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## ON THE RECORD '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.

## Art & Ideas Gallery classes

Art & Ideas, the recently opened contemporary art gallery and teaching studio located between Plymouth and Northville, presents its art class schedule and a new art exhibition this month. The new exhibition is called "WoodEngrained Messages," and features the woodcuts of the gallery's artist-in-residence, Shage Kalaj. The gallery is located at 15095 Northville Road.

## Peak workshop

Dr. Ken Stopa will hold a peak performance workshop at 7 p.m. on Feb. 4 at the Northville Library, covering chiropractic, nutrition, diet, exercise and some sports studies that he has done himself.

Admission is free; a partner is encouraged as they will be able to participate in partner stretching and trigger point therapy.

## Celebrate yoga

Miss Harriet's Dance Studio, 133 W. Main in downtown Northville (lower level of Northville Square), will celebrate Yoga Day USA at 9 a.m. Saturday with special yoga session. Donations will be accepted for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Donor Services (PO Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202). The studio also offers Donation Yoga, the act of giving yoga from the heart for a donation from the heart.

This 60-minute Gentle Flow Yoga class will challenge you physically with emphasis on going within to listen to yourself. Classes are held at 8:15 p.m. Monday; 9 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; and are taught by Tricia Ptak.

For more info, call (734) 259-9588.

# Mary Alexander changes protested

Business owners don't want to lose current parking spaces

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Parking spaces are golden to downtown business owners, and they are not in favor of any plan that would reduce the number.

A few merchants attended Tuesday morning's Downtown Development Authority meeting after receiving a letter that the city is considering

making Mary Alexander Court a two-way street and eliminating eight of the 14 parking spaces.

Several were quite vocal about their displeasure about the changes being discussed by the DDA board.

The landscape architectural firm JJR of Ann Arbor has suggested several designs for the street as part of a \$2-million sidewalk and land-

scape improvement project recently approved by city council.

The project is still in the planning stages, however, with no final design drawings approved yet.

### COMMENTS FROM MERCHANTS

Business owners from Utopia Salon & Spa, Uptown Body Fitness,

"There is no parking already. And, it's not just the stores and restaurants that use the parking spaces. The church uses them, too."

PAT FINEGAN, Pear-aphernalia

the Moon and Me, Pear-aphernalia and local chiropractor Bill Abbott came to protest the loss of parking.

"My patients say parking is already

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## Company makes presence known at auto show



Dave White of ZF Marysville, right, discusses the benefits of ZF's 8-speed automatic transmission during the press preview week of the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Exhibition and Conference Center in Detroit.

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# Northville-based ZF Group NAO promotes fuel-friendly transmission

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows that today's automotive industry workers are focusing on creating products that cut emissions and offer better fuel economy.

ZF Group North American Operations, with offices in Northville Township, are promoting a new transmission that offers

a minimum of about a 6 percent savings on fuel economy compared to current 6-speed transmissions.

Although they won't be there when the public goes to the show, the local ZF staff made their presence known during the press preview week at the North American International Auto Show this week.

Bryan Johnson, director of marketing

and communications for ZF locally, said the automotive supplier is staying afloat in a down economy.

"We were hurt by the economy, just like every other automotive supplier," he said. "The reduced production of automotive vehicles hurt all of our products significantly. About 90 percent of our business

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# Northville declines Race to the Top

Following a careful review of the most current information regarding Michigan's Race to the Top plan, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education voted not to sign the Memorandum of Understanding requested by the Michigan Department of Education at a Special Call Board of Education meeting on Jan. 11.

The primary concern with signing the Memorandum of Understanding is the

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## RELATED LEGISLATION

The Michigan State Legislature recently passed several pieces of legislation related to the Race to the Top initiative:

- House Bill (HB) 4787 - Failing Schools Reform (including raising the drop-out age to 18 and personal curriculum expansion)
- HB 4788 - Public Employees Relations Act (PERA) reform
- HB 5596 - Alternative Teacher Certification
- Senate Bill (SB) 981 - Multi-Sectional Bill (including charter expansion, cyber schools, performance evaluations, merit pay, Algebra II modification, charter school revisions, mandatory administrator certification, tenure reform)
- SB 926 - Center for Educational Performance Information (CEPI) Teacher Identifier System and "Basic Instructional Supplies" claims.

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# Residents send letter about Islamic center's plans

## Township ZBA members review requests

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

A Farmington Hills attorney sent a letter of objection to members of the Northville Township Zoning Board of Appeals about variances requested at an Islamic center.

The attorney, Martin E. Testasecca, is a township resident and serves as vice president of the Quail Ridge Homeowners Association. Quail Ridge is the subdivision east of the Meadowbrook Islamic Center at 41885 Eight Mile Road east of Silver Springs Drive.

"I submit this letter at the request of our executive board, on behalf of all of the homeowners of Quail Ridge," Testasecca said in the letter.

The letter protests the center's board members' petition to permit all parking in front of the building, where it is not permitted, and to have building setback of 48.4 feet on the south and 22.8 feet on the west, where 100 feet is required on all sides that abut residential zoning.

The center's board members asked at the ZBA's November meeting for a variance to build a 42-space parking lot in front

of the house that now functions as a place of prayer and worship. ZBA members tabled both requests, asking the board members to come back with a revised request outlining fewer parking spaces.

### PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY

Testasecca outlines several reasons why the residents believe that the petition should be denied, such as the lack of practical difficulty on the site. He says the property also does not represent a unique situation, and that there are no exceptional or extraordinary circumstances on the property that make it difficult to use as a place of worship.

"The petitioner claims that the current configuration of the site does not allow for sufficient parking...While the current owner's needs may not be met by the site's existing parking availability, a future owner may not have the same needs, and the ZBA must consider the long-term

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ATTORNEY MARTIN E. TESTASECCA said in the letter.

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He claims the need for the proposed parking lot was created by the owner of the lot and that the parcel was purchased with an understanding of its size and limitations on how it might be used.

The residents feel that a large, lighted parking lot in front of the center does not fit in with the existing residential area.

Testasecca said the peti-

tion also cannot satisfy the minimum variance necessary requirement for approval, because he said the center's directors have no way of knowing how many parking spaces are needed.

At the November meeting, there was talk of lowering the number of spaces from 42 to 32 in a revised request.

"The point here is that the number of spaces is completely arbitrary, and, therefore, the minimum variance necessary requirement cannot be met," Testasecca said in the letter.

He also mentions that the requests are not necessary to comply with any state or federal laws.

### A PLACE OF WORSHIP

In closing, Testasecca said that although a place of worship is permitted in a residential zoning district in the township, that doesn't mean that this use is appropriate or reasonable for this particular parcel.

"The fact that this petitioner is requesting substan-

tial variances to install a 32-space, lighted parking lot in front of a dwelling is clearly evident that he purchased the wrong property for his purposes," Testasecca said.

"There are many vacant parcels in the township, with ample parking, that are more suitable and that would lawfully satisfy the petitioner's needs. The granting of these variance requests would give a green light to other petitioners to seek (and, therefore, be entitled to) variances that are just too large, inappropriate and unreasonable for their property, a trend that would be a recipe for disaster to our township."

The center's board members want to build a parking lot to accommodate the large crowd, estimated at 100 people, that meets on Friday afternoons at the center. ZBA members met last night to discuss the Islamic center's requests. Check out the Record's coverage of the meeting at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

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# Chamber staff brings Chill-E Cookoff to Senior Center

## Attend Blizzard Breakfast same day at Genitti's

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Formerly the Fire & Ice Festival, the Northville Chamber of Commerce event has been renamed the Chill-E Cookoff this year.

The fun begins at noon and lasts until 4 p.m. on Jan. 30 at the Northville Senior Community Center at 303 W. Main St.

Local fire department cooks and chefs from local restaurants will vie for first-place honors at the chili contest. Participants can purchase a taste from as many entries as they wish for a nominal charge for each one.

Cost is \$1 admission for all ages; \$1 each for chili or salsa sample cup; \$2 for a large cup of chili; and \$2 per beverage, which will include soft drinks and water. Chips are provided with the salsa.

The Northville Township and city of Northville fire department cooks will compete in the Firehouse Chili Challenge, with restaurant chefs going for the Top Chili prize.

Restaurants competing in the event will include Edwards Cafe & Caterers, Independence Village of Plymouth, Poole's Tavern, George's Senate Coney Island, Lake Street Tavern, Rocky's of Northville, Scottie's



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grace Cracraft, 7, tries a cup of chili at last year's Fire and Ice Fest in downtown Northville. Head on down to the Northville Community Senior Center from noon-4 p.m. Jan. 30 for the new name for the event – the Chill-E Cookoff. The public is invited to taste local restaurants' and the two local fire departments' chili recipes for a nominal cost at the annual Chamber of Commerce event.

Kitchen, Hotz Catering, Northville Sports Den and the Rusty Buckey.

Salsa music will be provided by the band Saoco from noon-2:30 p.m.

The afternoon will also feature children's crafts and an ice carving demonstration.

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Proceeds from this annual Northville Parks and Recreation event from 8:30-11 a.m. will go toward the purchase of outdoor movie equipment. The equipment will be used by the communities of Northville, Northville Township, Novi,

South Lyon and Wixom. Cost for the breakfast buffet is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door for ages 11 and up; \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door for ages 4-10. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

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Mar 6	Charade (1963)	Sincerely Yours, Inc., 110 N. Center	Feb 20
Mar 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
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# Frozen lake, pond safety tips

Have you noticed skating rinks near your house? Look around outside and I'm sure that you will find one. The Northville community has an abundance of lakes and ponds for people to skate on. I've even seen hockey nets on the ice used for games.

Skating on a lake or a pond is a fun way to get outside and enjoy the winter season. Growing-up, I can remember playing hockey on a pond near my house with friends. Those were some fun times, but I was lucky that I or none of my friends fell through the ice. Here are some things to keep in mind if you are walking, skating, or playing a game of hockey on a frozen lake or pond:

- Never Skate alone.
- Test the ice for thickness. The ice should be at least 4" thick to be able to hold the weight of an adult.

## THE SAFETY ZONE

- Carry a whistle with you while on the ice. You can use this to get someone's attention if you get in trouble.
- Do not go on the ice if you see puddles forming. Puddles are in indication that the ice is becoming weak.
- If the weather fluctuates from below to above freezing for consecutive days, avoid going on the ice.
- Remove snow from the ice before skating or walking. Snow on top of ice can weaken it and render it unsafe.
- If you are making a skating/hockey rink on the lake, keep as close to the shore as possible.
- Dress in layers to prevent hypothermia.
- Never go on the ice when it is dark outside.

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Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at [jraschke@tp.northville.mi.us](mailto:jraschke@tp.northville.mi.us).

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## District's Managing Our Future feedback available for review

Community response posted on school district's Web site

The feedback offered by Northville Public Schools parents, staff, students and community members on managing the school district's financial future — in light of the state's severe cuts in public school funding — is now available for review on the district website ([www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us)). Click on the "Managing Our Future Feedback" link in the center of the page.

The input was sought during a series of four Managing Our Future Forums sponsored by the Board of Education in December. The goal of the forums was to share with key stakeholders the magnitude of the budgetary challenges facing the school district, the cost of the district's programs, and to gather feedback on what the district's stakeholders value most about the education of Northville's children.

The forums were attended by 440 school parents, students, staff and community members and 990 individuals (including many who also attended the forums) logged onto the district website to review the same detailed information provided at the forums. Nearly 1,600 individuals completed feedback forms either at the forums or on-line.

Managing Our Future feedback currently available on the district website includes:

- A demographic summary overall and by stakeholder group of those who completed feedback forms either at one of the forums or on-line.
- A summary and detailed breakdown of the responses to various cost-cutting options under consideration by the Board of Education.
- A listing of the written comments and suggestions noted on the feedback forms.

### MORE TO COME

Upcoming Board of Education regular meetings and subcommittee meetings where school board members will discuss cost-cutting options are listed below. Additional Board Study Sessions within this timeframe are to be determined, and will be communicated via the district's LISTSERV e-mail service. All meetings are open to the public.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Subcommittee  
Old Village School

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education  
Silver Springs Elementary

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Subcommittee  
Old Village School

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education  
Old Village School

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education  
Morraine Elementary

\*Additional Board Study Session(s) are to be determined and will be communicated via district LISTSERV.

The community forums and on-line material offered participants the opportunity to review the data and analysis for numerous cost-cutting options being studied by the Board of Education, before completing the detailed feedback form. The information provided to the public

included the feasibility, benefits and challenges of the various options, as well as the potential impact on students' educational experiences. The options and information were categorized into four key areas — K-12 instructional programs, transportation, athletic/co-curricular programs, and Northville Public Schools' staffing.

"This valuable feedback from the district's stakeholders provides the Board of Education with a sense of what our school families, staff, students and community members value as we strive to make some very difficult decisions about the district's programs and services for the remainder of this school year, as well as 2010-11," said Northville Board of Education President Dr. Marilyn Price. "Given the deep and enduring financial shortfalls projected by the State of Michigan, it will take reductions in a number of areas to achieve the necessary costs savings for this school year, 2010-11, and beyond."

For the current 2009-10 school year alone, Northville Public Schools' per pupil funding from the state has been cut by \$486 per pupil (\$3.4 million.) For the 2010-11 school year, state revenue estimates point to an additional \$268 per pupil reduction for a total loss of \$745 per pupil (\$5.3 million.)

The Board of Education will continue to evaluate cost-cutting options over the next several weeks, with a decision regarding cuts to be implemented yet this school year, likely to be announced in early February, and a decision regarding additional cuts for the 2010-11 school year by the end of February.



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### Cooke School holiday

Santa gets some help on Dec. 11, distributing gifts at the Cooke School holiday party. Students, staff and family members attended a dinner at the school and then students got individual gifts from Santa Claus. The entire party was funded by the Mitsubishi Corporation along with a separate \$8,000 contribution for the school's general fund.



Cooke School student Britney Danol, right, is very happy after receiving a DVD copy of the movie "Up" during a holiday party on Dec. 11. With Britney are her mom Lynn, right, and her teacher Peggy Dinicola, left.

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### High school dance

Northville High School is holding a snappy-casual winter dance on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday, Feb. 2 through Friday, Feb. 5. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased during all lunches on these days.

#### Market Scrip program

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

Hillside automatically earns five percent every time money is put on a Scrip Card. If you are interested in receiving a Hiller's Scrip Card, e-mail Janice Gutowski at [jgutowski7@comcast.net](mailto:jgutowski7@comcast.net). Please include your name, home address and how many cards you need.

#### Senior All Night Party

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

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

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

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

Just purchase a \$25 coupon card containing five car washes and the Senior All Night Party receives 50 percent of all the proceeds. For more information, or to pick one up of your own, please contact Sandy Agoston (gagos-

ton@aol.com) or Denise Koswick (dkoz12@aol.com).

Volunteers are still needed for decorations, entertainment, prizes and gifts and security for the party. If interested, contact Mary Zervos, SANP chair, [greekdan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greekdan@sbcglobal.net); Betsy Basoukas, decorations, [vbetsyb@wowway.com](mailto:vbetsyb@wowway.com); Shelly King, entertainment, [PSKINGFAMILY5@aol.com](mailto:PSKINGFAMILY5@aol.com); Carol Grimmer, prizes/gifts, [Carol.Grimmer@gmail.com](mailto:Carol.Grimmer@gmail.com); Karen Harris, security, [ks.harris@yahoo.com](mailto:ks.harris@yahoo.com).

Only 60 volunteers have signed up to date; 120 are needed to ensure the safety and security of the students. If you have not volunteered your time, please consider taking a security shift or two.

#### Yearbook photos wanted

The Northville High School yearbook wants your photos! Send us anything involving our students, whether it's group, team, or individual activities, concerts, performances, or sports — especially candid and action photos.

Send your high resolution digital files (JPG) to [henderro@northville.k12.mi.us](mailto:henderro@northville.k12.mi.us). Include a brief description of the activity and names and grades of the students pictured, along with the photographer's first and last name, so a photo credit can be included.

to the Dean's List for spring term: Antonio Ruggirello, Jacqueline VanCleave and George Wellmer, all freshmen.

#### Michigan Technological University

Two Northville students were among nearly 400 graduates at the Dec. 12 mid-year commencement ceremonies: Matthew Duncanson, bachelor of science in business administration; and Jonathan Raymond, bachelor of science in biomedical engineering.

#### DePaul University

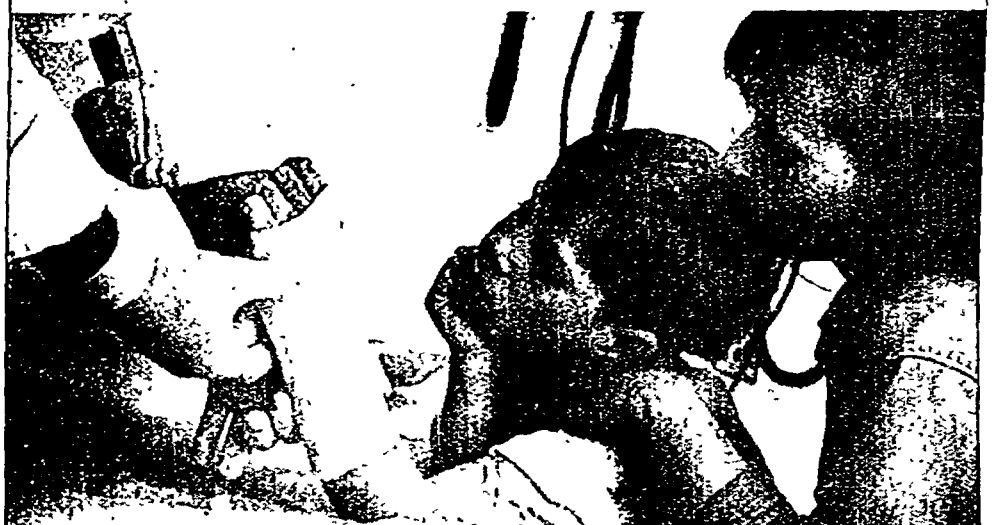
The following Novi local students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2009-10 fall quarter: Nathan Parkins, Joseph Tosto and Mason.

To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.

#### Northwood University

Three Northville students have been named

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## PARKING

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an issue," Abbott said.

"There is no parking already," said Pat Finnegan of Pear-aphernalia. "And, it's not just the stores and restaurants that use the parking spaces. The church uses them, too."

Lori Stempien from Pear-aphernalia said, "Why take parking spaces away from customers?" She also has concerns about safety if the court was made two-way, especially with children running around the Town Square area during the Tunes on Tuesday concerts in the summer. "It's a congested area," she said.

Board member Jim Long made a motion to maintain Mary Alexander Court as a one-way street in the design so that the current number of parking spaces could remain.

The motion was seconded by Lou LaChance and passed by the board.

City council will have the final say on the project, and sidewalk and landscape improvements can still be made on Mary Alexander Court.

JJR also believes it is important to modify the entrance to the parking lot off of Mary Alexander Court to improve the safety of entering and exiting the lot.

### SAFETY CONCERNS NOTED

Much discussion revolved around the fact that making Mary Alexander Court a two-way street would present a safety concern with the number of large trucks that make deliveries to the various businesses on the court.

Chuck Lapham, former downtown business owner and downtown property owner,

said he believes trucks should still only be able to enter Mary Alexander Court from the east off of Hutton Street because the turning radius is too dangerous from the west off of Center Street. However, Bob Doyle from JJR said the turning radius is about the same at each end of the court.

Jim Gallogly, public works director, said he is concerned about trash removal if the street is made into a two-way street with the possibility of trucks backing into vehicles.

"Thank you for your input," DDA chair Greg Presley said to audience members after their comments. "We do value your input."

The DDA is proposing having a special meeting about Mary Alexander Court before the next board meeting in February.

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## Classic autos

At the Ford exhibit, we found Bill Bizer of Farmington Hills and Kathleen Thompson of Northville. Bizer has made a career of restoring classic autos like Cords and Auburns. Thompson is a photographer and writer for Madonna University in Livonia.

## RACE

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possibility that signing the memorandum could negatively impact management rights in the collective bargaining process. From the Board's perspective, this factor outweighed the

potential benefit of receiving the \$27,041 that Northville Public Schools would be eligible for if Michigan is awarded Race to the Top funding.

Despite taking this action, the Board of Education voiced support for the underlying principles of the Race to the Top initiative and the potential for a positive

impact on student achievement.

"We commend the legislature for passing these laws which have the potential to positively affect student learning," said Board President Dr. Marilyn Price. "We sincerely hope the state is successful in its bid for Race to the Top funding."

## ZF GROUP

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in Northville is automotive."

Johnson said worldwide, ZF's business dropped about 25 percent in 2009. "So, we fared better than most," he said.

ZF produces driveline and chassis technology - transmissions, suspensions, component systems, steering, axle drives - for autos, trucks, construction vehicles, buses, marine vehicles and even helicopters.



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Dr. Michael Paul, executive vice president, ZF Group, presents new technology from ZF that improves fuel economy during their press conference at the NAIAS.

### AUTO SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

The ZF booth featured products related to fuel economy, especially hybridization and electrification of vehicles. "This is one of the main focuses of the show, and we chose to highlight some of our products that support that," Johnson said.

He had an opportunity to ride in the new Tango, a two-seater commuter car not much wider than a motorcycle that costs \$150,000. The auto show has about a half-mile test track where members of the public can ride in some of the new vehicles.

Johnson believes, however, that combustion engines and typical gasoline-powered engines are still going to be around for a long time.

"They're still the majority of the market," he said. "So, what we have to do is give products that complement and help support that market."

### A FUEL-ECONOMY FUTURE

Johnson noted that by 2015, automakers will be required to meet certain benchmarks as far as fuel economy. "This will be true across the whole product line,

and they're going to have to use technology that will allow them to do that," he said. He said European automakers also use a lot more diesel engines, which provide better fuel economy, in their vehicles than U.S. companies.

"I'm not an analyst, but that's one way to improve fuel economy," First, he said, the American public has to buy-in to the diesel engine. "There are companies that are actively pushing it.

Pickup and acceleration are no longer issues with diesel." Johnson said ZF's fuel-efficient transmission is also hybrid-compatible and has different options based on customer requirements.

Currently, the new fuel-efficient ZF transmission is being used in the BMW 7 series, the BMW 5 series GT and the new Bentley.

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### CAROL A. BRYAN

Age 78, died Jan. 11, 2010. A chapel service was held on Jan. 14, at Clinton Grove Memorial Park, Clinton Twp., MI. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### LOUIS H. MARROW

Age 60, died Jan. 11, 2010. Survived by daughter Teresa Dobref, siblings James & MaryAlice. A private service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### GREGORY R. SERETIAN

Age 64, of Northville, formerly of Howell, passed away Jan. 14, 2010. Funeral Service was held Mon., Jan. 18 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice.

### CHARLES R. CORISTINE

December 25, 2009. Funeral at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi (248) 348-1800. Jan. 23 at 11:00am followed by visiting until 3:00pm. Donations to American Diabetes Association. Online condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### PATRICIA K. PUTANSU

Age 75, January 9, 2010. Funeral was held January 18, 2010 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Online condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### DOROTHY VON STEINEN

SOUTH LYON, MI

Age 73, passed away Saturday, January 16, 2010. She was born July 6, 1936 in Grand Rapids, MI, the daughter of Alto L. and Edith H. (Bolton) Dell. A long-time resident of South Lyon, Dorothy also lived in Novi and raised her family in Westland, MI. She is survived by: her loving husband of 53 years, Earle von Steinen, a sister, Laura Dell of North Fort Myers, FL; sons, Randy and Barry; and her grandchildren, Ryan, Drew and Sofia. A celebration of her life was held for family and close friends January 18, 2010. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 W. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311. [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org). Arrangements handled through Stark Funeral Service. Please sign her guest book at [www.starkfuneral.com](http://www.starkfuneral.com)



### LOIS KATHRYN (HAMILTON) ROBERTS

Passed from her earthly journey into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Jan. 18, 2010. She was born June 3, 1956 to Edwin and Ruth Hamilton of Salem Township. She married her beloved husband, Steve, on June 17, 1978. God blessed her with four children and one grandchild. Hannah Roberts and her partner Dan Nienhuis, Christa Roberts, Eva Roberts-Bower and her husband Ronnie Bower and their daughter Aleena Lois Fairlen Bower (born January 16, 2010), and Alexander Roberts. She taught 5th Grade at Salem Elementary, beginning there fulltime in 1999. She earned her BA - Elementary Education from Lancaster Bible College in 1978 and her MA - Social Science from EMU in 2000. She attended Salem Bible Church her entire life, where she worked in the children's ministries, nursery, and choir. Her goal in life was to serve her Lord and gently lead others to Him. Viewing will be at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, 6-9 PM, Thursday, January 21. Funeral service at Salem Bible Church, Salem, 3:00 PM, Friday, January 22. Memorials in her memory can be made to Salem Bible Church, PO Box 75185, Salem, MI 48175. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### VALERIE ROSE DOMBROWSKI

Age 83, January 17, 2010. Funeral was January 20 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Online condolences at [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### CECILIA A. GREGORY

Age 94, Jan. 11, 2010. Funeral was held Jan. 16, 2010 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations may be made to the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Online condolences at [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### MARGARET B. HOUSE

Age 79, of Northville, passed away 1/14/10. Loving mother of Melinda (Tim) Cain; grandmother of Sean and Seth; sister of 5. Private Services held. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

### BETTY JANE MALONEY

Age 88 of Howell, formerly of Milford, died at her home Sunday, January 10, 2010. She was born October 2, 1921 in Huntingdon, PA, the daughter of Selvie C. and Erma M. (Pomeroy) Bryant. Beloved wife of the late Bruno R. Vanderski (1970) and John B. Maloney (1988). Dear mother of Barbara (Michael) Mohr of Tucson, AZ, and the late Susan Leatherman. Grandmother of Karissa (Frank) Schultz of Denver, CO, Sean (Brandi) Mohr of Knoxville, TN, Ed (JoAnn) Leatherman and Jeff Leatherman of Howell. Also survived by six great-grandchildren. Mass of Resurrection was held Friday, January 15 at 11 a.m. (in-state 10 a.m.) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 W. Washington Street, Howell. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family's online guestbook at [www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com](http://www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com)

### CATHERINE ELIZABETH STEWART

Age 90, January 15, 2010. Funeral was held January 19 at First Baptist Church of Detroit. Donations may be made to Salvation Army or First Baptist Church. Online condolences [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

### DON RAY WALLACE

Died on January 9, 2010. Born Frank Lloyd Wilson, he later changed his name to Don Ray. He was born May 10, 1916 in Oklahoma.



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## Pattersons at preview

State Senator Bruce Patterson and spouse Phyllis Patterson attended the Charity Preview. The Pattersons are from Canton.

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# Haiti: Not all charities are equipped to help, some fraudulent

As immediate relief needs are assessed in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12, many Americans are looking for ways to help by donating to a charity. The Better Business Bureau warns that, as occurred following the tsunami in 2004 and Katrina in 2005, fraudulent charities will likely emerge to try and scam donations from well-meaning Americans.



Tim Burns

Whenever there is a major natural disaster, be it home or abroad, the generosity of Americans to donate time and money to help victims can always be counted on. Unfortunately it can also be guaranteed that poorly run

and in some cases fraudulent charities will also begin soliciting money from people during a time of need. Not only do donors need to be concerned about avoiding fraud, they also need to make sure their money goes to competent relief organizations that are equipped and experienced to handle the unique challenges of providing assistance at these times when help is needed the most. Your local BBB offers the following six tips to help Americans decide where to direct donations:

- \* Rely on expert opinion when it comes to evaluating a charity. Be cautious when relying on third-party recommendations such as bloggers or other Web sites, as they might not have fully researched the listed relief organizations. The public can go to [www.bbb.org/charity](http://www.bbb.org/charity) to research charities and relief organizations to verify that they

are accredited by the BBB and meet the 20 Standards for Charity Accountability.

- \* Be wary of claims that 100 percent of donations will assist relief victims. Despite what an organization might claim, charities have fund raising and administrative costs. Even a credit card donation will involve, at a minimum, a processing fee. If a charity claims 100 percent of collected funds will be assisting earthquake victims, the truth is that the organization is still probably incurring fund raising and administrative expenses. They may use some of their other funds to pay this, but the expenses will still be incurred.

- \* Be cautious about online giving, especially in response to spam messages and emails that claim to link to a relief organization. In response to the tsunami disaster in 2004, there were concerns raised about

many Web sites and new organizations that were created overnight allegedly to help victims.

- \* Find out if the charity has an on-the-ground presence in the impacted areas. Unless the charity already has staff in the effected areas, it may be difficult to get new aid workers to quickly provide assistance. See if the charity's website clearly describes what they can do to address immediate needs.

- \* Find out if the charity is providing direct aid or raising money for other groups. Some charities may be raising money to pass along to relief organizations. If so, you may want to consider "avoiding the middleman" and giving directly to charities that have a presence in the region. Or, at a minimum, check out the ultimate recipients of these donations to ensure the

organizations are equipped to effectively provide aid.

- \* In-kind drives for food and clothing, while well intentioned, may not necessarily be the quickest way to help those in need - unless the organization has the staff and infrastructure to be able to properly distribute such aid. Ask the charity about their transportation and distribution plans. Be wary of those who are not experienced in disaster relief assistance.

For more information about wise charitable giving and avoiding scams, visit the Better Business Bureau online at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) or [www.facebook.com/myBBB](http://www.facebook.com/myBBB).

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[www.lordoflifecolca.com](http://www.lordoflifecolca.com)

**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
[www.hscrcnet.net](http://www.hscrcnet.net)  
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.  
810-231-9199  
Fr. John Roccus, Pastor  
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Please visit our Shrine of L'Ann Display and Book & Gift Shop

### Farmington Hills

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA**  
Farmington Hills • 23225 Gill Rd. • 248-474-0584  
Between Grand River & Freedom  
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary  
Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.

### Highland

**HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
2350 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556  
Contemporary Service  
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays  
Saturday Night Service 8:00 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.  
3rd-8th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.  
Pastor Nick Ruffler

### NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

120 Bishop St., Highland  
off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59  
• Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
• Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor Darryl Miller  
689-7253 or 887-4556

### HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248-887-1311 • [www.myhmc.com](http://www.myhmc.com)  
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Kids Church 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.  
Plus Young Adults, Recovery, Divorce 4 Kids, Grief & more

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-5364  
Rev. Leo T. Lulko, Pastor  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; M-F-W-F 9 a.m.  
Holy Day, 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.; First Sunday 9 a.m.  
Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.  
or by appointment

### Livonia

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services held at:  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

### White Lake

**WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
4805 Highland Rd. (between Bogie & Grand Rd.)  
(248) 887-4654 Deborah V. Kerr, Pastor  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Children Church School 10:00 a.m.  
Child Care Provided  
"The Friendly Church" Established 1835

### Whitmore Lake

**Living Water**  
North Campus of St. Luke Lutheran Church Ann Arbor  
Worship Celebration Sunday 10:15 a.m.  
Whitmore Lake High School  
7430 Whitmore Lake Rd. • Whitmore Lake, MI 48189  
Dan Flynn, Minister  
734-426-4006 • [www.livingwatermi.org](http://www.livingwatermi.org)

### Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
PRESCHOOL & KIDS - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695  
Pastor Steve Swayze  
Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.  
Aurora for 3 yrs. old - 5th grade begins Sept. 15  
Middle School Group

**SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.**  
1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford  
(248) 685-3560 [www.AboutSouthHill.com](http://www.AboutSouthHill.com)  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Children and Youth Groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Call about our current small group studies.

**WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380  
248-887-1218  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m.

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery care available @ 10:00 a.m.  
R. John Harris, Pastor  
A heritage of area worship since 1836

### New Hudson

**NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
57655 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165  
Phone 248-474-9108  
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
Website: <http://www.newhopeuu.org>

### Northville

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
Experience Life Each Week  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School and Children's Programs  
[www.ncakie.org](http://www.ncakie.org)  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9030

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
(248) 349-1144  
8 Mile & Tall Roads  
Worship:  
8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
[www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)

**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville  
248-374-7400  
Sunday Worship:  
Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Contemporary 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Nursery & Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services  
[www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)  
Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.  
WORSHIP AM 560, THE WALKER ROAD STATION

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610  
Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
200 E. Main St. at Midco • (248) 349-0911  
Worship & Church School - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Children Available at All Services  
Youth Ligon Prep. Wed. 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. 5th-8th  
Singles Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Kent Ode, Senior Pastor  
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor  
[www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)

### Harland

**Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
- Wisconsin Synod  
13130 Harland Rd. • Harland, MI 48126  
Tel: 248-341-1811  
Nursery Service 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. James P. Russell

### Novi

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
9 Mile & Meadowbrook  
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
will resume September 13  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor • 349-0565

**ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI**  
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
Reverend George Charnley, Pastor  
Parish Office: 347-7778

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
[www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • [www.mbcoc.org](http://www.mbcoc.org)  
Sunday, Worship, 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur R. Rutter, Senior Minister

### South Lyon

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
(Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson  
437-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile  
Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (at 8 Mile Road)  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Youth at 6:30 p.m.  
Rev. David Brown, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • [www.fellowshippepc.org](http://www.fellowshippepc.org)

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • [www.southlyoncoc.org](http://www.southlyoncoc.org)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.  
Rob Callicott, Pastor

**FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10774 Nine Mile Road  
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) OF SOUTH LYON**  
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care Provided  
Check us out on the web: [www.fpcsouthlyon.org](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org)  
248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) •  
Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
Wisconsin Synod • Raymond Sweet Plwy.  
at Liberty St.  
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
All Classes 9:00  
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Aiken & Kalamazoo • a mile west of Grand  
574 S. Shedd Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170  
734-453-0190  
Services on Sunday mornings at  
7:45 AM - Ecumenical - Meditative - Contemporary  
9:00 AM - Ecumenical - Contemporary Music  
11:00 AM - Ecumenical - Traditional Music

### Plymouth

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Aiken & Kalamazoo • a mile west of Grand  
574 S. Shedd Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170  
734-453-0190  
Services on Sunday mornings at  
7:45 AM - Ecumenical - Meditative - Contemporary  
9:00 AM - Ecumenical - Contemporary Music  
11:00 AM - Ecumenical - Traditional Music

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
248-349-2652  
[www.unmcnovi.com](http://www.unmcnovi.com)  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375  
Weekend Hours  
Saturday 5 p.m. (English) & 8:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.  
Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor  
Rev. Peter Mendes  
Parish Office: 348-8847 • [www.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org)

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty, Novi • Phone 427-1175  
Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Ray Babin, Interim Rector  
[www.churchoftheholycross.com](http://www.churchoftheholycross.com)

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.  
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.  
Casual, contemporary service  
Phone (248) 912-0043  
[www.oakpointe.org](http://www.oakpointe.org)

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON**  
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178  
Phone: 248-437-2983  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Feshor / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weals  
Website: [www.fbcsouthlyon.com](http://www.fbcsouthlyon.com)  
Email: [fbc@fbcsouthlyon.com](mailto:fbc@fbcsouthlyon.com)

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail (near E. 10 Mile Rd.)  
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
Family Service 11:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship - Relevant,  
Bible Based Messages  
(248) 486-0400 • [www.crossroads.net](http://www.crossroads.net)

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.  
Nursery Provided  
Reverend Sandra Wilboe  
[southlyonfirstumc.org](http://southlyonfirstumc.org)

**SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH**  
22183 Pontiac Trail (behind Jazzy's and Oym)  
10 a.m. Sunday Celebration  
Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile (Buck's Shopping Center)  
(Nursery & Children's programs)  
Office 248-486-4400  
[www.solidrockssouthlyon.org](http://www.solidrockssouthlyon.org)

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
Gathering in Jesus Name  
601 S. Lafayette St. • South Lyon, MI 48178  
Sunday 10:30 and 11:30  
Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Ragan, Pastor  
734-347-1983 pastor cell  
Old fashioned preaching

**FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY/ WAREHOUSE CHURCH A/G**  
62345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • [www.familylifecoc.net](http://www.familylifecoc.net)  
Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi  
Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Aiken & Kalamazoo • a mile west of Grand  
574 S. Shedd Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170  
734-453-0190  
Services on Sunday mornings at  
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## NORTHVILLE ETC.

**Listings:** Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site ([hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com)) to view the complete listing.

**Submit:** Send item submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

## MEETINGS

**Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Old Village School

**City of Northville CITY COUNCIL**  
Date: First and third Monday of the month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**  
Date: Third Tuesday of each month  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.  
Contact: [downtownnorthville.com](mailto:downtownnorthville.com)

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Date: First and third Tuesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: City Hall

**HOUSING COMMISSION**  
Date: Second Wednesday of every month  
Time: 3 p.m.  
Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
Date: Third Wednesday of month  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Location: City Hall

**ARTS COMMISSION**  
Date: Second Wednesday of every month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**  
Date: First Monday of every month  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.  
Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

**Northville Township PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Date: Last Tuesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Date: Third Thursday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Date: Third Wednesday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**  
Date: Third Monday of month  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall

**YOUTH ASSISTANCE**  
Date: Second Tuesday of every month  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road  
Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

## SENIOR EVENTS

**Senior Community Center**  
Location: 303 W. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-4140

**THURSDAY**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.  
10:30 a.m.: Yoga  
11 a.m.: Cribbage  
Noon: Walking Club  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

**FRIDAY**  
8 a.m.: Walking Club  
11 a.m.: Poker  
Noon: Walking Club



## Bronze Award

Fifth grade Girl Scout Juniors from Our Lady of Victory School in Northville (Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Troop 40994) collected 15 extra large bags of towels and made catnip toys and dog biscuits for the cats and dogs at the Huron Valley Humane Society. The service project earned the girls the Girl Scout Bronze Award. Pictured (l to r) are Troop Leader Lori Stapp, Shannon Stapp, Ellie Janitz, Erin Neis, Troop Leader Denise Neis and Kaity Graham.

## LIBRARY LINES

**Northville District Library**  
Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall  
Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m., Sunday.  
Contact: (248) 349-3020 or [northvillelibrary.org](http://northvillelibrary.org) for information regarding programs and library materials.  
Foreign Films @ the Library  
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25  
Details: Enjoy the Swedish film "Kitchen Stories". English subtitles. Swedish treats.  
Teen Books, Chat & Chow  
Time/Date: 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25  
Details: Teens, 6th - 12th grade, enjoy treats and a lively discussion of cutting costs novel "Tangerine".  
Edward Bloch's novel "Tangerine".  
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26  
Details: Learn how to save 20-50% off your grocery bills in this money-saving class.  
Call to register at 248-349-3020.

**Junior Books, Chat and Chow for fourth and fifth graders**  
Time/Date: 4:15 pm Wednesday, Jan. 27  
Details: Make friends and enjoy treats and a lively book discussion of David Lubar's novel "Flip". Call to register.  
Drop In Morning Storytime  
Time/Date: 10:15 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 28  
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome! Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. No registration... just drop in. This series runs for six weeks each Thursday at 10:15 am from Jan. 28-March 4.

## PARKS AND REC

**Northville Parks and Recreation**  
Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)  
Contact: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit [northvilleparksandrec.org](http://northvilleparksandrec.org)

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
DATE/Time: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in Jan.  
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road

**OPEN FAMILY BASKETBALL**  
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday Sept.-April  
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
Details: \$2 Per person  
OPEN 40+ BASKETBALL  
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday  
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
Details: \$3 Per person  
OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL  
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday 9 a.m. noon every Saturday Sept.-April  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$4 Per person  
OPEN BADMINTON  
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$9 Per person, includes birds. Competitive style Badminton, all skill levels welcome, 8 Courts  
OPEN PICKLEBALL  
Time/Date: noon every Monday; 6-8 p.m. every Saturday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$3 Per person Monday \$4 Per person Saturday  
OPEN TABLE TENNIS  
Time/Date: Noon-4 p.m. every Saturday  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$5 Per person, 8 tables available. All skill levels welcome  
OPEN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL  
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Mon, Wed, Fri  
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside  
Details: \$1 Per person, all skill levels welcome. Bring your friends  
OPEN 50+ PICKLEBALL  
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. every Monday  
Location: Senior Community Center.

303 W. Main St.  
Details: \$2 Per person, Paddles and balls available  
Contact: (248) 449-9947 for more info on all above open activities.

## VOLUNTEERING

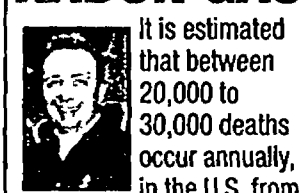
**ARBOR HOSPICE**  
Details: Seeking compassionate, caring individuals to join our Volunteer Team in support of patients and families by holding a hand, sharing a story, or creating a special moment. Take the first step in this life-affirming experience by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator.  
Contact: (248) 348-4980 or [mgrysko@arborhospice.org](mailto:mgrysko@arborhospice.org).

**Friends of the Northville District Library**  
Details: There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to Paul Snyder, president of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

## Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

Time: Day and evening training classes  
Location: 28598 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield  
Details: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.  
Contact: Mary, (800) 770-9859

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DEN ROSENKAVALLER  
ENCORE WED. 1/27 6:30 PM  
O TOOTH FAIRY (PG) 11:10, 1:45, 4:15, 6:40, 9:20 FRI/SAT LS 11:40  
O EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES (PG) 11:30, 2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35  
FRI/SAT LS 12:00  
O THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10 FRI/SAT LS 11:30  
O THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45  
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) FRI-TUE/TH 11:15, 1:55, 7:15, 9:55  
WED 11:15, 1:55  
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) FRI-TUE/TH 4:45  
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:40, 6:55, 9:00 FRI/SAT LS 11:25  
3D AVATAR (PG-13) \$2.50 PREMIUM PER 3D TICKET  
11:25, 2:50, 6:15, 9:30  
COUPON  
FREE  
SODA/DRINK  
with \$3.50 purchase  
of adult food or soft drink  
at participating locations. See rules for details.

January is National Radon Awareness Month  
RADON GAS

It is estimated that between 20,000 to 30,000 deaths occur annually, in the U.S. from radon gas poisoning. Radon gas, an invisible, odorless, and tasteless gas, occurs naturally in the environment – it is the product from the decay of uranium and it is measured in units called picocuries per liter (pCi/l). Radon seeps up through rock and soil and enters a house through cracks in the foundation, around water and sewer pipes, and floor drains, or in well water. In the U.S., the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has set the "action level" at 4 pCi/L.

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# Andiamo performance pokes fun at reality of unemployment

## Economy fuels local comedy

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who has lost their job knows it's no laughing matter.

But, the new Andiamo Novi Theatre performances pokes

**The production follows a hypothetical auto executive, Philip Ritz, a man born with a silver spoon in his mouth, after he's fired from an automotive company.**

fun at being unemployed in a light-hearted way.

With its presentation of "Act Your Wage... The Pink Slip and Fall of an Automotive CEO," the cast

provides comic relief to Metro Detroit

autoworkers, or anyone who's unemployed for that matter, in the new year.

In fact, the theatre even hosted a complimentary performance recently for area laid-off or employed auto-workers.

### METHOD TO THEIR MADNESS

The satirical comedy about the Michigan economy ultimately unites us all with a positive message of hope and change.

"It also reminds us that we are all struggling through these tough times together and that it is OK to laugh," say the writers, Raelene Graham, Jamaal Hines and Mike Shreeman. Better to laugh than cry.

The original production – written by directed by Graham along with co-directors Hines and Shreeman – follows a hypothetical auto executive, Philip Ritz, a man

born with a silver spoon in his mouth, after he's fired from an automotive company.

It's a situation of "Honey, I'm home – but way too early."

Not familiar with the reality of the hard economic times his state faces, he is taken on an eye-opening adventure by his longtime friend that puts everything in perspective – that life is about more than money.

His journey also takes audiences to some familiar local places, such as Comerica Park and Costco, and makes references to the new movie industry in Michigan as well as the Detroit Lions.

The production includes one scene with some audience participation, which leads to some on-stage scripting.

The comedy moves along quickly, keeping the audience entertained.

"Act Your Wage...The Pink Slip and Fall of an Automotive CEO" features Sharon Brooks and Shreeman of Detroit, Lesa Doa of Brighton, Hines of Farmington Hills and Pete Podolski of Grosse Ile.

John Edwartowski serves as musical director, and Ed Cosgriff is the stage manager.

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The cast of "Act Your Wage...The Pink Slip and Fall of an Automotive CEO," now showing at the Andiamo Theatre Novi, from left: Lesa Doa, Pete Podolski, Mike Shreeman, Jamaal Hines and Sharon Brooks.

### DETAILS

Showtimes and prices for the one-hour comedy are 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and 5 p.m. on Sundays, \$15; 8 p.m. on Fridays, \$20; and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturdays, \$20. Tickets are available at the theater's box office by calling (248) 348-4448 or by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The comedy is scheduled to run through March 14.

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The East Main Street offices of dentists Dr. Piamari Bowers, seated, and Dr. Laurie Jayne Toomajian, left, and their staff.

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

We are a family and cosmetic dental practice deeply invested in the health and well-being of our patients through state-of-the-art dental care.

Why did you choose Northville?

Dr. Toomajian chose the Northville area, recognizing the number families and enjoying the community feeling the families of Northville generate. Dr. Bowers chose to join the practice in Northville for similar reasons. She grew up in the Upper Peninsula, and this area gives the same value of community where we all take care of each other.

What makes your business unique?

Utilizing the finest materials, the most advanced techniques and tools, and the latest technology, our practice helps patients maintain their teeth throughout their lives while giving them a smile to be proud of. We want to see our patients' happiness and confidence grow as a result of our work.

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** Toomajian & Bowers; Associates in Dentistry  
**Address:** 201 E. Main, Suite B, Northville  
**Your Name:** Dr. Laurie Jayne Toomajian and Dr. Piamari R. Bowers  
**Your Hometown:** Dr. Toomajian, Marquette; Dr. Bowers, Marquette  
**Business Opened When:** Dr. Toomajian opened the office in 1988 at the old Center Street location  
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**Your Business Specialty:** family and cosmetic dentistry  
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How has it changed since you opened?

Because of our foundation of integrity and desire to give high-caliber care in a comforting and secure environment, we have seen a wide variety of technological changes within the field of dentistry. We both engage in learning more about the advances and utilizing these changes for the benefit of our patients.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

As the economy has changed, patients have

having the opportunity to discuss with our patients more in depth the value of dental health care and their total body health. We have also been given greater opportunities to support our community during their times of need in the schools and with individual families.

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

Our goal is to continually develop our practice and build lasting relationships with our patients and their families through thoughtful, on-going dental care and establish strong roots in the community.

### BUSINESS MILESTONES

#### Davis Auto Care celebrates 30 years

Davis Auto Care is celebrating their 30th anniversary in business. As 2009 came to a close, the auto repair professionals at Davis Auto Care recalled three decades of service to residents and businesses in the Northville-Novato area.

It was the day after Christmas, 1979, when Jim Davis took over the Boron gasoline service station at the corner of Eight Mile and Taft roads. He had previously managed a service station and repair facility in Livonia for eight years and was eager for a new challenge. At the time, the Eight-and-Taft location had a less than stellar reputation, and Northville patrons responded immediately to Jim's friendly, upbeat demeanor and enthusiastic customer service. Soon, the repair business was thriving as customers recognized both Jim's technical skills as well as his honesty and integrity.

In 1986, having outgrown the two-bay station, the company moved to larger quarters, its current location on Doherty Drive in the Northville Industrial Park. As business continued to expand, there was a need to provide minor service in a quick, efficient manner. In 1993, the business added its drive-through oil change, Jim's Oil Depot. The Victorian train motif is a nod to the history of the area when an actual train depot existed just yards from the oil change location. The large scale trains that run on elevated track travel 3,500 miles per year, delighting children and the young at heart.

In response to customer requests for vehicle detailing services, the Ultimate Image Auto Spa was launched in 2000. Now customers had one venue for preventative maintenance, repairs and vehicle appearance services.

Jim Davis and his staff look forward to maintaining the relationships they have built with their clientele. As new innovations in vehicle design and fuel systems come to pass, it will be more important than ever to adhere to the high standards for which the company has become known. Honesty, quality and value will always matter, and the company will live by its pledge: "Integrity is the Difference."

#### 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](http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar) or call (248) 858-0783. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

**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](http://oakgov.com/peds/calendar), or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

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## Carrying all of your information with you

Many computer-literate professionals and students find themselves working on multiple computers. We have our home computers, our laptops, our work computers, and computers at school. Sharing files across a number of computers is problematic. Using one of the Web-based file storage solutions would work except I use some computers that do not always have Internet access. The solution that I like the most is to carry my "active" files around with me on a small flash drive that plugs into a USB port on any computer.

I personally use a 16 GB drive that is waterproof and shockproof. I paid a little extra for the increased durability but I have never regretted it. I have found that 16 GB is more than enough storage for my needs and I always have it hanging around my neck when I head off for work. My wife thinks that it looks a little nerdy and calls my flash drive my necklace or my "nerd bling."

Flash drives come in a variety of blinged out versions. Mine is a simple rubber-covered striped design but it is possible to buy drives covered in rhinestones that so serve as true bling. Some people like to carry around decorative flash drives that are shaped like animals, keys, twigs, baked goods, or hamburgers. The choices are as wide as your imagination and personal interests.



Jeff Livermore

The cost of these unique styles is a bit higher but still relatively low for a signature drive that everyone will recognize as yours.

Many companies now give out flash drives as promotional items. The company's name or logo can be engraved on the side of the drive and the company's catalog loaded as a Word file on the drive. Some business conferences distribute their proceedings on flash drives to reduce printing costs and to make it easier for the conference attendees to carry them home.

The technology behind nerd bling is constantly improving. My first flash drive was relatively small at 64 KB. That is less than one percent of the capacity of my current flash drive. One of my colleagues uses a 200 GB pocket-sized flash drive that contains all of her course materials.

There are some problems associated with using flash drives. The lost and found box in the Walsh computer labs is often full of flash drives that students leave behind. These drives almost always contain school assignments and occasionally sensitive files from employers that the students are working on. The portability of flash drives also makes

them vulnerable to being left behind when their owners finish their work at a computer. If you find yourself "losing" a lot of flash drives it might make sense to encrypt all of the files on your flash drive. This will lower the portability of the drive as you need to be at a computer that can handle the decryption.

Flash drives have a lifespan. I have heard that some flash drives may give out after 10,000 read-write cycles. That is a lot of use and I am not sure that I have ever approached that number on any of the flash drives that I have owned. I have only had one flash drive fail on me and that is because I dropped it off my desk and rolled my chair over it before I realized it was on the floor. Fortunately I had backed the drive up a day or two before and did not lose much work. I back my flash drive up every Sunday evening to prevent accidental data loss. I hope that you find using a flash drive as useful, secure, and convenient as I have.

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# How to choose and use a cane

Dear Savvy Senior

Is there anything to know when it comes to buying a cane? My dad has arthritis in his knee and could use a little extra help getting around. What can you tell me?

Raising Cane

Dear Raising,

When it comes to choosing a cane for walking and support, just any old cane won't do. Canes come in many shapes and sizes today, and choosing the right fit is very important for your dad's comfort and safety. Here's what you should know.

## Types of Canes

Not surprisingly, the most widely used assistive device in the U.S. is the cane, used by nearly 5 million people. The kind of cane you get for your dad should be determined by the amount of support he needs and the style of the grip he prefers. Here are the basic types of canes you'll have to choose from:

- **Crook or "C" cane:** Shaped like a candy cane with the curved handle, this is the most common and basic type of cane and the least expensive, starting as low as \$10.

- **Ergonomic-handle canes:** These types of canes have bigger, ergonomic shaped handles (there are lots of styles to choose from) which provides a more comfortable and secure grip than a crook cane. Usually made of lightweight aluminum or wood, most of the aluminum models are adjustable in height and some even fold up which is convenient for travel. Prices typically range between \$20 and \$80.

- **Offset-handle cane:** This style has a swan neck curve in the upper

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part of the shaft that puts the user's weight directly over the cane tip, making it ideal for people who need extra stability. Starting at around \$25, offset-handle canes are typically aluminum, adjustable and come with a flat, soft grip handle that's easy on the hands.

- **Knob cane:** Also known as brass handle or parrot head canes this style is best suited for people who need a cane only for balance or mild weight bearing.

- **Quad cane:** This cane works best for people who need maximum weight bearing and support. As the name implies, a quad cane comes with four separate tips at the base and usually have an offset flat handle, and cost \$30 and up.

## Make it Fit

Many canes are adjustable, but some are not. To make sure your dad's cane is the right fit; have him stand up with his arms hanging straight down at his side. The top of the cane should line up with the crease in his wrist. And, with the cane in his hand, his elbow should bend at a comfortable 20 degree angle.

If his cane is too long, it won't provide the support he needs. Too short, and he'll have to lean or bend over to use it which is uncomfortable and may even cause him to fall.

## Check the Tip

The rubber tip on the end of your dad's cane grips the floor and helps

provide traction. Make sure the tip is supple and the tread is in good shape. If the tip looks worn, buy a replacement tip at a pharmacy or medical supply store.

## How to Use

When using a cane, it should always be held in the hand opposite of the leg that needs support. For example, if your dad's knee pain is on his right side, he should use the cane in his left hand. The cane should then move forward as he steps forward with the bad leg.

If he has to go up stairs, he should lead with the good leg. And when he goes down stairs, the cane and bad leg should go first. To help, the Mayo Clinic offers a slide show on their Web site ([www.mayoclinic.com/health/canes/HA00064](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/canes/HA00064)) that will show you how to choose and use a cane. It's also a smart idea to work with your dad's doctor or physical therapist.

## Where to Buy

You can find canes at drugstores, discount retailers, home medical supply stores and online at sites like [www.canemart.com](http://www.canemart.com) and [www.fashionablecanes.com](http://www.fashionablecanes.com). And if money is a concern, most insurers, including Medicare, help cover the cost of a new cane with a written prescription from a physician.

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



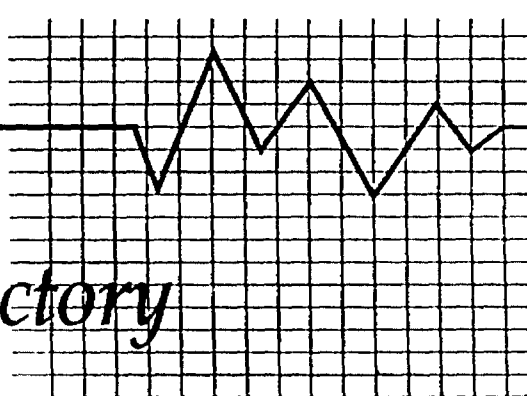
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## OUR VIEWS

### Race to the Top not right for Northville

Teachers all over the state are saying no thanks to the federal Race to the Top legislation designed to improve schools. Educators shouldn't be blamed for failing to support the legislation because they don't know exactly what is in it, through no fault of the of their own.

The state Legislature hastily crafted the legislation in time to hold its collective hat out for an estimated \$400 million in federal aid, most of which will go to the poorest districts in the state.

Michigan didn't want to be left on the sidelines of a \$100 billion national makeover of schools design to:

- Create new charter schools, referred to as "schools of excellence."
- Raise the drop out age from 16 to 18.
- Allow merit pay for highly effective teachers.
- Require annual teacher and principal evaluations.
- Allow removal of ineffective educators.
- Allow for high school curriculum flexibility.
- Allow appointed chief executive to run multiple schools.

State Superintendent of Education Mike Flanagan said he will process the application without the approval of union reps but conceded the lack of cooperation could damage Michigan's chances of approval.

The Northville Public Schools district didn't expect to gain a huge amount of money from the program -- just \$27,041 -- and voted not to sign up.

But students in poorer districts including Detroit Public Schools may not get extra help if Michigan's application is rejected and that's too bad. Legislators should have done a better job spelling out exactly how teachers and administrators would be evaluated and disciplined under Race to the Top.

If the new law is intended to weed out lousy teachers who only keep their jobs because they have the union contract memorized and manage to get by doing the bare minimum year after year, then hallelujah, because school districts -- like most businesses -- have some employees who are dead weight.

That said, the salvation of Race to the Top could be raising the student drop-out age from 16 to 18. Anything that keeps children in school longer is a step in the right direction given the dismal drop-out rates in some districts.

One topic that wasn't stressed enough in the Race to the Top legislation is the role of families.

If all students are given the tools to succeed and families place the proper importance on education in the home, our school system would undoubtedly improve.

Unfortunately, politicians seemingly look to reinvent education every few years without taking a serious look at the role families play in the process. If family expectations and standards are high, a child will more often than not succeed in school. If education is of little importance at the dinner table, the best efforts of educators are often wasted.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

### 2009: State hospital land purchase dominates headlines

We paid over \$24 million. The Silverdome sold for \$750,000. If there was an auction of the land with all of its problems, like clean up, demolition, and absolutely no lending market for development in Detroit, what would this property have sold for now? Maybe one dollar. The residents got totally ripped off.

Reaganwasmyhero

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

"Is this the worst economy that you've ever seen?"



I would say no because of my personal situation: I'm retired and I'm not in the work force trying to survive.

Dan Biedzen  
Northville



Starting in 2001? Absolutely. Because we've lost half the money we had for retirement, and it's a slow process to earn it back.

Monica Doig  
Dearborn Heights



No, and I was born in 1929. I just remember what it was like because my dad had to leave the state just to find work.

JoAnn Hathorne  
Northville



Sure. And I'm 60-some years old. Especially in Michigan with unemployment at 15%. Plus the bank said that my house that I purchased for \$800,000 years ago is now worth \$435,000.

Ali Hamadeh  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Walk-through unnecessary

I am just a little curious and need some educating. I read with some interest that \$2 million is at stake on a project for downtown Northville. The DDA, the Council and the Historic District Commission seems to think that much money grows on trees. Who is to benefit from this street scene? Are the taxpayers suppose to "bail out" (as our federal government likes to say) downtown businesses? Maybe if they did a better job of running their own businesses, making themselves cost competitive, customers would come.

The DDA would be better off coming up with ways to fill the vacant properties, and a new colored-coded side walk is not the answer. Pedestrian traffic seems to find a way to get to the park for summer concerts now without this passageway. The Council has no other way to help all citizens of Northville in spending \$2M? Maybe the reason this concept has been bantered around since the 1990s is that this project is not needed. Where does the money come from anyway? If you find out, maybe it can be lent to the township for that boondoggle on Seven Mile Road.

By the way, I am only a township resident who often enjoys downtown Northville.

Dick Gibson  
Northville Township

### Red Kettle campaign continues

Despite difficult economic times, the Red Kettle campaign realized over \$272,000. Our goal is \$315,000. Donations are still being accepted through January and can be mailed to 9451 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170. All this money stays in the community to help those less fortunate. The following groups and individuals volunteered at Hiller's, the Northville Post Office and in downtown Northville in front of Orin Jewelers. Your time and efforts are highly valued.

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Judy Kohl  
Northville Salvation Army Red Kettle Coordinator

### Look beyond Northville

I think it's wonderful that the Record publishes local events for Northville readers. However, my mind craves information outside the realm of local activities. Please continue to bring us the stimulating conversations for which our opinion page is known. Thank you.

Gloria Gonek  
Northville

### Keep it Northville

I agree completely and totally with Andy Terhune's letter to the editor ("Enough already"). He is right on the money. Letters to the editor in the Northville Record should relate to Northville. Local issues. Local ideas. Local complaints. Local congratulations. Not national politics or economic policy or a sounding board for liberal or conservative thoughts. We see enough of that on television. Keep the letters and comments about local issues and the debate professional and civil.

Jim Kastely  
Northville

### "Local" includes all viewpoints

What a self serving and unbelievably smug comment by Mr. Terhune on the right of his fellow citizens to express their opin-

ions in the local land of the free and the home of the brave.

You said you have passionate views from one side of the aisle, and it isn't hard to figure out which side it is. Your side sat in an "undisclosed location" and classified everything possible so that we couldn't have informed discussions on what they were doing. Your side made up intelligence that cost thousands in lives and treasure. If there is a child with cancer and no health insurance, your side basically tells us that they should have better parents, instead of providing the health care that every other industrial country in the world has for their citizens. Your side doesn't want people expressing outrage in any paper (much less the local paper) at their actions.

You said you wanted "local" content and "local" stories. Read the paper your letter was printed in and you will find articles on proposals for Northville downtown, firefighter training, Northville youth assistance grants, sidewalk streetscape project, classic films at the Marquis Theater and more. So I guess you are confused. Finally, as you scan the paper in the future, when you get to the section that has "Local Opinion" at the top, keep turning the page! It doesn't interest you like most educated people, and you won't have to get in an uproar reading the ideas and opinions of those more interested than you in the world around them. Just turn the page!

Steve Lawrence  
Northville

### Where's justice at Scott?

One year ago, I was shocked and disgusted to read a Detroit Free Press feature article on the systematic, long-term sexual abuse of female prisoners at Scott Correctional Facility by male state employee guards. After fighting a lawsuit filed by former inmates for an extended period, the State of Michigan eventually paid \$15.5 million to settle the case.

Amazingly, even though the individual abusers were identified in court documents by name, the state attorney general's office stated on Jan. 8, 2009, that no prosecutions were planned. Responding to the publicity, on the following day, Attorney General Mike Cox reversed himself and said, "We would pass it along to make sure people are taking action on it." On May 26, 2009, Cox stated that his office would not prosecute the guards involved as that was the job of Kym Worthy, the Wayne County prosecutor, and that the involvement of his office was a conflict of interest due to their involvement in the original lawsuit against the state.

As far as I can tell, neither Worthy or Cox has pursued prosecution of the involved guards, more than one year later. I am appalled that state employees can commit crimes worse than those whom they are guarding and get paid for it. When exposed, taxpayers ante up \$15 million and the government protects their own by turning the responsibility of prosecution into a silly squabble over jurisdiction. Where is the justice?

Thomas Griebel  
Northville

## NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Next All Pro Dads event

The next date for St. Paul Lutheran Church School's All Pro Dad event in Northville has been changed from Jan. 22 to 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 29.

The guest speaker will be Greg Seaman, a nationally accomplished and sponsored Xterra triathlon racer (a blend of traditional triathlons and extreme mountain biking). Seaman's wife is also a champion Xterra racer. He will talk about balancing the rigors of his sport with the demands of being a husband and father.

## Northville mystery solved

In last week's issue of the Record, the identity of the couple that won third-place in the Blue Spruce "Solve the Mystery" downtown shopping promotion last month was not known. Bob Buckhave, contest organizer, reports that the couple's names are Ed Peterson and Sally Johnson of Northville.

## 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.net](http://www.PicturingAmerica.net). Peruse the site, and check out all 40 images and the links provided for more information.

## Toddler Time

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to their own special drop-in play time from 10 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays through April 27 (except Dec. 29) at the Northville Community Senior



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Winter scenes

Snow whips along the ground pushed by a strong wind in Northville's Highland Lakes community on Monday, Dec. 28.



Julia Brown, 14, takes a photo of herself and Nick Daigneau, 14, while they took a pause from sledding at Amerman Elementary's hill on Dec. 28.



Sandor Pizar zips down the hill at Northville's Amerman Elementary on Monday, Dec. 28 as he and dozens of others took advantage of that day's two inch snowfall to get in some sledding.

## Center.

Toddler Time is an opportunity for toddlers to learn socialization skills through unstructured, free play. Tots can run, jump, play ball, laugh and giggle with other tots in a big, safe gym atmosphere.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire time. Cost is \$3 per child. Contact Pat Brown, recreation superintendent with Northville Parks & Recreation, at (248) 449-9949 or [pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us](mailto:pbrown@ci.northville.mi.us).

## Radio Club show, sale

The Michigan Antique Radio Club (MARC) will sponsor a show and sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 in the Costick Activity Center, 28600 West Eleven Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads), Farmington Hills.

This is the "Road Show" for collectible radios where MARC members offer free appraisals as well as sources for the repair and restoration of vintage radios. Attendees will have the opportunity to view and purchase antique radio sets and radio related items of all types (including parts).

Admission is \$5 for adults (those 14 and older). Children under 14 are admitted free.

The show is hosted by MARC member Robert Murrell of Berkley.

## Race for the Cure

Over the past 18 years, millions of people have gathered in metropolitan Detroit to celebrate progress, honor the memory of a loved one, and raise awareness and support for those affected by breast cancer. The 19th Annual Susan G. Komen

Race for the Cure, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, will take place Saturday, May 22, at Comerica Park. Sponsors, teams and participants are already signing up for this year's race.

The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awards 75 percent of the current year's net proceeds to a diverse group of organizations serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Funds support breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved. The remaining 25 percent funds

breast cancer research and project grants awarded through Komen for the Cure. Since 1992, the Detroit Race has raised \$17.5 million in the fight against breast cancer. Thanks to the generosity of Komen Detroit supporters, in 2009, \$1.5 million was awarded to local breast cancer programs and more than \$320,600 to breast cancer research.

For more information go to [www.karmanos.org](http://www.karmanos.org) and click the Race icon or call 1-800-KARMANOS and ask for the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

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## ENGAGEMENT

### Bibik & Williams

Maxine Bibik of Livonia and Jack and Mary Sue Williams of Northville announce the engagement of their children Elizabeth Bibik and Daniel Williams.

The bride-to-be, a Berkley resident, is a human resources professional. She is a graduate of Adrian College and holds a bachelor's degree in vocal music and theatre. She's also the former director of human resources for *The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Her fiancé, a Canton resident, works in the information technology industry. He earned a bachelor's degree in jazz studies for piano from Wayne State University and holds a master's degree in media writing and production from the University of Miami, Florida.

The couple plans to wed in September 2010 in Livonia.



Bibik-Williams

### Jonathan Raymond

Jonathan J. Raymond has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

The new officer will be branched to a specific corps in the Army to serve on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserve. The lieutenant will attend an officer basic course relating to his or her particular military occupational specialty/job. Afterward, the officer will complete advanced training by attending basic officer leadership courses for career progression purposes.

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He is the son of David C. Raymond of Northville and Carolyn F. Slusser of Brookville, Fla.

The lieutenant is a 2005 graduate of Farmington High School.

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# Ice Fest: What you need to know



With the Plymouth Ice Festival scheduled for downtown Plymouth Jan. 22-24, here are a few things to know about the popular festival:

- It was all by chance the quaint Western Wayne County community of Plymouth became the perfect winter setting for an ice-carving festival. The town square centers on Kellogg Park, and over 100 shops and restaurants enhance the visitors' overall experience, creating the foundation for the oldest running and largest ice carving event in North America.

- The event is presented by the Plymouth International Ice Carving Spectacular, a 501(c)(3) non-profit Michigan corporation, and is produced by first-year organizer Signature Professional Group of Wixom. The organizers raise all funds necessary to present the festival from the sale of sponsorships, donations, and the sale of ice sculptures.

- Carving teams from Russia, Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Japan (where this art form originated) have participated in past festivals, though this year's festival was downsized and renamed without the international flavor.

- In addition, past Plymouth champions Ted Wakar and Jim Bur of Frozen Images, and Tajana Raukar of Ice Dreams have won international competitions including: The World Championships in Asahikawa, Japan (Wakar and Bur), the World Ice Art Championship in Alaska (Tajana Raukar, Bur and Wakar), and they have also competed in the Winter Olympics where ice carving is a demonstration sport.

- Each block of ice used for the festival weighs some 330 pounds, and carvings are made from a single block to as many as 100 blocks. The ice is specially made to ensure its clarity. Between 200,000 and 300,000 pounds of ice are carved annually at the festival. The multi-block carvings require much physical prowess by each carver, and the assistance of forklifts and skilled drivers to stack the blocks ice into a proper and safe configuration to start the desired statue.

- Carving techniques were developed by a French chef, prior to the invention of refrigeration, who created carved serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. The art form became a mainstay in the culinary field as a way to offer dishes in an unusual fashion, and to decorate banquet tables.

- Carvers use specially made and finely sharpened chisels, handsaws, files, power tools, and blow torches to create their works of art. One of the special aspects of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular is that the artists are making the art as the spectators view them.

- Ice carving is still closely tied to the culinary arts, and students from Schoolcraft, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, Grand Rapids, and Henry Ford community colleges, as well as students from University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University, all have participated at the festival.

- Why is this event spectacular? Because it has placed a small, quiet bedroom community in southeastern Michigan on the national and world main stage for one week a year. People all over the world access the Web site, associate ice carving with Plymouth, and plan trips to the area just to view the dazzling works of ice art.

- The event has become one of the most popular events in the area over the last quarter century. People who came with their parents or grandparents as children are now bringing their own families, giving it the distinction as the best free winter family event around.

- For years, couples have made the Ice Spectacular a date destination; some have fallen in love here, got engaged here, and even married here as the event takes on a romantic ambience in the evening when colored lights bathe the sculptures.

## Annual festival helps put Plymouth on ice



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The northwoods tableau certainly fits the generally frigid temperatures that greet the annual ice festival.



Three-year-old Ellie Brandon examines a sculpture in front of a Main Street business. Ellie, sister Charlotte, and mom and dad Pam and Mark Brandon, Livonia residents, visited last year's Plymouth Ice Festival.

Lindsay and Haley Kazmierczak ride an ice snowmobile. They visited last year's festival with their parents, Mark and Vicki Kazmierczak.



Carvers had some repairs to make when temperatures got a little too warm at last year's ice festival.



Gavin Strassel carved for U-of-M's ice carving team during last year's festival.



It's hard to think spring when your teeth are chattering.



## Eatery serves up perfect treat for ice fest

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Paul Zajac, general manager of Station 885 Restaurant, is working on a special recipe for Plymouth Ice Festival weekend. It goes something like this:

### BLUE RASPBERRY, ORANGE AND CHERRY STRIPED SNOW CONE

5,000 pounds of shaved ice  
90 gallons (900 pounds) of syrup  
1 cardboard cone, 9 feet tall and 6 feet wide at its opening  
1 metal exoskeleton to support the cardboard cone  
Three industrial-sized ice shaving machines  
Scaffolding  
Place cone in metal support next to scaffolding. Shave ice. Using a bucket brigade, fill cone with shaved ice and add syrup. Serves 10,000.

"The only thing I'd ask is that I'd like the first snow cone," said Zajac, who plans to scoop out samples of the monster-sized frozen treat for onlookers when it's completed Saturday, Jan. 23, in the restaurant parking lot in Plymouth's Historic Old Village.

"I can't wait to fill this thing. It will be

a sight. The joke around here is that the standard line is 'I don't know. I've never done it before.' That's one of the things that makes this fun. To accomplish the feat is secondary. It's just a fun thing for families to watch."

That feat is breaking the world record for the biggest snow cone. Zajac hopes to create a 2.5 ton (5,000 pounds) icy confection that will beat out the current record of 2.104 tons (4,640 pounds) held by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area in Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

He figures it will take the restaurant's owners, staff and volunteers about four hours, starting at 11 a.m., to create the shaved ice and fill the cone.

### MAKING IT BIG

Three ice shaving machines from C. Cretors & Co., in Chicago will turn out a total of approximately 2,500 pounds of ice an hour. A bucket brigade will dump the main ingredient into a "green" cardboard cone built by ATS Packaging, with help from PianoCrafters, both of Plymouth. Then they'll add the flavored syrup and weigh the cone on equipment from Metro Scale.

"The company's automotive scale weighs up to 16,000 pounds. We'll have

a scoreboard read-out. We'll know (its weight) when we reach the top," Zajac said. "Because we're dealing with such weight, we'll move at a safe pace."

### GETTING INVOLVED

Zajac cooked up the snow cone idea last June while searching for ways to participate in Plymouth's downtown events.

"Arguably the biggest event Plymouth has is the ice festival. I thought about world records and ice. We wanted something family-oriented, of course, and I also wanted something fun. All signs pointed to the snow cone."

He didn't find out until August, after Guinness World Records approved the attempt, just how big the last record-setting cone was. Unfazed, he figured Station 885 could built it "better and bigger."

And also edible. Zajac said Guinness requires the giant-sized snow cone to function like its smaller versions. The ice-handling equipment is sterilized and food grade ice is used.

"We're going to scoop from the top," he said, explaining plans for distributing the treat. "It will be something special to eat...to eat a piece of history."

Station 885 is located at Starkweather.



Showing off the cone that will be used in an attempt to build the world's biggest snow cone Saturday in Plymouth, are Tony Sebastian (left) of ATS Packaging of Plymouth, the company that donated material, helped with construction and scientific testing; Robert Costanza, owner-operator of Station 885 Restaurant; Pat DeBeliso, owner-operator of PianoCrafters of Plymouth, a company that assisted with construction; and Paul Zajac, general manager of Station 885 Restaurant.

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Northville  
hockey  
team  
splits two  
games, B2

## Mustang cagers split week

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs were on the opposite sides of the spectrum last week.

The team experienced the joy of dominating South Lyon, 55-36, and then the utter depression of losing to cross-town and division rival Novi, 47-45, last Friday.

"The game was an instant classic," said Northville coach Todd Sander of the Novi contest.

The contest came down to Northville shooter Andrew Baldwin's shooting ability from the free-throw line after he fouled firing off a three-point field goal with 2.1 seconds left in the game.

Baldwin's first shot found the bottom of the net, but the second bounced in and out, forcing the team to deliberately miss the third in hopes of putting the rebound up for the tie game.

"No dice," Sander said of the missed opportunity which led to the two-point loss.

The game was intense from the start. In front of a packed house, the Mustangs came onto the floor and took an early 13-4 lead to start the game. Tim Hasse converted two three-point field goals in the early run, and Bryce Groshek added one of his own to put Northville up early.

Novi called a time out, came onto the hardwood and put together an 8-0 run of their own to end the quarter, 13-12. From that point on, it was back-and-forth action the entire game.

Northville defended well in the second quarter, scoring eight points and holding Novi to just five for a 21-17 lead as they headed into the locker room.

The slow, defense-based game completely changed gears in the third quarter, finding both teams putting their offenses in the spotlight. Northville still held on, despite the sudden change in pace, and led, 41-38, by the end of the quarter.

"We had a few defensive lapses during the third quarter, which led to some easy baskets for them," said Sander.

The final stanza was very reminiscent of the second, with the defensive pressure building on both sides. Northville's lead slowly slipped, however, and the Wildcats were able to take advantage, scoring nine points to the Mustangs' four.

"We actually found ourselves down by six (47-41) with about 2:30 left in the game," noted Sander. Northville's Baldwin hit a three pointer to cut the Novi lead to three.

The game came down to Baldwin's shooting ability from the free-throw line after he was fouled shooting from beyond the arc for a chance to tie the game with 2.1 seconds left.

Baldwin led the way with 14 points and four rebounds, while Hasse added 13 points, including four three pointers. Groshek added 12 in the losing effort, while senior Makis Eatmon had four points and 10 rebounds.

"Tonight was a reminder of what makes high school sports so special," said Sander. "There is no way to describe the heart break and disappointment I feel for our players. But, I am so proud of the effort and fight that they displayed. We left it all out on the court. We'll get another chance at Novi at least one more time



Mustang Andrew Baldwin works against a South Lyon defender.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### ON TAP

The Northville basketball team will be on the court again come tomorrow when they host Salem at 7 p.m. before hosting Wayne Memorial Tuesday at 7 p.m.

this year.

"If we continue to display the same type of passion like we did tonight, we'll be just fine the rest of the season."

Northville is now 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the Central Division.

The victory over South Lyon, 55-36, was less of a classic but far more satisfying for the Mustangs. They jumped to a 16-9 lead in the first quarter and didn't look back, maintaining the lead throughout the contest.

Northville's biggest challenge was keeping South Lyon senior Jordan Short defended. Short scored 27 points out of the Lion's 50 in a win over Novi just a few days before. Against Northville, he was held to 14, six of which came in the final minutes when the game was out of reach.

Baldwin had 16 points and five rebounds to lead all scorers, and Eatmon had 12 points.

"Makis was a force around the rim tonight," said Sander. "He got some key easy baskets when we really needed them."

The story of the game, however, was Ryan Owen, a junior. Owen, who has not turned in much floor time this season, was tasked with the job of guarding Short.

"Ryan did a phenomenal job guarding Short," Sander said. "I am so pleased for Ryan that he took advantage of the opportunity presented tonight."



Mustang Bryce Groshek whips a pass across the key during Northville's recent game against South Lyon.

## Chalk up more wins for bowlers

Girls continue to roll; boys earn big win

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs bowling teams made it clear last week that if you're going to beat them you have to bring your best game.

The squads, coached by Jerry Harris and Patrick Ramsey, collected a clean sweep over Livonia Clarenceville last week and split against John Glenn with the girls winning and the boys falling in close matches.

Against John Glenn, Northville's girls remained undefeated in divisional play as they continued with a balanced scoring attack. Jesse Sammut provided a 174 to lead the way for her team's victory.

The boys weren't as lucky, despite having outstanding performances. They fell in both games by less than 10 pins each. Garret Baughman shot a 209 while Brad Currier recorded a 195, Ryan Benoit a 193 and

Chris Peters a 188 in the loss.

Against Clarenceville, the Mustangs earned wins for both teams. The boys prevailed after pulling out close matches in both Baker games and turning in some impressive individual play. Baughman led the way with 199 and 195 games, while Benoit turned in a 191 in the winning effort.

The girls had no trouble with Clarenceville, walking over their foes with a balanced attack that led them to another victory to keep them undefeated on the season.

### JUNIOR VARSITY

The Northville junior varsity bowling teams have been playing very well this year, and continued to do so against both John Glenn and Livonia Clarenceville.

Against Clarenceville, the Mustangs boys fell despite a 223 from Jon Johnson, while the girls rallied to emerge with a victory. They were led by Lisa Rice with clutch shooting.

Against Clarenceville, both squads earned wins as Johnson shot a 190 and Darren Meredith shot a 176 for the boys and Rachel Beger led the girls with a 165.

## Cheer team gets season-high scores

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheer team has been saying since the first week of practice that the most important goal they can achieve is to continually improve their scores each time they are judged.

The team is right on track to meet that goal, scoring season-high marks in every round at the Rochester Invitational, where they placed sixth last Saturday.

In round one, the team earned 223 points, while picking up 230.8954 points in round two and 283.6 points in round three. The team's overall score was calculated to 737.4964.

"The team did a great job," said coach Mindy Gentz. "We had spent the last week preparing for this meet, making a lot of important changes to the material, number of athletes in each round and the specific athletes and their roles."

The preparation worked as the team turned in their best scores to date.

"Everyone stepped up this week when they needed to in order to meet the goals and expectations," said Gentz. "Now that we have finished our material and competed it successfully, we can get down to cleaning up the details and fine-tuning."

The Mustangs' program also had a high note from the freshman team, which finished third in the Rochester Invitational in their respective competition.

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# Mustang icers topple Wyandotte, fall to Walled Lake Mustangs rebound from loss

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville hockey team has been struggling to find their path to their true potential this year.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, started the season as one of the most highly touted teams in the state. Since those initial speculations, the team has remained unbalanced, losing several games to opponents that they were expected to compete with.

Last week, however, the team sparked back to life, splitting their competitions with a loss to a tough Walled Lake Western team, 4-3, and rebounding for a 5-3 decision over Wyandotte.

The Mustangs climbed to 5-8 on the season with the win over Wyandotte.

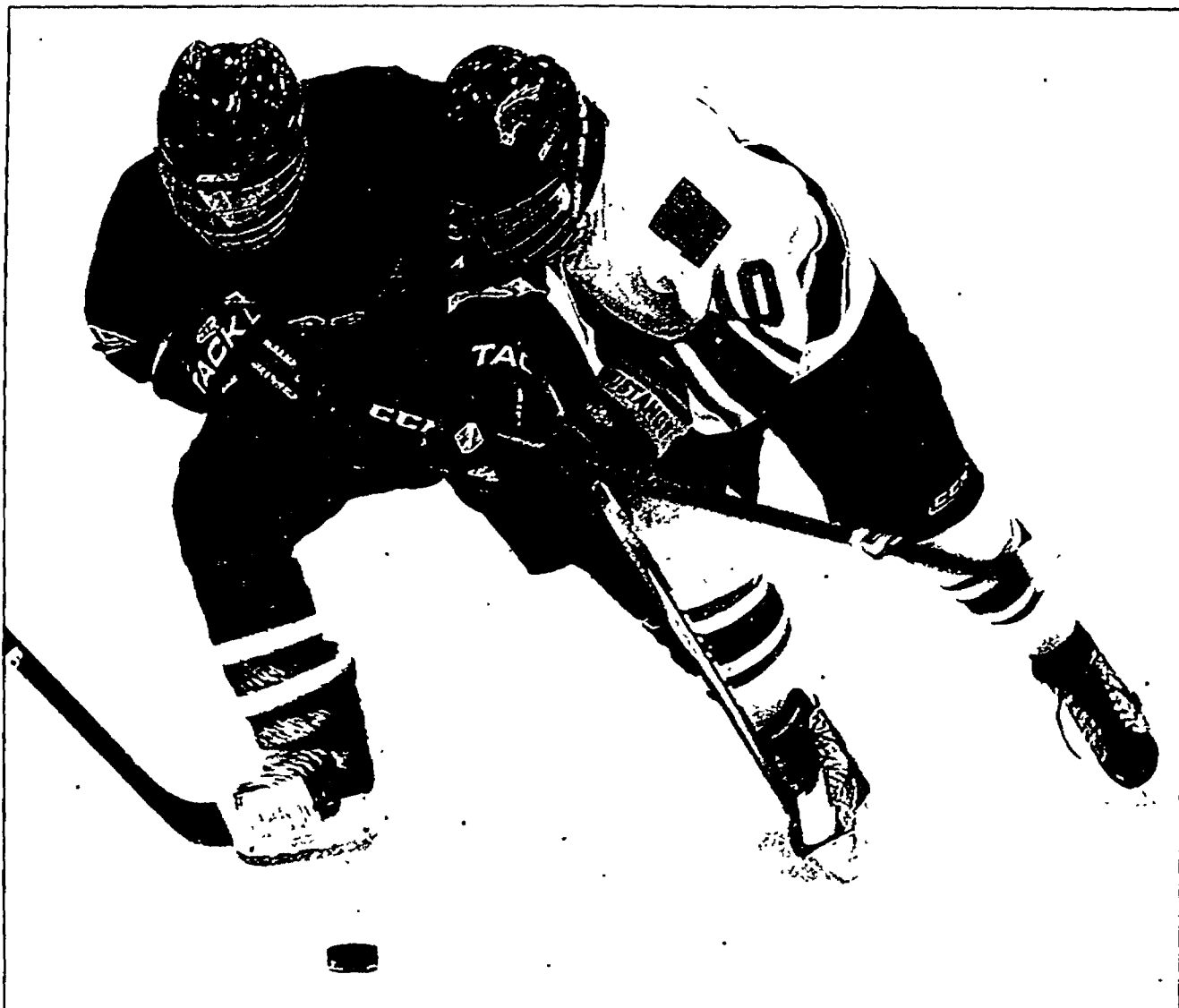
"Our goal right now is to get back to .500 and have a strong finish," said Hatley. "That being said, we really need to focus now on playing our best hockey heading into the stretch run. We really are on a 'take it one game at a time' mentality. If we play with passion and do a good job of managing the puck, anything is possible."

It doesn't hurt that the Mustangs will be back up to full strength come next week, either. Injured defenseman Mike Maclean is expected to be back in the line-up and Cole Brown, a transfer from Catholic Central, will make his debut against Livonia Churchill tomorrow.

Northville could have used the extra defensive pressure against Walled Lake Western last week. The squad jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first period when Joe Close took assistance from Eric Goebel and Mike Scorzo on a power play and found the back of the net.

Despite Walled Lake Western getting the game knotted up a few minutes later, Northville ended the period with a 2-1 advantage when Scorzo scored in the final minutes with assists credited to Goebel and Brady Marotta.

The second period proved Northville's undoing, however, as Walled Lake Western scored three straight goals for a 4-2 edge heading into the third. The Mustangs were only able to cut the lead by one point when Scorzo scored to



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustang Joey Close, right, battles for the puck against a Walled Lake Western player.

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs are scheduled to be back on the ice tomorrow when they visit Livonia Churchill at 6 p.m. before hosting Livonia Franklin at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

close out the contest. Assists were earned by Close and Mike Comben.

"It was a second period led down that included a Walled Lake Western short-handed goal that cost the Mustangs," Hatley said.

David Katelhut took the loss in goal.

Against Wyandotte, however, the Mustangs were able to fight back despite being down 1-0 early in the first period. Northville scored two goals to open the second period off the

sticks of Matt Rosiar and Kyle Sargent, before Wyandotte was able to knot the game up, 2-2, off a Northville turnover.

The Mustangs didn't quit, though, scoring two more in the second for a 4-2 lead when Robbie Thornburg and Tyler Marotta scored back-to-back goals. Goebel scored the fifth and final goal for Northville in the third period before Wyandotte added their last tally for a 5-3 finish.

Sean Bretz earned the win between the posts for the Mustangs, while Marotta (2), Thornburg, Goebel, Scorzo, Comben, Matt Giordano, Brady Marotta and Stephen Champagne all earned assists in the victory.

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



Mustang goalie David Katelhut in action against Walled Lake Western.

Team wins dual meets, takes second at invite

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team recovered from their first loss last week by earning victory in a combined dual meet and second place in a very difficult invitational tournament.

The squad, coached by Erin McWatt, edged a tough Brighton squad, 142.65-142.35, and earned wins over Hartland and Howell at the same meet before they went out and earned second place in the Farmington Invitational with 143.8 points.

In the invitational last Saturday, the team finished second behind perennially-tough Farmington Unified—the only team that has defeated the Mustangs thus far in dual meets. Farmington finished less than three points ahead of Northville with a team total of 146.6 points.

The Mustangs were led by MaKenna Pohl, who took second in Division I all-around with a score of 37.30. Her total included an impressive first place showing on bars, where she earned a 9.3.

Allison Kemp finished fourth all-around in Division I with a score of 36.75, which included a 9.5 on beam, which was good for second place.

Other notable performances included Amy O'Brien's 9.05 on the beam and Cassidy Winter's 9.25 on the beam.

Against Brighton, the Mustangs held on to a narrow lead to claim victory, 142.65-142.35. The team also beat Howell, which had 135.4 points, and Hartland, which had just one competitor who turned in a 34.0 on the day.

"All in all, a very good showing," said McWatt. "We have three more invitational competitions before league meet in February, so these duals on weekdays are really great preparation for the Saturday tournaments."

Pohl once again took second overall with a 37.25 as an all-around competitor. The day found the talented gymnast turning in a career-best 9.7 with her beam performance.

Kemp also did well, putting up a 9.35 on vault while O'Brien collected a 9.4 on the beam.

"We started off a little rough on bars, but rebounded quickly," said McWatt. "Vault was solid, including two pike tsuk vaults by MaKenna Pohl—one of her strongest performances on vault to date."

One event the Mustangs are focusing on improving is the floor performance. McWatt said the team is working to make them more "dynamic."

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

## SCHEDULES

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All games are at 7 p.m.

Fri 01/22 @ South Lyon

East

Tue 01/26 Plymouth

Fri 01/29 @ South Lyon

GIRLS BASKETBALL

All games are at 7 p.m.

Fri 01/22 South Lyon

East

Tue 01/26 @ Plymouth

Fri 01/29 South Lyon

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Home games at Novi Ice Arena

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Thu 01/28 6 p.m. Salem

BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING

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Thu 01/21 Mott @ Novi

3:30 p.m.

Tue 01/26 @ Northville

(Novi Bowl)

Thu 01/28 John Glenn

(Super Bowl)

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Sat 01/23 10 a.m. @ Grosse Ile Invite

WRESTLING

Sat 01/23 9 a.m. @ Holt

Invitational

Wed 01/27 5:30 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson

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Thu 01/21 @ Walled Lake

Central

Thu 01/28 @ Walled Lake

Northern

Northville High School

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Fri 01/22 Salem High School

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All games at 7 p.m.

Fri 01/22 @ Salem High School

Tue 01/26 @ Wayne Memorial High School

Fri 01/29 @ Stevenson High School

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Thu 01/21 @ Milford Super Bowl

3:30 p.m.

Tue 01/26 Novi High School 3:30

p.m.

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3:30 p.m.

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Wed 01/27 @ Oxford 6 p.m.

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## ON TAP

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# CC's Palazeti bulls into top spot

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NORTHVILLE RECORD

What can be said about this year's All-Area football team other than it's one of the best line-ups of pure talent this area has been lucky enough to witness.

Leading the way? None other than a guy who got used to that very role, pounding out yard after yard as Detroit Catholic Central's leading rusher. Niko Palazeti earned a slew of accolades for his performance this year, but the one that tops it all — above All-State and above the Free Press' honors — had to be the State Championship.

Palazeti, who was not only an amazing fullback but an outstanding down defensive lineman this year, helped restore Catholic Central to the prominence it once was. Some tough years happened between the Shamrocks' state titles this year and their last in 2003.

With the help of Palazeti, everyone forgot that there have been six years since the last championship. Palazeti made it feel like Catholic Central has been running over opponents every season for as long as anyone can remember.

Watching Palazeti run the football wasn't anything like watching poetry in motion. He didn't have moves. He didn't juke around you. He didn't spin. Hurdling tacklers was out of the question.

Watching Palazeti run the football was more akin to watching a Rottweiler strip raw meat from his favorite bone and then break it into pieces with his teeth to get at the succulent marrow inside. It was furious. It was devastating. It was pure strength and will power.

When the question of Player of the Year for the 2009 All-Area Football Team was presented, there wasn't even a hesitation.

"Niko Palazeti," was the answer. It was unanimous.

Tom Mach, Palazeti's coach, has seen some amazing running backs. The list of All-State players under his guidance over the past 30 years is staggering. He's seen some of the state's best athletes come and go.

Yet, he still named Palazeti as the best fullback he's ever coached.

"He's something else," Mach admitted.

Palazeti picked up 1,279 yards this year on 224 carries. He ran into the end zone 24 times. Not too shabby, considering he sat out two games due to injury.

On defense, he collected 22 tackles and a sack this year.

The accolades piled up, too. All-State. All-Detroit Metro. All-Catholic League. All-Free Press. All-Detroit News.

And now, All-Area Player of the Year.

## Sam Landry, Quarterback

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Catholic Central

It's not easy being a quarterback on a team that dominates in the run game. Landry didn't seem to mind, however, running the offense from under center and leading his team as a captain to a State Championship.

Landry was cool under pressure, picking up the yards when his team needed them through the air. His poise and his rock-steady performances made him an All-Catholic League selection.

## Eric Kelly, Quarterback

Senior  
Lakeland

It was a rough year to be a Lakeland Eagle, taking too many losses to make the playoffs but playing well enough to earn some much-deserved recognition.

The Eagles were led this year by Kelly, a senior quarterback who threw for 1,167 yards and eight touchdowns. The All-KLAA selection earned four wins in his senior campaign, but each and every loss came to a team that earned a berth into the playoffs.

## Anthony Capatina, Running Back

Senior  
Catholic Central

It's never easy being the guy who puts up nearly 1,400

yards rushing the football but still is considered to be the second running back for a state championship football team. Capatina didn't mind, though. From the start, his attitude has been toward getting the team goals met first, and then the personal goals.

While he may have missed out on the All-State voting, Capatina got respect where it counted most—from his teammates. Palazeti, the crushing fullback who often led for Capatina, continually commented about how talented the halfback was. Mach, his coach, said that Palazeti and Capatina were the best one-two punch ever in Catholic Central's backfield.

Capatina earned all-conference honors this season.

## Cody Beck, Running Back

Senior  
Milford

It's hard to imagine just how good Beck would have been if he didn't have to wait to get his chance to shine. Beck, who had to wait until three-year starter Kyle Podvin graduated before getting his chance to rule the gridiron, earned almost 1,200 all-purpose yards for the Milford Mavericks this season, picking up 939 of them on the ground and 268 receiving.

Beck earned All-KLAA honors for his performances on the field, which also included some mean defensive pressure. He picked up 70 solo tackles and over 30 assists while compiling four sacks and three fumble recoveries.

## Jimmy Pitcher, Running Back

Senior  
Novi

The first thing most people would notice is that Pitcher doesn't have the numbers that many players in his league or on the All-Area team compiled this year. He picked up just around 600 total yards this year, but it really wasn't his fault.

Pitcher started out running and receiving the ball as a premier halfback. Injuries forced him to play other positions. Wing. Fullback. Eventually he found himself under center as the starting quarterback for the injury-riddled Wildcats.

Pitcher didn't hesitate at the duties bestowed upon him, however, impressing everyone who watched him play to the point that he earned All-KLAA honors and a rightful place on this year's Dream Team.

## Alex Chludzinski, Tight End

Senior  
Lakeland

In the KLAA, it's rare to see a tight end pull down very many passes. Usually they are kept on the end of the offensive line to act as an additional blocker. Chludzinski played that role, but he had hands, too. With a quarterback who was able to throw for over 1,100 yards this year, Chludzinski proved himself to be a favorite target. He hauled in 19 passes and over 400 all-purpose yards while finding the end zone three times.

He was an All-KLAA selection this year.

## Justin Hopton, Wide Receiver

Senior  
Novi

Hopton found himself in a familiar boat that many good receivers in high school football are in: Their team was run-heavy and didn't rely on going to the air as often as it might have.

Hopton was there when his team needed him, averaging over 40 yards per game receiving and earning All-KLAA honors in the process. A go-to kind of receiver, Hopton was difficult to cover on the fade pattern and able to outmaneuver almost any defensive back he faced.

## Eric Palanca, Wide Receiver

Senior  
Lakeland

At 6-foot-5-inches, Palanca was easy to see over most of the defensive backs in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association this year. It was one of the reasons he collected 400 yards receiving this season while scoring three times. He was an all-conference

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selection this season.

## Josh Moore, Wide Receiver

Junior  
South Lyon East

Moore was the go-to receiver in the pass-happy spread offense for the Cougars. He hauled in 36 catches for 343 yards, averaging 9.5 yards a catch.

## JEFF SHERMAN, OFFENSIVE LINE

Senior  
Catholic Central

What can be said about Jeff Sherman that hasn't already been said? He's powerful, intelligent, driven and determined. The All-State offensive lineman has been a two-year starter for the Catholic Central Shamrocks. When his team needed a hole for the running backs to push through, Sherman was the guy they ran toward.

His speed made his size seem even larger, and his knowledge of the game and the strategies of the offensive line made him nearly impossible to get around. In addition, Sherman, who was selected to nearly every all-star team from the local to the state level this season, was also a standout on a defense that earned eight shutouts this year.

## Ryan Jok, Offensive Line

Senior  
Novi

Jok is the kind of offensive lineman that Novi football has built its tradition of success on. He's quick, he's strong and he's as smart as they come. Jok, who also played on special teams and defense for the Wildcats, was an All-KLAA selection this year and a member of the league's All-Academic team. He was a team captain and a true leader for the Wildcats, stepping up and controlling the blocking schemes and helping his team forge ahead despite a year full of difficulties.

## John Westfall, Offensive Line

Senior  
Milford

The one thing everyone remembers about Milford year in and year out is that they have the type of offensive lineman that a running back loves to have blocking for them. Powerful and speedy, Westfall fits the mold as the kind of lineman that a back can put up a 1,000 yards behind. With his size and strength, Westfall was difficult to get around and helped his team to the playoffs this year.

## Ben Nicolay, Offensive Line

Senior  
Lakeland

As an offensive lineman, you know you're doing something right when your team names you an offensive most valuable player for the year. Nicolay, an all-league selection this season, knew the importance of keeping defenders away from his quarterback. He worked at improving each and every day, and it paid off. His strength and knowledge of the game helped him become a standout lineman in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association this season.

## C.J. Bona, Offensive Line

Junior  
South Lyon

Bona was another two-way player. He was an offensive lineman and a linebacker.

## LaDarius McLaurin, Defensive Line

Junior  
Northville

McLaurin. That was a name that was getting called out plenty of times this season over the loudspeakers. The defensive lineman made his presence known from the first game until the playoffs for the Northville Mustangs. A presence on the field that forced double teams to stop him, McLaurin made up a solid middle defense that forced teams to look for other options when trying to move the ball against

Northville.

## Cody Muirhead, Defensive Line

Senior  
Milford

Just try and force Muirhead out of the way. Please. He loves the impact of pads against pads. He lives for the rush of a good tackle. This guy is what offensive linemen have nightmares about. He's not the tallest player on the team, standing just around 5-9, but his low center of gravity and his quick feet make him a dream come true for a defensive coordinator. He knifes his way past blocks, disrupts plays and gets in the quarterback's face.

## Jordan Jaborri, Defensive Line

Senior  
Novi

It's not often a defensive end is able to pick up 50 tackles in a season, especially when they're a force to be reckoned with. Jaborri found that out this season, picking up double teams and watching as offenses had no choice but to run away from him. Jaborri was an All-KLAA selection this season and a leader for Novi's defensive line. His key attributes, beyond being large and strong, were his ability to read a play and react accordingly. He always seemed to be in the right spot at the right time.

## Joe Snyder, Defensive Line

Senior  
Catholic Central

Snyder must have gotten tired of hitting guys this year. It didn't seem like there were many plays that found him not crushing an opponent to the ground, or forcing a running back to change direction right into the waiting shoulder pads of another Catholic Central defender. Snyder, an All-CHSL selection and honorable mention All-State, was a force that couldn't be denied this year. In the face of quarterbacks with eight and a half sacks, disrupting play in the backfield and getting tackles (53), actually, became an every game occurrence for him. No wonder CC's defense had so many shutouts this year with guys like Snyder haunting around. Snyder was also a guard on the Shamrocks' outstanding offensive line.

## Mike Kinville, Linebacker

Senior  
Catholic Central

What an athlete. Kinville was not only a two-year, two-way starter for the Shamrocks, he was also the player that made everyone remember his name. It was hard to forget when it was ringing in your ears after a crushing tackle. Kinville picked up 105 tackles this season, proving to be one of the best linebackers in the state. He picked off two passes this season and dove on a fumble to give his team the ball.

What Kinville can't do is unknown. He can catch a football as a starting tight end for the Catholic Central squad, and he can block like an offensive lineman. He can move like a defensive back, but hit like the linebacker he is. Maybe Kinville can't fly, but it's hard to say. This guy has all the makings of a collegiate athlete, and it likely

headed that way.

## Butch Herzog, Linebacker

Senior  
Catholic Central

"He looks like a tank." That was the statement made when a spectator saw Herzog for the first time this season. She was right. Herzog has the build, the speed and the mind of a linebacker. He's tenacious, refusing to give up no matter how many shoulder pads and hands are trying to block him. He chases the ball until the whistle blows, usually finding a way to make a hit before the play comes to an end. Catholic Central has long been known as the team that doesn't quit until the play is dead, and Herzog lived and breathed that this season. He was everywhere, it seemed, and wasn't about to be denied. In addition to being a crushing defender, Herzog took plenty of reps as a runner this year, too, and while he may not have had the numbers that Palazeti and Capatina did, he was effective nonetheless.

## Dan Stern, Linebacker

Senior  
Northville

When the season started for Northville in the fall, Stern's coaches all said that he was one of the best athletes they had ever had the pleasure of instructing. Stern proved them right this year, playing just about every position on the field at one time or another. He ended up settling in a comfortable role of linebacker for the Mustangs, making his presence felt in each and every game. He was fearless, not backing down from anyone, no matter how big they were or how strong they were. He stuck them without hesitation, which made him a defender to avoid for every offense he faced.

## Mike Rizzo, Linebacker

Senior  
Lakeland

Lakeland's game plan is about steady offense and quick defenses, as it has been since John Maltese took over the program a few years back. Since then, the Eagles have been a contender for a playoff berth every year instead of everyone's favorite homecoming opponent. Rizzo feasted off of the challenges put forth by his coaching staff. He loved the excitement and the pressure of playing linebacker for a defense that required him to be in on every play and hitting someone on every down. Rizzo picked up nearly 100 tackles this season, earning himself All-KLAA honors and the title of defensive MVP for his squad.

## Justin Tolinski, Linebacker

Sophomore  
South Lyon

Tolinski was a hard runner in South Lyon's new run-oriented offense. He also played in the middle on defense, manning a linebacker spot.

## Jeremy Mims, Defensive Back

Senior  
Novi

Mims, a two-year starter on a demanding Novi defense, was a quarterback on the wrong side of the football. He constantly read the field, making adjustments on the

fly to coverage and calling out defensive schemes to help his Wildcats stop the opposition. He earned All-KLAA this year, leading his defensive backfield in tackles and making his presence known in every contest.

## Kyle Galdes, Defensive Back

Senior  
Northville

He's the best of the best of the best of Northville this season. Galdes, an All-KLAA selection this year, was the most consistent player for the up-and-coming Northville Mustangs program. He played both sides of the ball, having an impact on every play, and led his team without hesitation whenever the going got tough. Galdes was a key reason the Mustangs made the playoffs this season, putting his head into every down and his heart into every game.

## Jon Savakus, Defensive Back

Senior  
Catholic Central

Whenever anyone talks about Catholic Central football, the word defense is repeated again and again. There's a good reason for that, as the defense was the reason the Shamrocks not only earned eight shutouts this year, but won every title they could along the way. A key player in that was Jon Savakus, a defensive back who was lined up against every team's biggest receiving threat each and every game. Savakus had quite the job to do, too, as he went up against quarterbacks and receivers who weren't only good, they were great. Savakus stopped play after play, including several would-be touchdowns.

## Jordan Scheffler, Punter

Senior  
Novi

It was unfortunate that Scheffler got to practice so much this year, but the All-KLAA punter was able to showcase his talent by kicking the ball away 35 times this season. He wowed more than one special team's player, often forcing them to backpedal like mad just to stand a chance at receiving his kicks. Scheffler averaged around 37 yards per punt, picking up 1,278 yards off his impressive foot. In addition to being able to rocket a football, Scheffler was also the leading tackler on Novi's kickoff team.

## Justin D'Agostino, Kicker

Junior  
Catholic Central

D'Agostino won't be known as his team's top linebacker—though on most teams he would have shined with that role—but he earned himself a place as an all-conference kicker this season thanks to his dead-on accuracy. He kicked 59 extra points this year and hit seven field goals, two of which were over 40 yards this season.

## Patrick Powers, Athlete

Junior  
South Lyon East

Powers had to wear several hats due to injuries and lineup changes for the Cougars. At quarterback, he completed 67 of 140 attempts for 419 yards. As a receiver, he caught 16 passes for 124 yards.



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# Answers to common ice festival questions

Oksana Habsburg of the Oakland Tech Center's Culinary Arts Hospitality Program rocked her sculpture for the high school competition last year.



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Oakland Community College student Gerneil Franklin carved a dinosaur in last year's college carving competition.

The answers to some commonly asked questions about the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the oldest and largest continuously running ice carving event in America.



How and why did the event begin?

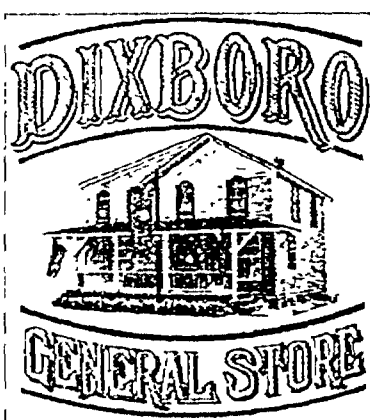
Scott Lorenz, the son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post-holiday retail slowdown. (Hotel, restaurant, and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after the holiday season.)

The concept was to create an event that was so unique that it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth (750,000 in 1999) in the hope that they would also shop and eat. With an average annual attendance of over 500,000, the event has exceeded expectations of the festival's founders.

How did the art of ice carving start?

As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day, the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise, love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Baikal, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple was married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice, and

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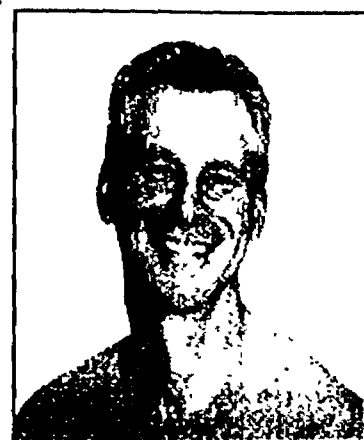
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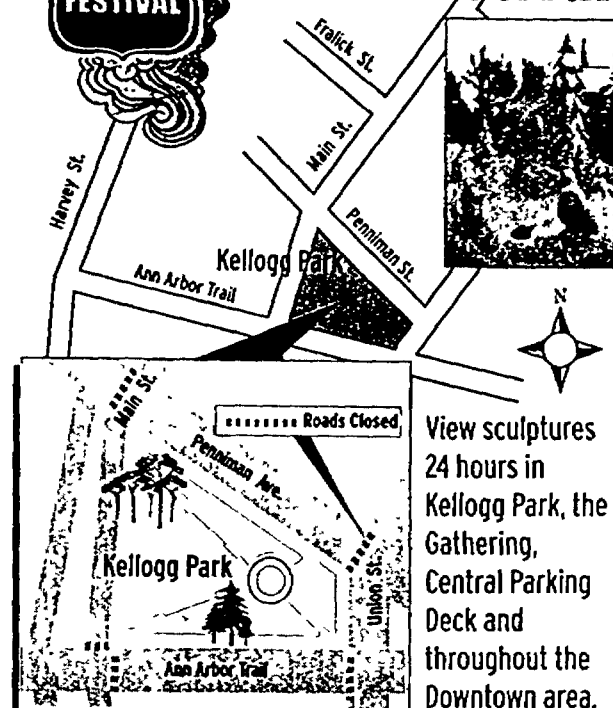
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## 2010 Plymouth Ice Festival



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# Ice festival lineup has lots to offer

The 28th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, Jan. 22-24, brings a new name, a new look and several new outdoor exhibits into the heart of downtown Plymouth.

Created specifically for the love of winter, the revamped Plymouth Ice Festival will feature more than 100 ice sculptures, live music and entertainment, interactive family shows, winter-themed tasty treats and a variety of additional events to interest all ages. Several new event highlights include the Dueling Chainsaws Speed Carving Show, Forest Avenue Scavenger Hunt and Petting Farm & Pony Rides. Many of the downtown Plymouth merchants will also be holding individualized in-store events offering discounts and giveaways. An estimated 100,000 people are slated to attend the three-day event. Here's the schedule:

### Friday, Jan. 22

• 7 p.m. — Opening Ceremony featuring Detroit Red Wing Tomas Holmstrom, who will cut a specially commissioned 'Ice Ribbon' to officially kick off this year's festivities. Opening remarks by state Attorney General Mike Cox, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and festival staff.

• 7 p.m. — *Balto* (children's animated film) at the Penn Theater

A half-wolf, half-husky named Balto becomes a hero as he leads a dog team on a 600-mile trip across the Alaskan wilderness.

### Saturday, Jan. 23

• 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — College Individual Carving Competitions will showcase the talent of young, local Michigan ice carvers. Witness the drama as more than 30 individual college students compete under a strict time limit to win first prize at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

• 1 p.m. — Global Village perform on Penniman Avenue

• 3, 5 and 7 p.m. — *Balto* (children's animated film) at the Penn Theater.

• 5 p.m. — Dueling Chainsaws Speed Carving Competition, a high stakes, fast-paced, entertaining show. Each contender will have only 15 minutes to carve a sculpture to be judged by the audience.

### Sunday, Jan. 24

• 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — College Team Carving Competition features 20 teams

(two carvers each) working together to turn three blocks (900 pounds) of ice into a beautiful sculpture under a strict time limit.

1 p.m. — Steve King & the Dittilies perform on Forest Avenue. Michigan's favorite oldies band comes to the Plymouth Ice Festival for the first time ever.

• 3, 5 and 7 p.m. — *Balto* (children's animated film) at the Penn Theater.

• 3-5 p.m. — Plymouth Whalers will be on-site to sign autographs and take pictures with their fans.

### Additional Events

• **The Party Lot:** Located in the parking lot behind E.G. Nick's restaurant, off of Forest Avenue. Friday and Saturday, 6-11 p.m. live entertainment from some of Detroit's hottest talent, The Party Lot will fuse a lively mix of music, spirits and fantastic food.

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No, it's not a brain. Valerie McGowan, a member of the Henry Ford Community College Ice Club, was working on a mushroom, part of a larger piece carved by club members at the 2009 ice festival.

Amy Presley made sure her 3-year-old son Christian Presley was bundled up against last year's bitter cold.



## ICE FEST

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eventually people from all over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular that it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

How did the art of ice carving spread?

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

Who carves the ice statues at the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular?

Professional ice carvers, chefs, culinary instructors, and culinary art students from the area and across the country, as well as a team from Japan, Canada, Russia, Norway, and Switzerland have carved the displays. The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete in the team and individual carving competitions.

Who presents the event?

The Plymouth Ice Festival is owned and operated by the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Incorporated, a non-profit (501 (c) 3) corporation, administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Who funds the event?

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fund-raisers. All the monies collected go to the presentation of the event.

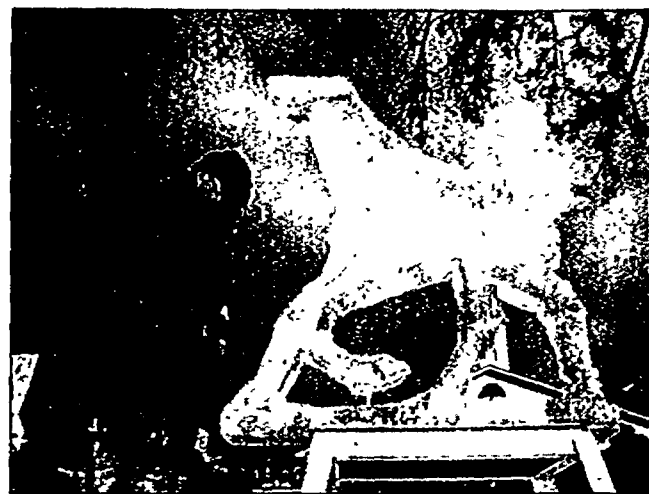
How much does it cost to present the event?

Sam Walton of Signature Professional Group, the first-year organizer of the event, hopes to raise some \$75,000 to fund the 2010 Plymouth Ice Festival.

Who benefits from the event?

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the ice festival. This event has become one of the single busiest retail and restaurant weeks of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to make ends meet in the two to three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community, and most importantly garners over \$1 million annually in local, regional, national, and international publicity for the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township area.

Culinary art students at the metropolitan area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice-carving skills to enhance their education benefit from the event. Money donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and carving tools. Students who compete in the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during, and after each event.



Harry Werwinski of Henry Ford Community College carved a giraffe last year.



Debbie Fronkowiak of Canton and her dog, Floyd, looked at the sculptures at last year's ice festival.



Tonie Day, a student at the Oakland Tech Center, worked on her sculpture with an ice chisel.

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by  
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has seen his share of patients who considered revenge. He says that such thoughts are human: "You feel hurt and want to inflict pain. Everyone thinks about doing it." The cost, he says, is that "revenge harms you, creating destructive feelings and demoralization."

Two people in very different work situations have disappointment in common. Read about revenge that was and revenge that wasn't.

### NOT MAD, JUST EVEN

Cruz explains that covert revenge is secretive, occurring frequently in the workplace through technology or gossip. Parmelee Eastman of the proprietary market research firm EastSight Consulting in Wellesley, Mass., provides an example of covert revenge. She was laid off with a group of people, a large number over age 40, from Digital Equipment Corp., where she'd worked more

than 16 years.

"Digital had been family-oriented," she recalls. "The president was adamant against layoffs. People in manufacturing had no work but he wouldn't lay them off. When financial problems started, I'd do what I could to help. The new president immediately instituted massive layoffs." She had one week to get out and eventually received severance. The company that had her loyalty had evaporated.

Eastman met with an attorney, who advised her that the likelihood of gaining much from pursuing the company's firing of too many older workers was nil. She decided to shift to a smaller company. Her door was open to revenge, but "I didn't want to spend my energy entwined in a bad situation," she reports. "I think it was a healthy way to get closure from a company where I thought I'd spend my life."

Then, out of nowhere, an opportunity arose. Eastman had a chance to apply her personal philosophy, "Don't get mad; get even." A client at her new company wanted competitive intelligence on Digital, to which the client had lost business. Eastman had worked in that very part of Digital but had to assess whether practices had changed there. They hadn't. She documented her findings and turned them over to her client.

### 'LOOKING FORWARD'

Dee Jones, owner of Power of Women Magazine and Radio Show in Hot Springs, Ark., used what

Cruz calls "constructive revenge," which allowed her to feel the pain and work through it. She fell prey to a subcontractor, also a woman, of her start-up medical staffing business with 130 subcontractors. That woman stole her clients and, by reporting to the Department of Labor that Jones was treating subcontractors like employees, assured an investigation into the business. Jones faced a potential \$73,000 fine.

Jones completely lost her "fight," and the women who'd worked with her firm, both single mothers and mothers with low income, kept asking her for help. She concedes that she was "panicked: I didn't know what to say."

"My 16 year-old son said, 'Mom, this is obviously not what you were supposed to do,'" she remarks. "There's something better ahead." Her husband suggested that, should their house be at risk as their main asset, they could get divorced and take her off title. She kept wracking her brain. What could she do?

She decided to close her business and started a new, very different one. "You have to keep looking forward," she says.

Cruz describes her attitude as "healthy -- beginning by feeling the pain and doing something constructive. She was ... coping with the pain. Her urge to create pain became weaker and weaker."

Eastman believes that "getting even is sweet but it isn't worth risking a new job." Cruz



Victor Cruz brings uncommon perspective on revenge in the workplace. He practices at the Cruz Clinic in Livonia, Mich. Here he's shown in Tampa vacationing over the December holidays.

disagrees, saying that "harming a competitor or former employer never pays. That's revenge that will haunt you. You always get it back, sooner or later, in some way." He further states that constructive revenge ultimately destroys the need to inflict pain.

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# REAL ESTATE

## Play it smart with mortgage, refinancing

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

You need to choose a reputable mortgage company when the time comes to buy a home.

That's the word from Mary McGaw, mortgage loan officer for Bank of America. McGaw, a Westland resident whose work is Canton-based, said to watch what kind of mortgage you get.

"They need to watch they don't get in a balloon or adjustable," she said, noting most buyers today go for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage.

You need to watch points, a fee percentage of the mortgage price. Also, watch third party costs in quotes you get, such as those for title companies or attorney fees, McGaw said.

She added that as of Jan. 1 this year with Regulation X, the field is more highly regulated, helping to address some of the turmoil of recent years in mortgage lending.

Regulation X provides a universal form to compare mortgage terms, said Tim Burns, public affairs director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan. Consumers can now go to all brokers and get good faith estimates up front, with lenders required to provide the form within three days of the person asking for a loan application.

"It's not as confusing," Burns, an attorney, said of the process.

The Clawson resident and Oakland County commissioner said checking with the BBB is a good starting point for mortgage companies. There's a Web site at bbb.org where you can look up customer service histories across the country. The Southfield-based BBB can be reached by phone at (248) 223-9400.

"You can get a good idea if there's a track record of particular problems with a mortgage lender," he said. Doing so can save you "hours of grief and lots of money down the road."

He also recommends a check with the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation, online at michigan.gov/ofir. That's the regulatory agency for the banking industry in Michigan.



"They're a reputable state organization with a good working relationship we have," Burns said.

There's been a recent dramatic decrease in available credit with more consumers seeking alternative lenders. Some prey on them with advance fee loan scams. In those, the customer pays \$1,000-\$5,000 via wire, thinking a loan will come through.

Such unscrupulous people often take on the look of a legitimate business, Burns said, but will change the phone number or e-mail.

"That's why it's important to validate who you're dealing with." Make sure the phone number and Web site

are tied to the legitimate business, something chambers of commerce can assist with.

He also sees people who are refinancing a mortgage using counselors and debt consultants, some of whom promise to modify a loan for a fee but are scam artists. There are legitimate professionals registered and approved by the state, such as Greenpath, Burns said.

Again, BBB accreditation is a good sign. You'll never pay a fee to talk to your lender, he reminds consumers. You may not like the outcome, but there's no charge for those contacts.

Some people have paid thousands to a so-called negotiator only to find

the money isn't going to the creditor.

Hiring a lawyer can help those with complex situations, Burns said, and there's free assistance for some. All need to do their homework and be proactive in checking out lenders.

Many counties have a Cooperative Michigan State University that offers free housing advice, although they're not lawyers. "That information can be very valuable and it's at no charge," Burns said.

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority, (866) 946-7432, offers workshops and referrals, he added.

## Books, contract should be open

Q: I live in a small condominium and our property manager refuses to give us a receipt for work done on a re-roofing of our building for which we have been specially assessed. He also refuses to give us any written warranty information and has given us a lot of excuses. My question is do we have a right to demand a receipt for work done? Shouldn't the roofing company provide us with receipts for our monies?

A: Presumably the roofing company has a contract with the association and is



Robert Meisner

accountable to it. However, you are entitled to review the books, records and contracts of the association which,

presumably, would include the roofing contract, any warranty provided, and any other receipts or other documentation provided to the association by the roofing company. You should make a demand upon the association Board of Directors, and, if the management company is refusing to cooperate, you should consider removing the board through the electoral process, and then, if necessary, the management company.

Q: I am on the board of a residential HOA with a common gym and spa facility, including private massage therapy rooms. The HOA does not currently contract with any specific trainers or therapists to provide services to owners, but owners are contracting with their own personal service providers who accompany the individual owner as they use the gym and spa. A board member raised a red flag when a long-term renter in the complex began posting flyers in public areas inviting relaxation to twice monthly "group relaxation therapy sessions" in one large common room for a voluntary "love gift" of \$10 per session to cover costs. The board members are concerned about the association sanctioning the activity, and, that it might violate existing restrictions on commercial activities by owners. What do you think?

A: I think that you should provide an agreement, which sets forth, among other things, that the provider has to observe HOA rules for reservation and use of the premises, and that the provider has to acquire appropriate insurance with the HOA as an additional insured, and, that the provider has to obtain releases/waivers from all who use the provider services. I would also require indemnification but most providers don't have a deep enough pocket to make that meaningful. I would also be concerned about opening up the clubhouse to outsiders in regard to the Americans With Disabilities Act. In short, you better get the association attorney involved.

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 rmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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		2458 Thistle Pointe	\$365,000	32990 Thornbury Ct	\$250,000	523 Reed	\$122,000	<b>South Lyon</b>		<b>Waterford</b>	
		1955 Woodlake Ct	\$475,000	37596 Turnberry Ct	\$405,000	22350 Waterland Dr	\$525,000	730 Challenging Trl	\$125,000	2922 Buck Ave	\$60,000
		5535 Woodland Pass	\$225,000	34981 White Pine Trl	\$185,000			25656 Coach Ln	\$130,000	129 Co Eman Dr	\$73,000
		6150 Ascension St	\$78,000	30371 Wicklow Rd	\$165,000	<b>Novi</b>		57987 International Dr	\$223,000	1886 Colonial Village Way	\$58,000
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	36950 Carla Ct	\$200,000	3298 Springwood Ct	\$195,000	1016 River Mist Dr	\$240,000	6367 Co. Entry Ridge Dr	\$490,000	4965 Grand Ct	\$150,000	
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>	39900 Coronation Rd	\$73,000	8435 Westchester Ln	\$167,000	20001 Parker St	\$110,000	48919 Rainbow Ln S	\$325,000	<b>Westland</b>	35126 Cherry Hill Rd	\$70,000		
	49831 Courtyard Ln	\$215,000	1124 Yarmouth Ct	\$295,000	33824 Richland St	\$128,000	1616 Weatherfield Dr	\$235,000		734 Darwin St	\$105,000		
<b>Dearborn</b>	1156 Hampshire Dr	\$154,000	<b>Garden City</b>	68562 Krauter St	\$29,000	29620 Westworth St	\$149,000	<b>Plymouth</b>	50464 Elmwood Ct	\$335,000	32038 Fairchild St	\$63,000	
	1156 Hereford Dr	\$350,000		287 Radcliff St	\$38,000	30170 Westfield St	\$190,000		40628 Newport Dr	\$64,000	35743 Fairchild St	\$80,000	
	6781 Kings Mill Dr	\$309,000		6628 Sunset St	\$63,000	15925 Woodring Dr	\$180,000		51310 Northview	\$121,000	29920 Marshall Dr	\$175,000	
	39934 Koppernick Rd	\$115,000		<b>Livonia</b>	18284 Brentwood St	\$160,000	44499 Broadmoor Blvd	\$250,000		398 Pacific St	\$260,000	2449 S Christine	\$55,000
	47057 Koppernick Rd	\$290,000			9336 California St	\$123,000	44718 Broadmoor Cir N	\$377,000		1133 Sutherland St	\$165,000	39005 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$171,000
	66471 N Lambeth Ct	\$220,000			9810 Tremont St	\$67,000	44999 Broadmoor Cir S	\$372,000	<b>Redford</b>	19203 Knioch	\$40,000	39009 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$142,000
	340 Roosevelt St	\$118,000			37691 Kingsbury St	\$145,000	15839 Crystal Downs E	\$442,000		19472 MacArthur	\$81,000	1540 Winfred St	\$70,000
	4174 Stratmore Ln	\$43,000			31211 Leon St	\$106,000	12855 Norborne	\$55,000		12855 Norborne	\$55,000		
	5129 Tupper Ct	\$275,000			31431 Merrimood Park Dr	\$80,000	49424 A Glacier	\$295,000		13556 Salem	\$65,000		
	6125 Viper Ct	\$250,000			29555 Nottingham Cir	\$122,000	16256 Oak Forest Ct	\$208,000		9316 San Jose	\$83,000		
	6127 Wedgewood Rd	\$178,000											

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#### BIA

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 Avenue 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 10:00 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

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