rule — to stop and engage the brain before they open their mouth."

Like the work Gussman and Rosen do on themselves, Gee's training is repetitious and successful.

Listening, a key component in building relationships, is tougher for drivers, because they "tend not to listen," he says. "They're competitive. They like to win. We have to get them to stop thinking about time, because that's a big issue with them, so



United States Army Gussman decided to compete with his young counterparts when he returned to the Army at age 55. He focused on fitness, a core value in his organization. He's currently serving at Tallil Ali Base in Iraq. Credit: Lt. Col. Scott Perry

they start to look at a bigger picture. They can come across as not caring. We have to rearrange the way they look at people."

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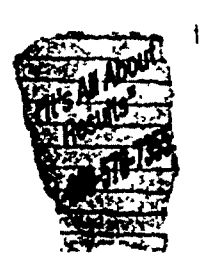
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CAR Report



By Dale Buss

U.S. auto sales in December accelerated to their best pace of the year outside last summer's Cash for Clunkers bonanza, providing a hopeful punctuation mark to the industry's worst year in decades.

Sales in December totaled about 1 million units, up about 2 percent from December 2008, when automakers and American consumers were newly stunned by the economic debacle unfolding on several levels around them.

More important, last month autos sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 11.2 million, continuing a recovery that gradually has been building in the market for the last few months. The seasonal rate had sunk as low as 9.1 million early in the year. And fresh from December's results, OEM executives last week generally said they were expecting sales in 2010 to top 11.5 million units after coming in at a total of 10.4 million for all of 2009.

Some analysts credited the holiday-sales promotional campaigns that have become ubiquitous from Thanksgiving through the end of the year. Despite the fact that the actual level of incentive spending by OEMs and their dealers was little changed last month from November, all the attention to deals

seemed to lure consumers to showrooms.

"Up and down the value chain, advertising was very strong," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing sales and service. "You could hardly ignore it if you turned on the TV, all of the merchandising of the offers in the month of December."

In fact, General Motors said that its average incentive in December was \$3,900, compared with \$6,400 a year ago. "We are going to earn (market) share at GM, not buy it," said Susan Docherty, GM's North American marketing and sales chief.

Docherty also said that GM probably had the highest month-over-month retail-sales improvement in the industry despite the fact that its December sales total was off 6 percent compared with 2008. With the exception of a small 1.5-percent drop at Chevrolet, GM's remaining core brands — Cadillac, GMC and Buick — all posted sales gains in December, and truck sales were stable.

Toyota "finished the year strong, with a lift in volume and anticipating a record monthly market share for the second consecutive month," said Don Esmond, senior vice president. Its December sales were 23 percent higher



Ford's 2010 Taurus was one of the company's strong performers in December.



The CR-V surged in showrooms for Honda.

than a year ago.

"Emerging from the rollercoaster of 2009, the industry has gained positive momentum for a gradual recovery," Esmond said.

Ford capped the year with a robust 33-percent increase in sales in December compared with a year earlier. "Customers have choices now," Czubay said. "And they're walking across the street and choosing a Ford."

Among other winning products, the new Taurus continued its strong introduction in December, and sales of the new model were up nearly 90 percent for the last four months of the year compared with 2008. Sales of F-Series pickup trucks increased by 16 percent in the month over a year earlier, marking the product line's best monthly sales performance since March 2008.

Meanwhile, Chrysler could manage only a 4-percent sales decline in December. And that middling performance seemingly was fueled only by a massive year-end sell to fleet customers, which helped produce some outsized gains for several models.

The Sebring midsize sedan and convertible, an underperformer for much of the year, posted a 24-percent gain over December 2008, for example,

while the Dodge Caliber and Avenger leapt to respective 83-percent and 85-percent increases compared with the prior December.

In all, Chrysler's passenger-car sales improved by 31 percent but were offset by a 14-percent setback for trucks compared with December 2008.

Honda's performance in December was strong enough to help it secure the U.S. industry's No. 4 spot for the full year, usurping Chrysler's long hold on the position. Sales rose nearly 16 percent, led by a 17-percent rise for Honda Accord, 20 percent for Civic, and 25 percent for CR-V — creating a December sales record for that model.

Also, Nissan capped off a disappointing year with a December surge as sales climbed 18 percent over the year-earlier month. Even sales for its struggling Infiniti brand rose by more than 10 percent for the month.

Hyundai Group, including the Hyundai and Kia brands, had the largest sales increase of the Big 7 with December sales hitting 54,845 vehicles, a hefty 42-percent increase over December 2008.

Hyundai set a new December sales record at 33,797 vehicles, up 40 percent from the year earlier. Kia sales came in at 21,048 for a 43.7 percent increase.

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