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ON THE RECORD 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.

Fireman's Ball

The Seventh Annual Fireman's Ball charity fundraiser will be held from 6 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Sheraton of Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road.

Sponsored by the Northville Township Firefighters, the cost is \$150 per couple; \$80 for singles. The evening includes food, drinks, dancing, a live auction and raffles, with proceeds benefitting the Northville Township Fire Fighters Charity Fund.

Contact Jesse Marcotte (jmarcotte3961@gmail.com) or Adam Burton (adam.burton@yahoo.com; call (248) 348-5807; or visit www.iaff3961.org.

Knowledge is Power

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township will present "Knowledge is Power" at 7 p.m. on Feb. 12 in Parlor 307-309 and at 9 a.m. on Feb. 13 in Parlor 317-319. Light refreshments will be served.

"Knowledge is Power" will be presented by housing experts at Central Detroit Christian, a faith based non-profit agency. All services are provided free.

Whether you are in need of a more affordable house payment, foreclosure prevention or are just interested in understanding the government's new Home Affordable Mortgage Program and the options available for local families, you may want to consider attending the program.

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For immediate assistance call (313) 873-0064, or go to www.detedc.org to complete a simple online Intake Assessment Questionnaire.

Parks group wants splash park

Concept just in talking stages

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation want to donate funds to build a splash park at Ford Field in downtown Northville.

Marv Gans, a member of the group,

presented the proposal the evening of Jan. 27 to Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

The idea is just a concept at this point, and several parties would have to approve it before it became a reality, including Northville City Council members and Northville Township Board members.

Others who would need to sign off on the park would be those who run the city's Mill Race Village, and property owners next to Ford Field

on Griswold Street just north of Main Street.

But, the Friends have the funds to pay for the construction of the splash park, which Gans estimated at \$138,000.

"We have the funds to do it," Gans said. "We haven't decided where to do it or if it's going to be done at all. We're just suggesting Ford Field as a possible location. We think it's an

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location. We think it's an ideal spot."

MARV GANS, Northville Township trustee

Glander shines in Tipping Point Theatre play about Ann Landers

Actress Julia Glander plays Ann Landers in the one-woman show "The Lady With All the Answers" at the Tipping Point Theatre.



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Offers look at life of famous advice columnist

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Doing a one-person show is no picnic, even for a seasoned actor.

But Julia Glander, the star of "The Lady With All the Answers," now playing at Northville's Tipping Point Theatre, pulls it off quite gracefully.

The story is about the life of famous advice columnist Ann Landers, who Glander seems to embody with her helmet-like hairstyle.

The audience learns a lot about this fascinating lady in the two-hour performance, and by the end of the first act, you actually start to think of Glander as Ann Landers herself.

Offering advice for decades to an audience of more than 60 million readers, we learn that Landers has pretty much heard it all. She's handled questions about dating, marriage, sex, teen pregnancy, homosexuality, divorce, relatives and even how toilet

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'THE LADY' TICKET INFO

Tickets for "The Lady With All the Answers" can be purchased at the Tipping Point Theatre Box Office, 361 E. Cady Street. For more information, go to www.tippingpointtheatre.com or call (248) 347-0003. Box office hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 90 minutes prior to each performance.

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First Friday Art, Fashion Walk to feature cool art

Member Exhibit set at Art House

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow's First Friday Art and Fashion Walk will offer some cool art and fashions during the winter month of February.

The monthly event, that features receptions complete with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages, takes place in downtown Northville from 6-9 p.m.

Many downtown shops will stay open

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ART

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late for the walkers.

ART HOUSE MEMBER EXHIBIT
At the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, the 4th Annual Member Exhibition gets under way with its artist reception tomorrow evening. The exhibit runs through Feb. 26.

The exhibition will showcase the varied styles and mediums of more than 50 artist members.

This exhibition was developed to say "thank you" to everyone who has supported the growth and creativity of the arts in Northville.

Art House Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays.

For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org.

The Art House is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

STARRING "THE GALLERY"



This sculpture in the member exhibit, titled "Summer" is by artist Liz Oliver.

February's First Friday brings artist Donna Thibodeau of Novi to Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street.

Thibodeau's goal as an artist is to choose subjects that capture the attention and interest of the viewer. She wants to convey the emotions she feels when she sees something beautiful that moves her, and she wants to inspire others with her point of view.

Thibodeau has received several awards during her career and will be available to discuss

her work at an opening reception at the gallery from 6-9 p.m.

NORTHVILLE GALLERY
Sweet treats are in store for art walkers at Northville Gallery, 123 E. Main Street, on Friday evening.

Tim Porter of Schokolad Chocolate Factory, 20450 Haggerty Road in Northville Township, will talk about and hand out European-style chocolates for Valentine's Day gifts.

"We think that some special chocolates combined with a beautiful piece of art would make a most-romantic Valentine's Day gift," said Prudy Vannier of Northville Gallery.

GIFTS FOR FASHION LOVERS
Many women — as well as men — would love some new clothes for Valentine's Day. So don't rule out the many upscale clothing stores and unique boutiques in downtown Northville. Van Dam's Boutique, for example, on East Main Street, is having a mid-winter sale, with some items from 50-75 percent off.

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"In the Kitchen," by Lucia Danes is another piece in the Art House show.



"Celebration" by Linda Larsen can be seen at the Northville Art House.

CORRECTION

The photo titled 'New dentist in town' on page A10 of last week's Record should have read 'New orthodontist in town'.

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Northville Township woman takes different look at art of well-being

Teaching classes now in Plymouth

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

One could say that Annette Mullett, M.D., has come full circle.

A medical doctor who graduated from medical school at Ohio State University, the Northville Township resident was a practicing emergency room physician for about six years and then worked in emergency room quality assurance.

After having a third child, she decided to take a break from traditional medicine.

"I was frustrated that we couldn't cure a lot of things, so I started going to conferences," Mullett said. "I started learning what I call worldwide medicine. It's from China, India, Germany. Once you know more information, and I don't mean this offensively at all, but we (in the U.S.) seem so primitive. All we do is cut and give drugs, and we never look at the source (of one's illness)."

Today, she has moved her focus to Eastern medicine and recently started teaching classes at the Center for Integrative Well-Being, A Continuing Education Center for Mind, Body & Spirit, at 42839 Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

She even believes that it's even hard to integrate Western and Eastern medicine because the models are different.

"The idea is to get realigned on multiple levels," Mullett said. "I'm not an expert in everything, but I know so many other ways that healing can take place other than surgery and drugs. You and your body need to form an alliance. We're trying to tap into something greater."

WINTER SCHEDULE 2010

This winter, she is teaching the following classes: East vs. West Healing: Can Illness Be a Message to Us?, a three-week series offered from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 2, 9 and 16; Introduction to Feng Shui, offered from noon to 2 p.m. April 13 and 20; a What If? Series offered from noon to 2 p.m. March 4, 11, 18 and 25; and Qigong (pronounced chee gong), an ongoing class that meets from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The first three classes cost \$30-\$40 per person, depending on when one registers for the class, and the Qigong classes are \$10 per class, with a four-class preregistration or \$15 per class

HOW TO ATTEND A CLASS

For more information about Annette Mullett's classes, call the Center for Integrative Well-Being at (248) 702-7064 or go to www.integrativewellbeing.com. The center is located at 42839 Five Mile Road. She is also willing to teach classes during the day at her Northville Township home for those who have a conflict with the center's class times.

for drop-ins.

In the first class, the three-part series will discuss the different philosophy as well as a completely different model of health and wellness.

EAST VS. WEST HEALING

"In the Western world, many of us believe that we get sick because germs just get us or we have been unlucky," Mullett said. "But, there are other parts of the world where the body is the reflector of the soul, and when the body is not functioning properly for us there is a greater reason. Once we are able to receive this message and understand how to make the necessary changes, our bodies seem to improve."

In this series, "This will be taught with case histories and will be open to discussion and illustration with class participants. Some of the class will be experiential, and tools will be given as to how we can receive this message." It is recommended to attend all three classes in the series.

FENG SHUI CLASS

Feng Shui is the ancient art of placement. In this class, students will learn how to set up their house. "Where you place things actually reflects what is happening in your life," Mullett said. "They are in balance with one another as the 'outer' reflects the 'inner.' As one changes, the other one will change as well in that one has concretely changed the intention."

Mullett will discuss the "bagua" and how people can go home with instant changes they can make to their home in the areas they wish to improve. Areas to be discussed are career, health, wealth, relationships, love and marriage.

WHAT IF? SERIES

In this class, Mullett explores the following concept: "What if we listen to the world of quantum physics and what we have learned from it and begin to realize that the world is not what we think it is, and we step out of looking at it the way we do now and expand that view?"



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Annette Mullett, M.D., demonstrates some Qigong exercises in her Northville Township home — movements that she employs in her teachings of Eastern healing methods at the Center for Integrative Well-Being in Plymouth.

Through experiential exercises, scientific support and discussion over a month, students in this class will see the world through a different lens. The series will be based on quantum physics (yes, Mullett will explain it so it will not be so mysterious), the law of attraction and how thoughts help co-create the world we live in.

"This course will take you to the next step regardless of where you are starting," she said.

QIGONG CLASS

Qigong, which originated in China 3,000 years ago, is one of the oldest forms of move-

ment. "It is very powerful to health and well-being in that it helps you to direct your 'qi,' also known as chi or life force and can be life-changing if practiced regularly," Mullett said. "It helps the body to align and return to its natural balance."

Some people have experienced weight loss effortlessly, improved sleeping, decreased pain and even shed their oxygen tanks, according to Mullett. All levels of fitness can practice qigong. "Come and give it a try," Mullett said.

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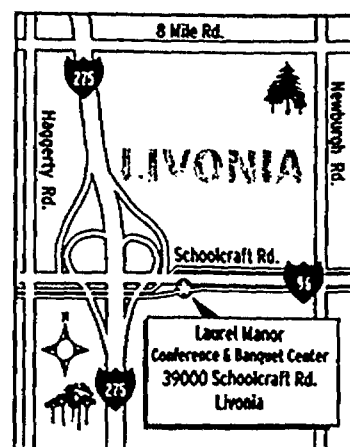
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Northville financial crisis updated

On Tuesday of last week, the Northville School District's Board of Education summarized the bottom line budget loss to the district for this school year: \$2.1 million, and the projected cuts for next year: \$7.0 million. Ironically, last week, Northville High School was named as a top school in the U.S. News and World Report annual list of "Best High Schools in the Country." With devastating funding cuts, and little hope of recovering that money in the near future, I wonder how long the district will maintain this high quality of education.

In February, our School Board will begin announcing cuts to services and programs to deal with this horrific loss of funding. Expect another round of big cuts by the end of June, for the next school year. These changes will be painful. No doubt most people will be outraged. Direct your anger at the right people: our governor and legislators. Their petty bickering and games caused this financial crisis. Do not let them think it is OK to play politics with our children's future. Contact them now and demand that they fix what they have broken. Do not wait until this is a done-deal.

As I write, the governor and her staff are preparing the Michigan budget for the next fiscal year, our 2010-2011 school year. The budget details will be released in mid-February, but the budget priorities were to be unveiled by Governor Granholm in her 'State of the State Address' on Feb. 3 at the State Capitol in Lansing, before a joint convention of the Michigan House and Senate. What can you do?

WAIT & WATCH & REMEMBER

Let the Governor and legislators know that you are:

1. Waiting for them to do what's right and fair - and you are getting awfully impatient.
2. Watching what they do and say,

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Email, fax, call. For your inspiration, here is what I expect to see in the budget:

I anxiously await Michigan's 2010-2011 Budget. I trust you will address the funding crisis that you have wrongfully brought upon our State's schools. My children's school, in the award-winning Northville Public School District, has been hit very hard - second worst funding loss in the state, as a percent of the district's operating budget. At a minimum, I expect your 2010-2011 budget will restore Section 20j funds, which cut Northville's budget by more than \$2.6 million this 2009-2010 school year. I expect you to do this because it is fair and it is the right thing to do. I will watch the State of the State address on Feb. 3. I hope you will not disappoint me, my children, and all the parents and school children in Michigan. I will remember your choice when I vote in the November 2010 elections.

WHAT IS LAN?

LAN is a standing committee within the Northville Area Council of PTAs, Northville Public Schools. LAN's goal is to protect the interests of our children's education in Lansing and Washington. LAN members accomplish this by:

- Informing parents about important education issues 'percolating' at the state or federal level, and
- Mobilizing advocacy for issues that impact the quality of our children's education by encouraging people to contact legislators to make sure their voice is heard.

Barbara Moroski-Browne is chairperson, Legislative Action Network, Northville Area Council of PTAs. She can be reached at barbmrbrowne@gmail.com.



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Let's dance

Meads Mill Middle students (from left) Jane Schriener, Abbey Tassic, and Helen Barkho kick up their heels during their Jan. 14th after school activity. Students had the opportunity to either hit the gym, the dance floor, the computer room or find a snack to munch on.

NORTHVILLE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Michigan Technological University

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester, earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher: Charles Hansen, senior, mechanical engineering; Kathryn Hietala, senior, applied ecology and environmental science; Alex Klinkhamer, senior, software engineering; Benjamin Maguire, sophomore, mechanical engineering; Mark Maguire, sophomore, civil engineering; Cameron McNamara, senior, materials science and engineering; Matthew Verbiscus, freshman, mechanical engineering.

Florida State University

John McNamara, of Northville, was named to the President's List for the fall

semester, earning a 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

Western Michigan University

The following Northville students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

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SPLASH

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ideal spot."

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, asked at the Commission meeting what estimated annual operating costs would be. Gans said \$4,000-\$5,000. This cost would be divided between the township and the city.

ALREADY DONATED \$860,000

Gans said since 1992, the Friends have already spent \$860,000 in the two communities. "We've been saving our contributions so that we could develop a large project," he said. Gans said splash parks have been successful and enjoyed by residents in other Southeast Michigan communities, such as Plymouth Township, Canton, Westland, Oxford and Grand Blanc.

The Westland park, funded by the city's Downtown Development Authority, cost \$350,000.

"The only real requirements are water, a flat surface, drainage and electricity," he said. "The newer (splash) parks use less water. They only run when

someone wants it to operate."

COMMUNITY WELL, BENCHES

Canton is actually constructing a second splash park now.

"Some communities are using a well, so the only cost is the electricity," he said. City water could also be used at the park.

Gans also mentioned the possibility of constructing a few benches atop brick pavers or having people donate them near the park so parents watching their children play at the splash park would have somewhere to sit.

The Friends have already donated \$70,000 to improvements at the Ford Field site, according to Gans.

COULD BID IT THEMSELVES

Since they are funding the project, the Friends could actually solicit bids themselves rather than it have to go through the governmental bodies.

Abbo said the communities need to conduct due diligence on what actual costs would be to construct the park as well as what ongoing expenses would

be.

Commissioner Jim Allen said possible additional parking needs would have been identified, and Commissioner Nancy Darga believes a public rest room would need to be constructed on the site.

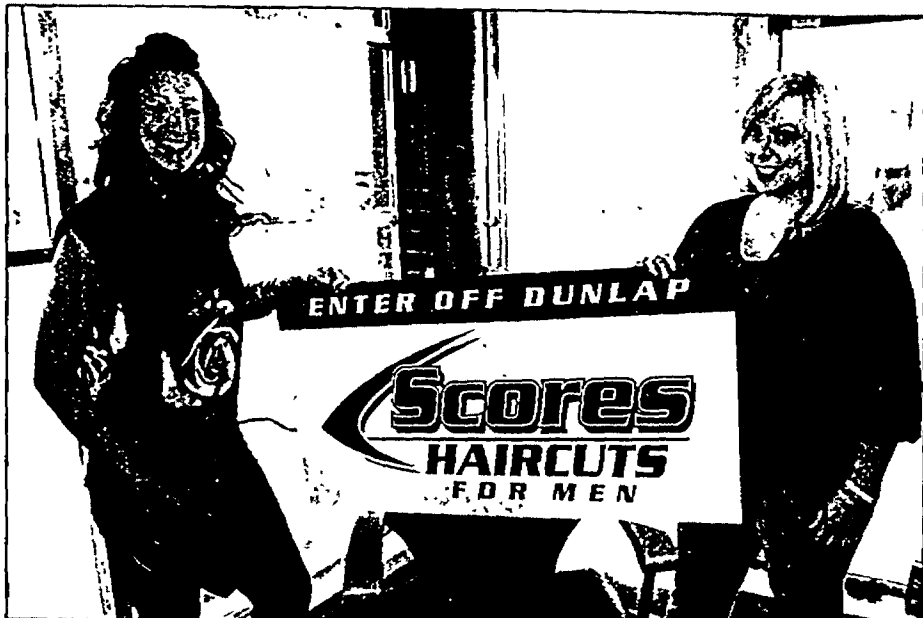
Commissioner Sue Hillebrand, who said she liked the idea, mentioned issues with animals using the park, which she said has happened at other parks, and security concerns.

The Commission voted to remand the concept to the Parks and Recreation Commission Development Committee for further discussion.

Although he realizes that officials from both communities have to sign off on the project before it would become reality, Gans said the Friends would like to "fast track" the splash park project if at all possible.

"If we wait a year, the cost could go up as much as \$20,000-\$30,000," Gans said. "We're not trying to shove it down people's throats," Gans said. "We're only presenting a proposal."

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Monica Coppola and Kelly Kindred are stylists at Northville's "Scores" haircut salon for men at 111 E. Dunlap. The salon is slated to have opened earlier this week.

New Scores Haircuts for Men gives guys place to call their own

Shop provides man-cave details

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Now guys now have their own special place to get a haircut and a shave in downtown Northville. Scores Haircuts for Men just opened Feb. 2 at 111 E. Dunlap Street.

The shop is located in the space formerly occupied by Jack's Barber Shop, which has moved to Old Church Square just down the street.

The shop features sports memorabilia, big reclining chairs and big-screen TVs.

"It's a casual place to get your hair cut," said co-owner Greg Pawelski. "It's a very comfortable place."

A large refrigerator contains water and nonalcoholic complimentary beverages.

Magazine selections in the waiting area are male-oriented as well, and a children's play area with games has been set up.

Pawelski said this is the second men-only haircut shop he and his business partner, Monica

Coppola, have opened in the area. Coppola, who has worked in the barber shop industry for about five years, manages the shop.

"We saw that there was an opportunity in the marketplace for this," he said. "The first location seems to be doing OK, so we thought we'd try it in Northville."

"I thought it was an exciting idea, so I jumped on board," Coppola said. "Girls have always had their place to go, so I think guys enjoy the fact that there's one for them now. It's an up-and-coming idea."

WHAT'S HOT IN 2010?

Coppola said "the look" in men's hair right overall right now is short and messy with a little product (gel, mousse) use. "For high-school guys, the shaggy, kind longer look is still in, but for most men, shorter looks are in style," she said. "Clean-cut but rugged is the look to achieve."

Scores is offering a grand opening special of \$11 haircuts for clients who bring in this

SCORES HIGHLIGHTS

Scores Haircuts for Men is now open at 111 E. Dunlap Street. Services include haircuts, color, highlighting, waxing and a hot-lather-face-and-neck shave with a hot towel. Young boys are encouraged to come in for haircuts as well. Hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (248) 344-4429.

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"We want fathers and sons," Coppola said.

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'LADY'

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MAXINE D. CHAMNESS

Age 74 of Highland died January 31, 2010. She is survived by her beloved husband Dick; daughters, Charlene LaBonte of Alabama, Debra Chamness of Highland, a brother, Patrick; a sister, Fay; and her grandchildren. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 1-7 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held at Hardy United Methodist Church, 6510 E. Highland Rd., Howell, on Friday, Feb. 5, 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to the family. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

MILDRED E. DUFF

A resident of Milford and Charter Member of Christ Lutheran Church, went to be with the Lord on January 27, 2010. She was 98 years old. Mrs. Duff was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Albert and sons, Ron and Rick Duff. She is survived by her loving son, Bob (Betty) Duff; daughter-in-law, Carol; grandchildren, Ryan and Craig Duff, Cindi Duff and Connie (Mark) Waters and great granddaughters, Reese and Aubrey. Funeral Service was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, January 29th, 2010. The Rev. Richard Page officiated. Burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors at 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

ROBERT H. KUEHNLE

Age 82, of Milford, January 27, 2010. Funeral was from Christ Lutheran Church January 30, 2010. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials to Christ Lutheran Church. For further info call 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

EDWARD E. PAGEN

Age 85, Jan. 24, 2010. Mr. Pagen was a WWII veteran and fought in the Battle of Anzio. Funeral Service was Jan. 30. Donations to HPH Hospice, 12260 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MARSHALL W. LAWSON

Of South Lyon, "crossed over" on January 27, 2010, at the age of 78. Marshall was born in Detroit, MI on June 3rd, 1931. Marshall graduated from Northwestern High School in Detroit, and joined the Army upon graduation. After military service, Marshall was an Electrician and member with I.B.E.W. local 58, for over 55 years. Over the years, Marshall volunteered to serve in the Boy Scouts, Big Brothers, as an aide to the Special Education Program at Loon Lake School in Walled Lake, Bloomfield Hills Scamp Summer Day Camp, worked the Shrine Circus, and was active at the Milford Assembly of God. His parents were Noel Lawson and Ruth (McPherson), but Marshall's Great Aunt Agnes Buesing, raised him. Marshall will be loved and missed by his son Charles Lawson, of South Lyon and Marshall's brothers: Henry Steffen, James Steffen and family; and extended McPherson family. In addition, his special family, Richard and Linda Stevens; Amy, Scott and Daphne Rasegan; Melanie, Casey, Avery, Gracie, and Josie Hayes, will treasure their memories of Marshall. A Memorial Service will be held at the South Lyon Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center, at 700 Reymold Sweet Parkway, South Lyon, MI 48178 on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 1:30 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Lyon Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARY TONON

Jan. 26, 2010, age 93. Wife of the late Joseph. Mother of Gina (Joseph) Agosta & the late Nora. Grandmother of 5. Great-grandmother of 5. Funeral was Jan. 28 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

WILLIAM E. LINFOOT

Age 87, of Northville, passed away January 31, 2010. He was born October 2, 1922 in Frankfort, Kentucky to William E. and Lola D. (Riley) Linfoot. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. He was united in marriage to Harriet E. (Moore) on March 1, 1947, and they spent 59 loving years together until her death in 2007. William, a retired foreman with Chrysler, attended services at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. He was a member of the Masons and Shriners. He loved his family, especially his daughter and granddaughters. William had a very sharp mind and was very generous. He enjoyed watching old movies, playing cards, and gardening. He also loved his wife's Southern Cooking. He is survived by his beloved daughter Linda (David) Draper; and his granddaughters Danielle and Olivia. He was also loved by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, 1 brother and 4 sisters. The visitation will be held Thursday, February 4, 2010 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A Funeral Service will be held Friday, February 5, 2010 10 a.m. with visitation beginning 9:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Rev. Kent Clise and Rev. James Russell will officiate the service. He will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 or American Heart Assoc., 24445 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075

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Tax help for lower-income seniors

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Exempted Eddie

Dear Eddie,

There are millions of seniors in your same situation. In fact, according to the Tax Policy Center, around 55 percent of Americans over age 65 won't have to file income tax returns this year mainly because their incomes are under the IRS filing requirements. Here's what you should know.

2009 FILING REQUIREMENTS

If your "gross income" is below the 2009

SAVVY SENIOR

IRS filing limits, you don't have to file a federal tax return this year. Gross income includes all the income you receive that is not exempt from tax, not including Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately. Here's an income breakdown for each filing status.

- Single: If your 2009 gross income was less than \$9,350 (\$10,750 if you're 65 or older), you don't have to file.

- Married filing jointly: You don't need to file if your gross income was under \$18,700. If you or your spouse is 65 or older the limit increases to \$19,800. And if you're both over 65, your income must be under \$20,900 to not file.

- Head of household: If your gross income was below \$12,000 (\$13,400 if age

65 or older), you don't have to file.

- Married filing separately: At any age, you must file if your income was at least \$3,650.

- Qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child: If your gross income was less than \$15,500 (\$16,150 if age 65 or older), you don't need to file.

Note: Just because you're not required to file a federal tax return doesn't necessarily mean you're also excused from filing state income taxes. Check on that with your state tax agency before concluding you're entirely in the clear. For links to state and local tax agencies see www.taxadmin.org - click on "Links."

SENIOR TAX CREDIT

If you find that your gross income is more than the IRS filing limits, you'll need

to file a federal tax return. But depending on your income level, you may be eligible for an elderly tax credit, which can amount to as much as \$750 for a single taxpayer and up to \$1,125 for a couple.

To qualify, you must be 65 or older (or under 65 and disabled), a U.S. citizen, and your adjusted gross income must be less than \$17,500 for a single filer, and the non-taxable part of your Social Security or other nontaxable pensions, annuities or disability income must be less than \$5,000. Or, if you're married and are filing jointly and you both qualify, your income will need to be less than \$25,000, and your nontaxable Social Security or other nontaxable pensions must be under \$7,500. To claim the credit you'll need to file either Schedule R, if you are filing Form 1040, or Schedule 3, if you are filing Form 1040A. To learn more, see IRS publication 524 "Credit for the Elderly or Disabled" at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p524.pdf, or call 800-829-3676 and have them mail you a copy.

TAX PREP HELP

If you do need to file a tax return, you can get help through the IRS sponsored Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE). This program provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 to locate a service near you. Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at more than 7000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/money/taxaide.

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

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Northville Parks & Recreation to offer Winter Concert Series

Events slated Sundays at Senior Center

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Got cabin fever? The Northville Parks & Recreation Department has a way to get you out of the house and into some cool music.

The city will offer four performances in a Winter Concert Series, geared toward mature audiences, that will take place at the Northville Community Senior Center.

The concerts will all start at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Feb. 14, 21, 28

and March 7.

Cost is only \$3 per person at the door.

"These are more sedate, performance-based concerts," said Traci Sincok, director of Parks and Recreation, at the January Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The concerts are open to the public, and other senior centers in the area have been informed about the series.

"It's not just for seniors, although that is the target market for the concert series," Sincok said.

The concerts kick off with Jerry Connelly's musical tribute to Buddy Holly and Gene Pitney on Feb. 14. The audience will be able to stroll down memory lane, listening to the music of the 1950s and 1960s.

Connelly has performed his tribute to Gene Pitney and Buddy Holly all over the United States and Canada. He has opened for The Reflections, The Marcells, Jack Scott, Chris Montez, Ronnie McDowell, Johnny Tillotson, Highway 101, The Shangri-las, Peggy March, Jim Glaser and Sonny Geraci.

He had the pleasure of singing the National Anthem at Detroit's former Tiger Stadium in 1992. Gene Pitney and Buddy Holly come to life when Connelly takes the stage.



PHOTO COURTESY JERRY CONNELLY

Jerry Connelly will sing Gene Pitney hits, as well as Buddy Holly's, at the first program in the Winter Concert Series presented by Northville Parks and Recreation at the Northville Community Senior Center at 8 p.m. Feb. 14. Cost is \$3 at the door.

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On Feb. 28 Steve London will take the stage. London has wowed audiences for more than 30 years with his reportedly "dead on" tribute to crooner Dean Martin.

Steve London has wowed audiences with his amazingly accurate impression of Dean Martin. London started his musical career in the Detroit area and quickly moved on to west coast, Las Vegas and an eight-and-a-half year tour of Europe. He has performed with The Platters, Sammy Davis Jr., Fats Domino, Percy Sledge and The Coasters.

Picks & Sticks, a string band that has an eclectic blend of music, instrumentation and material, will round up the series on March 7.

Their rollover style of emotional performing creates an animated and entertaining atmosphere that reflects widely on their musical talent and provides the viewer an on-stage experience that no one can forget.

The Northville Community Senior Center is located at 303 W. Main Street. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider variance requests for Banotai Greenhouse, to establish a temporary greenhouse and temporary signs at Benton's Crossing, 5 Mile & Sheldon Roads. Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Hall in the Meeting Room, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, to consider an Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from Techno SemiChem Co., Ltd., under Act 198 for the Public Acts of 1974, as amended.

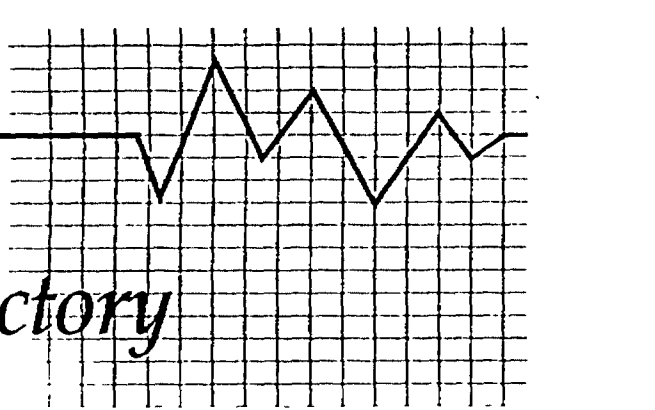
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Sue Hillebrand, Clerk

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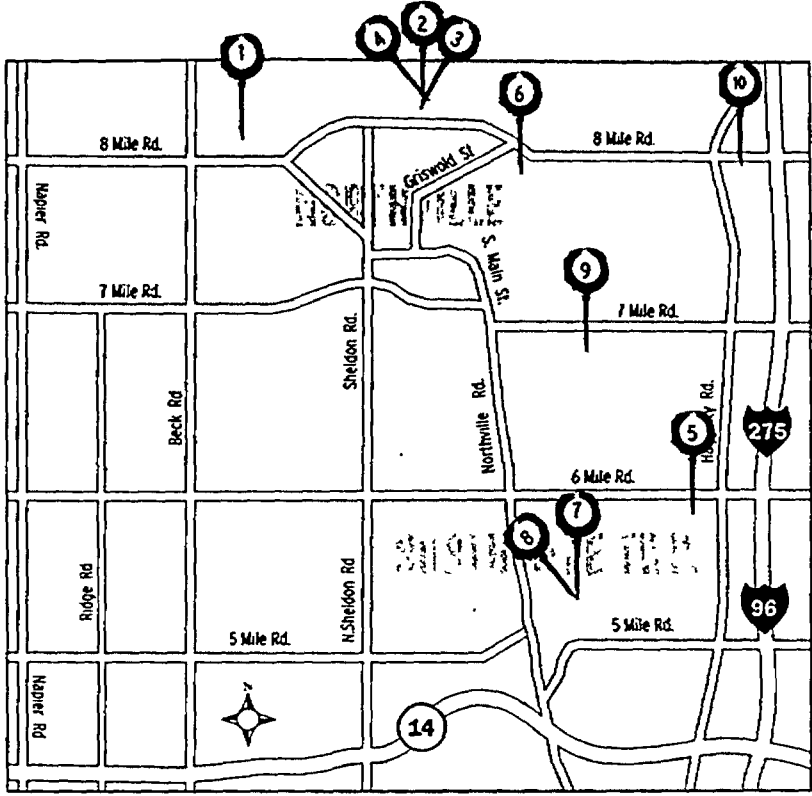
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NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Illegal use of credit card

1 A 45-year-old man and 37-year-old woman who live on Whitegate Drive reported to city of Northville police that someone had fraudulently used his credit card between 9 p.m. Jan. 17 and 1 p.m. Jan. 18.

They explained that someone obtained their personal information and attempted to make two purchases on the card in question.

When the woman went shopping on Jan. 18, the clerk told her that her credit card had been declined.

Upon calling her credit card company, she learned about the two suspicious charges and that VISA had cancelled the card.

The couple said their personal computer crashed due to a surge of viruses on the evening of the Jan. 17. They believe that this is when someone gained access to their personal information.

The fraudulent charges were made to a Web site called E-Fashion and the online version of Home Shopping Network.

Suspended license driving

2 A 42-year-old Oak Park man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 9:52 p.m. on Jan. 25 at E. Eight Mile and Novi roads.

An officer was working stationary radar at the Amerman School parking lot when he saw a vehicle traveling east on Eight Mile Road at a high rate of speed.

Friend of Court arrest

3 A 41-year-old Flint woman who was a passenger in a vehicle was arrested for a Friend of the Court violation at 10 p.m. on Jan. 25 at E. Eight Mile and Novi roads.

While assisting an officer on a misdemeanor traffic arrest, an officer asked the passenger if she had a valid driver's license so she could drive the car away from the scene.

The woman's driving record was clear, but she had an outstanding warrant for failure to pay child support out of the Genesee County Friend of the Court.

Misdemeanor warrant arrest

An officer was dispatched to the area of Ann Arbor Road and I-275 at 1:45 a.m. on Jan. 29 to meet a Canton Township police officer to take custody of a 21-year-old Inkster man.

The city of Northville had a warrant out for his arrest on a failure to appear in 35th District Court about a ticket for running a red light.

The man also had a criminal bench warrant from the Southgate Police Department for \$10,000 on a domestic violence charge.

Driving, suspended license

4 A 24-year-old River Rouge woman was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 7:21 p.m. Feb. 1 at E. Eight Mile and Novi roads.

An officer was on routine patrol when he ran the license plate of a vehicle behind on Eight Mile Road. The Secretary of State data-

base reported that the registered owner had a current license suspension out of River Rouge that dispatch confirmed.

Uttering and publishing

5 A 21-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for check fraud at 12:05 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the TCF Bank at 39725 Six Mile Road.

Police were dispatched to the bank when the teller learned that there had been fraudulent activity on this account in the past.

After calling the place of business that the check had been issued from, Uncle Joe's, the teller learned that the check number corresponding to the check had actually been written to Comerica Bank and that no employee by that name worked at Uncle Joe's.

Stolen car reported

6 A 27-year-old woman who lives on E. Northville Place Drive reported that her car was stolen between 11 a.m. Jan. 9 and 7:45 p.m. Jan. 12.

The vehicle was parked under her carport outside her apartment. She also had a \$150 Garmin GPS unit in the car.

Larceny from auto

7 A 46-year-old man who lives on Ravina Lane said someone entered his vehicle and stole a pair of Kirkland sunglasses and a cell phone from the center console between 9:30 p.m. Jan. 12 and 5:30 a.m. Jan. 13.

The sunglasses were valued at \$25, and the phone was valued at \$200.

More theft from auto

8 A 51-year-old man who lives on Steepleview Street reported that someone entered his vehicle parked in his driveway and stole the faceplate only from his JVC radio and stole an entire XM Satellite Radio between 8:30 p.m. Jan. 12 and 6:30 a.m. Jan. 13.

There were no signs of forced entry, even though the man said his vehicle was locked.

The radios were valued at \$200 each.

Glovebox tampering

9 A 56-year-old woman who lives on Innsbrook Drive said someone entered her vehicle and tried to pry open her locked glove box between 7 p.m. Jan. 13 and 10:41 a.m. Jan. 14. Her car was parked under her carport outside her apartment.

Nothing was in her vehicle, so nothing was taken, but she just wanted to report the incident to police.

Hampton Inn incident

10 A 30-year-old man from Monterrey, Mexico, reported that someone stole the radio from his rental vehicle outside the Hampton Inn at 20600 Haggerty Road between noon and 8 p.m. on Jan. 17.

The radio was valued at \$350.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

Everyone has seen a fire truck or ambulance racing to the scene of an emergency. Perhaps, you have been involved in an incident where you had to use the Fire Department's services. Many people believe that the Fire Department only responds to emergencies. This is far from the truth. This week I am going to share with you some services the Northville Township Fire Department provides besides emergency response. These services are designed to make you and your family safer.

- **CPR – The Fire Department** offers CPR, First Aid, and Recertification classes once a month. For a nominal fee you can learn life saving techniques to aid others.
- **Car Seat Inspection – Is your family expecting a baby soon?** The Fire Department has a certified car seat inspector who can inspect your car seat and vehicle, and make any recommendations to ensure optimal safety for your child. This service is free of charge, but does require an appointment.
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Give back to your community** during times of natural disasters or special events. The CERT program is a 10 week class, which is taught by Northville Township Firefighters and Police Officers.
- **Home Inspection – The Fire Department** has a Fire Marshall/Inspector who can come to your home and do a

THE SAFETY ZONE

safety inspection to ensure that your home is free from hazards. There is no charge for this service.

- **Fire Pit Inspection – If you have a fire pit in the Township** you must obtain a permit and have the pit inspected. This permit must be renewed annually. The Fire Department offers this service at no charge.
- **Station Tours – The Fire Department** provides station tours throughout the year. Come by and see how your Fire Department operates. A group/ party must schedule a tour. An individual or family can stop by any day of the week during normal business hours.
- **Blood Pressure Check-up – Are you wondering** what your blood pressure is? You can come to the station anytime to get your blood pressure checked. There is no charge for this service.

These are just a handful of services that your Fire Department provides beyond emergency response. If you have a question or problem and don't know what to do, you can always call the Northville Township Fire Department and we will be happy to assist you. If you would like more information on any of these services, please call the Northville Township Fire Department at (248) 348-5807, or you can stop by the station. We are located on Six Mile

road directly across the street from the high school.

CHARITY HOCKEY

Last week your Northville Township Firefighters and Police Officers joined forces to compete in a charity hockey tournament. The tournament was held in Windsor, Ontario on Jan. 28-29. The tournament was comprised of 28 teams representing numerous Fire and Police Departments throughout North America and Canada. There were five different divisions in the tournament. The Northville Fire/Police Hockey Team took second place in their division.

Game 1 Loss 5-1 against Ontario Provincial Police
Game 2 Win 4-2 against Livonia Police
Game 3 Tie 1-1 against Windsor police
Game 4 Win 4-0 against Canadian Customs

The team had fun competing against other teams, making friends, and raising money for charity. The hockey team would like to thank members from the Dearborn Police Department, Taylor Fire Department, Redford Fire Department, and Van Buren Police Department for participating in this event.

Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He started the Northville Fire/Police Hockey Team to help raise money for local charities. He can be contacted at jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us.

Slippery visitor shakes up party

BY ERIC D. LAWRENCE
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Justin Moy's 14th birthday party included a surprise he won't soon forget.

A snake interrupted the pool party the Northville boy and six of his friends were having at the Fairfield Inn near I-275 and 6 Mile in Livonia on Saturday evening.

One of Justin's friends bent down to pick up what he thought was a rubber snake on the side of the indoor pool, and it hissed at him.

As the boys scrambled out of the pool area, the 18-inch black or dark-green snake slithered into the water.

"I was like, 'Oh my God,' " Justin said as he and his friends went to get help.

Justin's father, Will Moy, said he was unhappy with what he thought was a cavalier response from the staff, who told him the snake had been spotted at least twice before.

"If they knew there was a snake in there, they should have told the guests," he said. Neither the hotel manager nor officials

at Fairfield's corporate parent, Marriott, returned several calls for comment.

Carol Austerberry, acting environmental health director for the Wayne County Health Department, said the pool was deemed safe in an annual health department inspection Friday – the day before the incident.

She confirmed Tuesday that a snake was found at the hotel, but was unclear what kind or how it got there. Hotel staff took it outside, so the matter is closed, she said.

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Shades of Blue group to bring Motown Madness to Marquis

Show to open with Michael Jackson tribute

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville will be hoppin' with the sounds of the 1950s and 1960s when the group The Shades of Blue present March Motown Madness at the Marquis Theatre.

The event will take place at 8 p.m. March 12 at the theatre at 125 East Main Street.

The legendary recording artists and their six-piece orchestra will take the audience back in time as they perform Motown, doo-wop and rock 'n' roll hits from this era.

The Shades of Blue are known worldwide for their 1966 blockbuster hit, "Oh How Happy." Members include Andy Alonzo, Donald ReVels, Carlos Valverde and Stuart Avig.

Avig's son, Scotty, manager of the group since 2003, performs a special tribute to the late Michael Jackson at the beginning of the show.

Ticket cost is \$15 per person and are available at the Marquis Theatre only in advance or at the door.



The Shades of Blue, from left: Stuart Avig, Donald ReVels, Andy Alonzo and Carlos Valverde, will perform March 12 at the Marquis Theatre.

PERFORMING FOR HALF A CENTURY

With various different singers over the years, The Shades of Blue have been a part of Americana.

"They've been performing for almost 50 years," said Scotty Avig.

"My dad was the first white vocalist ever signed at Motown Records back in 1959.

"All of the group's members now are in their late 60s, but they still enjoy performing all over the country — 30-40 dates a year."

In December, they performed at the Dearborn Center for the Performing Arts. In November, they were at the New Jersey Center for the Performing Arts. They've also hit the stage at Carnival cruises, fairs and festivals.

The Shades do a lot of multi-acts, meaning they perform with several other oldies acts, such as The Contours, The Beaumonts, The Drifters, The Teenagers or Dion, at one event.

The Shades have performed several times at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant and love coming to Northville.

"We're familiar with the Northville

MOTOWN MADNESS TICKET DETAILS

Tickets for Motown Madness, 8 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, cost \$15 and are available at the theatre only either in advance or at the door. For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110.

area, and we wanted to come back," Avig said. "People who enjoy our sound are really excited about us returning. They were a great crowd when we performed at Genitti's, so we figured, 'Let's go back,' and the Marquis Theatre is a beautiful place."

EACH GET THEIR CHANCE

Avig said each member of The Shades take their turn on lead vocals, so all have an opportunity to share their special style of singing.

"There's a lot of choreography that goes along with each performance as well," Avig said. "They really do a nice job. For older gentlemen, they move quite well."

The show will open with Avig doing



The Shades of Blue: top left, Donald Revels; bottom left, Andy Alonzo; top right, Carlos Valverde; and bottom right Stuart Avig, outside Hitsville U.S.A., the birthplace of the Motown sound, in Detroit.

the Jackson tribute in full costume. He's been doing the tribute for eight years.

Avig said he actually had several tickets to go see "This Is It," in London, Michael Jackson's comeback concert tour that never happened due to his untimely death.

Instead of flying to London, Avig attended Jackson's funeral in Los Angeles.

"It was a bittersweet experience," Avig said. "I've been a big fan of his since I was 5 or 6 years old. To me, he was by far the greatest entertainer on earth. On stage, there was nobody like

him."

He mentioned that The Jackson Five also recorded a version of "Oh How Happy" in 1970.

ORCHESTRA IS IN DEMAND

The Shades' orchestra has played with The Contours and is the major backup band for oldies groups across the nation.

"They're probably one of the most requested backup bands in the nation," Avig said. "It's hard to get them, because they're always working."

The Shades selected the Marquis

Theatre for Motown Madness because Genitti's only holds around 150 people, but the Marquis can accommodate about 400.

"We were sold out all the time when we played at Genitti's, so we thought we'd book a little large venue this time," Avig said. "We wanted to bring more people to the show. Whether we attract 100 people or 400, we're going to have some fun."

For more information, go to www.theShadesofBlueOnline.com or contact Avig at (248) 921-7000.

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U of M students to study former psychiatric hospital property

Six to review site in urban planning class

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Six University of Michigan urban planning students are making a class project out of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property.

A group of students toured the land Jan. 9 as one of several sites in Southeast Michigan they could select for the project.

Larissa Larsen is the professor, and Paul Cosco, RLA, of Northville, is a doctoral candidate in Urban and Regional Planning at U of M serving as the teaching assistant.

"It is the beginning of the semester, and the students are just beginning to learn about the site," Cosco said. The students who select this project will have to make several additional trips to the site to assess it in closer detail.

FIRST SITE VISIT

The two instructors, teaching assistant, and the students visited the site and met Jennifer Frey, Northville Township director of community development, for the tour.

"The site visit is important because in any planning effort it is critical to get a sense of the project, such as the scale of the existing buildings, the topography and natural features of the site and the site's relationship to the surrounding properties," Cosco said.

"We spent about a half hour



A group of urban planning students from the University of Michigan toured the former state psychiatric hospital property on Jan. 9. Six students will be working for the township as a class project this winter.

on site, part of the time on a University of Michigan bus and part of the time on foot to allow the students a chance to take pictures, notes and get a feel of the site."

The walking tour kept the students on the main drive on the grounds, which encircles the site. Once back in the bus, they left the site and Northville Township via downtown Northville to give the students a sense of distance to the city.

They also drove by Hines Park, township hall and the high school.

COURSE TITLE

The title of the class is called "Urban Planning 505: The Fundamentals of Planning Practice." All masters of urban planning students are required to take the course.

The main purpose of the class is to introduce students

to the planning process and to give them experience in going through this process by developing a plan for a real-life client, in this case Northville Township.

The site visit on Jan. 9 was just an initial visit. The group of six students chosen to work on the project were selected based on their skill set and their desire to work on the project.

"They will visit the site several more times during the course of the semester to try to better understand the context of the site and how it currently fits with surrounding uses and natural features," Cosco said.

"They will work closely with their client to produce a final plan and set of recommendations for the site at the end of the semester in late April."

"This is an exciting opportunity for students," Larsen said. "This is an important site for Northville Township, and

we're excited to hear how the Steering Committee, township staff and residents' envision it as a future amenity for the community."

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The main purpose of the class is to introduce students to the planning process and give them experience in going through this process by developing a plan for an actual client. During the semester, teams of students will develop plans in response to requests for proposals from Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development and Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision in one section and organizations in the city of Flint and Northville Township's Planning Department in the second section.

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Suicide awareness event

Students from the Northville High School Class of 2011 will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser for SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education) from 5-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 4 at the school cafeteria. The event is open to the public and is inspired by the parents of an NHS student who was recently a victim of suicide. SAVE is a national organization that provides counseling to students who are depressed and possibly suicidal. Tickets at \$10 are available through tomorrow during lunch times (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) at the cafeteria. Tickets will also be available at the door. The meal will include spaghetti, French bread, salad and bottled water. The event may include a bake sale. For more information, call Cheri Slater, teacher and junior class advisor, at (248) 344-8420, ext. 334.

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

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

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

Stop in and take a moment to browse the images being displayed in the Library by the fireplace and near the computers on the lower level. One can also visit the Picturing America website at www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov.

Salsa dancing slated

A Salsa Social will take place at the main level of Northville Square, 133 W. Main Street, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 12. Salsa lessons will be given during the first hour of the event, followed by dance time and an authentic Mexican meal. The event is presented by the Learning Shop, a new business at Northville Square, and Solid Grounds Coffee House in the square. Rafael Servin, a teacher at the Learning Shop in Northville Square, will be the salsa dancing instructor. Cost will be \$10 per person or \$8 with a student ID. Call the Learning Shop at (248) 818-5775.

Picturing America

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LOCAL OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Newspaper investment enhances local lives

For the last couple of years, as Michigan's economy continues to tank and businesses everywhere have struggled, we have covered the efforts of local retailers to get people to "shop local" in an effort to get our readers to spend their dollars to help local businesses get through and, hopefully, thrive in tough economic times.

It's not only our sincerest desire to help those most invested in our local community, it's at the heart of our credo to help our readers and our advertisers - our businesses - to prosper in the community in which they work and live.

For 140 years, the Record has been proud and honored to develop a relationship with this community we serve. We are the hometown newspaper of record for your successes, your good news and bad.

We understand times are tough. But times are tough in our industry, as well, and there's only one way to make sure your hometown paper is still around in another hundred years, and that's to invest in it, through your advertisements and your subscriptions.

It's our role to be the community watchdog, to keep an eye on the city council, township board and Board of Education you elect, to watch them as they protect you, serve you and spend your money. We've been there to chronicle your state championships, your academic achievements, your business successes. We're at your festivals and community events, meetings and games.

If you doubt we're your hometown newspaper, look around and count the other media bringing your good news to the community. Sure, other outlets show up for the internationally known ice festival or when a major crime is committed or the president visits.

But we're there at school board meetings, and church group gatherings. We publish births, weddings and anniversaries. We cover the ups and downs of our towns. Many of us live in our communities and are right there with you through it all.

We're at football games on Fridays in the fall, baseball games in the spring. We're at band concerts and school plays, spelling bees and festivals. We provide the things that end up on your refrigerator, hung there with a magnet for all to see. Our stories and photos end up in scrapbooks, preserved for posterity.

We use our editorial voice to shape the debate in our communities and, through our Letters to the Editor, provide readers with a voice of their own. In recent years, we've added a Web component (www.hometownlife.com) which not only updates your community on a daily basis, but provides yet another forum for discussion.

We've been privileged and proud to play this role in Northville for years. It's always been a mutually beneficial relationship - our stories and photos supply our readers with memories, and our pages are a proven advertising vehicle that drives customers into local businesses.

But here's a message that sometimes gets forgotten: We're a local business, too.

We depend on the support not only of our advertisers, but of our readers. Our papers have always been successful at carrying your advertising message, but the only way we can continue that success is if you continue to advertise with us. Likewise, we're happy and proud to provide the refrigerator and scrapbook-worthy stories of which memories are made. But we can't do that without a subscription base that keeps the engine running.

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Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?



I'll go with the Colts. You can't go against Peyton Manning.

Jason Pitts
Northville



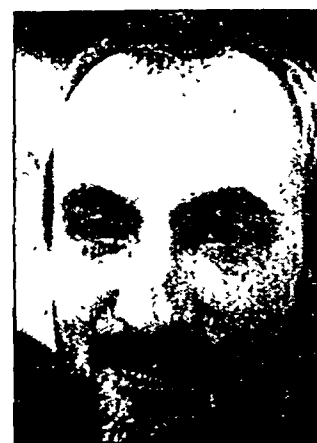
Now that Favre's out - that's the team I was going for - I think the Saints will win it. They've rebuilt and have come back, and I think they have a strong defense.

Robert Eaton
Northville



I have to go with the Colts. Peyton Manning was on my Fantasy Football team, and that's who I would pick.

Lizz Hill
Commerce Township



I'm going for the Colts. My buddy lives in Indianapolis.

Derek Gibbs
Westland

LETTERS

Questions for school district

I am the mother of four children currently enrolled in the Northville Public Schools. This year, at my ninth grade daughter's urging, I volunteered to participate in a new committee, the Advisory Council for the Academically Talented or ACAT. I am writing because I am concerned by the methods by which the committee was selected, the manner in which meetings have been planned and organized, and the content of the meetings. The microcosm of this committee has revealed, I believe, some essential problems facing the Northville schools.

First, not all parents who "applied" for the committee were accepted. Janice Henderson, who heads up the district's gifted programs, explained that there was limited space. It appears, however, that limiting committee members restricts input from parents at large. Second, no expense has been spared in organizing these meetings. An impressive and professional expert was brought in to run them, formal name placards were printed, colorful handouts produced, etc. Third, after two meetings

set months apart, the committee has not actually decided to do anything. No subcommittees have been formed, no courses of action agreed upon. We spent at least 20 minutes reviewing the philosophical and semantic differences in the words "dialogue and discussion." We were asked to put stickers on the items we felt were important. Is this how all meetings are run in the district? It appears that those running the ACAT meetings would like to see nothing come out of them. When it was suggested that the committee might want to study if the cost of our gifted programs makes a difference for those children in high school or college, the district staff was uniformly outraged. Do more kids who go through ALPS get accepted at their first choice college? Do more of them pass AP exams? If we do not know if our gifted programs have positive outcome, how can we continue?

Obviously, the district staff has a vested interest in ensuring that everything continues as it always has. Looking just to the "gifted" student programs, can we really afford to bus a handful of students to the high school for math or provide shuttles

to Amerman for the ALPS program? When my child, placed as an eighth grader advanced math after not qualifying for advanced math in sixth or seventh grades, can walk in and still do very well, what are they teaching in those sixth and seventh grade advanced classes? Is it worth it? Perhaps everyone should be allowed to take advanced courses if they choose? Why are certain facts, like the ability to place out of required courses with a simple test, kept from incoming high school students? Where are the counselors and what is their role?

I am concerned that the ACAT committee, and the current forums and surveys asking for "input" on the district's financial situation, are at best costly window dressing and at worst a smoke screen. If I ran my law practice or my household in this expensive, plodding manner, with constant hand-wringing and indecision, no briefs would be filed and dinner would never be cooked. Please, we need to move forward.

Kristina L. Dunne
Northville

The Mess, or the State of our State

COMMENTARY

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

— Henry Ford

Governor Granholm, a former Northville resident, delivered her final State of the State last night.



Tom Watkins

It is the above quote that we should hope the Governor, state House, state Senate, Republicans and Democrats adopt as they begin the last year in office for them and the majority of those, in their respective parties.

It is past time that our elected leaders solve Michigan's problems that have been neglected for too long.

The good news is the governor and Legislature closed out 2009 with two significant legislative victories: a state-wide smoking ban and significant education reform that could be worth \$400 million from the Obama administration. There was tremendous constituent pressure building to pass the smoking ban and the thought of being held responsible for losing potentially \$400 million of federal money for schools appeared to be the tipping point for the Legislature to pass education reforms that have been lingering in Lansing for a decade.

THE "GRAND BARGAIN"

Many Lansing observers doubt the distrust and dislike

between Governor Granholm, Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop and Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, mixed with election year politics, can or will be overcome to put the peoples' business ahead of the party or self interest.

It is not the priority of state Democratic and Republican parties to address the number one issue in this state, which is to create jobs and put people back to work. Their objective is to posture in ways that will tilt the upcoming election and political reapportionment in their direction. The jockeying and rivalry is already well underway and has nothing to do with solving the state's problems.

There is a fundamental clash of interests and values that can be soothed and managed for momentary victories but have yet to be managed to address the structural problems facing our state.

Unless the interests of either political party and egos change — and that's highly unlikely — the Michigan mess will continue.

Do our elected leaders see any value in doing nothing and allowing Michigan to implode? Will the innate fear of risk and change once again thwart progress?

COME TOGETHER

If there was ever a time for Republicans and Democrats to come together to address the problems hanging over our

state, this is it. The pain families are feeling is not partisan but very real.

We need the governor, Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature to act on an old Chinese proverb, "When you are in a common boat, you need to cross the river peacefully."

Yet, for the past seven years, rather than working together to cross the river peacefully, they have been rowing in circles and drilling holes in the bottom of the boat.

With the highest unemployment rate in the nation, hovering close to 15 percent, and people and job creators fleeing our state in droves, we need everyone to come together and understand we are truly in this boat together.

There are profound disagreements between the political philosophies of Democrats and Republicans and personal ambitions among the key players in Lansing. However, it is critical for the citizens of the state and our collective future for the warring parties to come together and put in place the reforms needed to reinvent Michigan and a 21st century tax system that allows us to be competitive on the world stage.

Perhaps the needs of the 10 million Michiganders clamoring for bold leadership and problem solving, or the political desire to create a legacy of leaving the state they were elected to lead in better shape than they found, will propel our leaders to come together, settle on a shared vision and common agenda and lead change. We will know meaningful reform

has been implemented when it equally ticks off the state Chamber and organized labor. We need action that addresses both the structural reforms and creates a tax structure that invests in education and job creation.

The elective class of 2010 has less than one year to fix the problems. If they don't, the people of Michigan may.

On the November ballot the state's voters will be asked whether they want a constitutional convention to be held. If a majority says yes, delegates will be elected to rewrite the Michigan State Constitution — at which time all the special interest sacred cows will be up for review.

The Chinese have a saying that comes to mind at the prospect of a wholesale re-write of the Michigan Constitution: "When you open the window, all the flies can come in."

Our elected leaders have one final chance to come together to address the Michigan mess. As we witnessed in the Massachusetts U.S. Senate race, hell has no furry like voters scorned.

Note: For those interested in supporting a yes vote on writing a Michigan State Constitution go to <http://energizemichigan.com>.

Tom Watkins of Northville is a business and educational consultant. He served the citizens of the state as superintendent of public instruction (2001-2005) and mental health director (1986-1990) and an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission 1980-1982. Write to him at tdwatkins@aol.com.

NORTHVILLE ETC.

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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

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

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyse

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxyse

11 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN BASKETBALL

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday

Location: Senior Community Center

Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1.

Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

PILATES CLASS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

BUNCO

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Time: 1 p.m. every Friday

Details: Cost is \$1.



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Soles for Souls

Dan Argonis, owner of downtown Northville's Goody Two Shoes is collecting shoes from customers, friends and locals to benefit the people of Haiti through the charity Soles for Souls. Argonis estimates that he's had about 200 pairs donated so far and he'll collect them until Feb. 15th at his East Main St. location.

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 for information regarding programs and library materials.

Internet Searching Shortcuts Class

Time/Date: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8

Details: This free, hands-on class teaches how to quickly find information on the Internet. Must be able to use a mouse. Call 248-349-3020 to register.

All About Craigslist

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10

Details: Learn how to set up a Craigslist account and how to search this popular site that features classifieds and forums. Call 248-349-3020 to register.

Effective Resumes

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11

Details: How to make your resume the one that stands out! Presented by Career Development Professional Martha Adamson. Call 248-349-3020 to register.

Teen Library Arcade Free Play

Time/Date: Noon - 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13

Details: Practice for our Tournament in March! Rock Band on XBOX 360 and Super Smash Brothers and Mario Kart on Wii. Call to register.

Love Valentine Crafts!

Time/Date: 4 - 5 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10

Details: Make a sparkly heart bookmark. Just drop in!

Drop In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 11

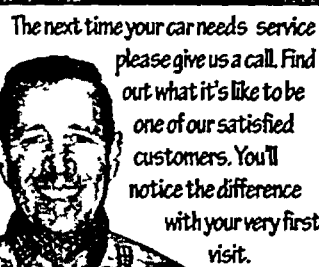
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers! All ages welcome! Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. No registration just drop in. This series runs for 6 weeks each Thursday at 10:15 am from January 20 - March 4.

Little Me Storytime

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 12

Details: Babies to two-year-olds, along with caregivers, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Just drop in.

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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit hollyfamily-novi.org

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m.

Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m.

Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

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

Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.

Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group

Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres-nville.org

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries

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Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m.

opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

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

First United Methodist of Northville

A Stephen Ministry church

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship

Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck

Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.

Healing Service

Time/Date: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

Radical Joy

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.

Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays

Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

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

Meadowbrook Congregational

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Having a Plan

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult education class

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Ash Wednesday potluck dinner

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Feb. 17

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays

9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

Wednesday Family Night

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club)

Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbis@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Advent Service

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Worship Services

Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday

Renew Life Ministries

Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.

Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

Charmed Influence

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".

Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Mothers Group

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19, 2010

Location: St. James Parish Hall A

Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings.

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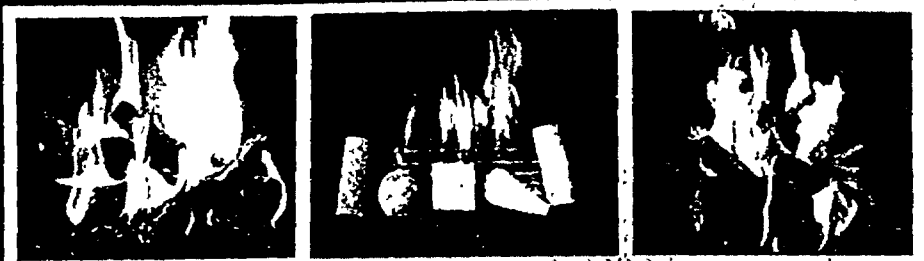
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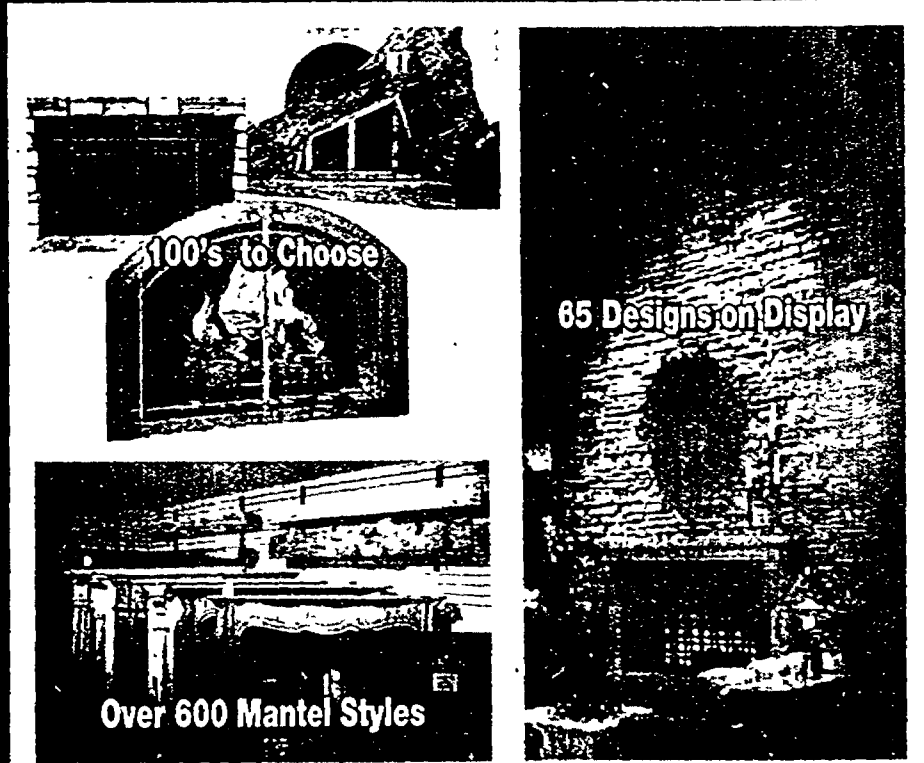


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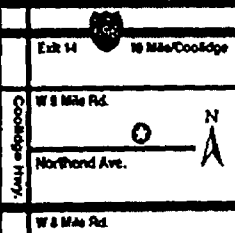
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LOCAL EVENTS

Gordon Michaels Scene Study/ Film Acting Class
Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 9-March 30
Location: Genitti's Theater 108 E. Main Street, Northville
Details: The Gordon Michaels scene study / film acting program is beneficial for those who have some experience or are new to the film business. Enrollment limited to 25 students; minimum age 17. Cost is \$395.
Contact: Moviebizmich@gmail.com or call: (248) 262-6805

Northville Genealogical Society meeting
Time/Date: 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14
Location: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady
Details: A roundtable on Land Records and Maps a program on Sharing with Non-Genealogists.
Contact: Grace Wilfong at (248) 349-9079

Guitarist Roy Scoutz
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday
Location: Tiramì Su, 146 Centermain Street, Northville
Contact: (248) 735-0101

Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting MEETING
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8
Location: Northville Art House,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Smile!

Dr. William Demray, and several members of the Preservation Dental staff will volunteer their services to "Give Kids A Smile" on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010 at UDM School of Dentistry (University of Detroit Mercy, 2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Detroit). The event is an annual one-day initiative to provide free dental screenings and treatment to underserved children, 4-16 years of age. "Give Kids A Smile" is just one of many activities observed as part of National Children's Dental Health Month. National Children's Dental Health Month is celebrated nationwide throughout February. The focus is to raise awareness about the importance of oral health.

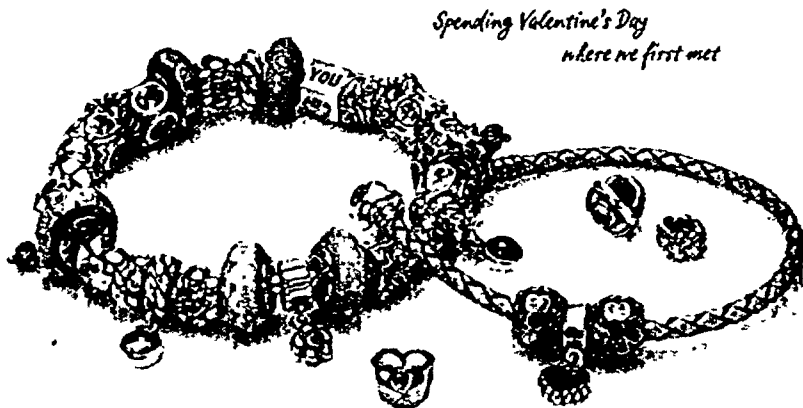
215 W. Cady Street
Details: Social time and garden lecture - Posture & Posies, with guest speaker Renee Cottrell. The public is welcome.
Contact: gardenersnorthville-novi.org or Renee (248) 231-2334

Tour of Hope
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Feb. 12; 5:30 p.m. March 17; 9 a.m. April 22; 9 a.m. May 20
Location: 315 Griswold, Northville
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough.

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

Early Learning Series
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m.
Location: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street
Details: Information series for parents with children ages birth to 5 years returns with Nora Thompson, educational consultant, presenting Considering the Importance of Children's Experiences in the World Outside; Jan. 19 - Practical Strategies for Talking with Young Children; and March 16 - What Comes Next? A Dialogue About School Readiness. Free child care for children 33 months and toilet trained (preregister).
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Senate panel approves taxpayer-friendly bill

Taxpayer-friendly legislation that I sponsored to help promote recycling and reuse of heavy equipment parts was approved by the Senate Finance Committee and took the first step toward passage on the Senate floor.

My bill, SB 883, would amend the state Sales and Use Tax to address the issue of the tax that is paid on a core charge that is attributed to a recycling fee, deposit or disposal fee for a component, part, or battery for heavy earthmoving equipment.

Currently when a rebuilt part is purchased for repairing heavy equipment, a higher fee called a core charge is applied to encourage returning the worn out part, and sales tax is charged on the fee. However, when the old part is returned so is the fee, but not the sales tax on the fee. Senate Bill 883 fixes this problem by giving a credit on the amount of the

sales tax. This solution is similar to what a number of states already do. The measure would encourage the purchase of rebuilt parts and complete the cycle by giving a credit for the amount of sales tax paid on the recycling fee.

This is about green jobs. Recycling heavy equipment components for reuse protects our environment and employs hundreds of Michigan workers.

Job providers, like Michigan CAT based in Novi, rebuild machinery parts used statewide to build our roads, homes and businesses. This legislation will help the construction industry save time, money and jobs in an extremely difficult economic climate. Senate Bill 883 helps support Michigan-based job providers, protect our environment and reduce delays that are ultimately paid for by taxpayers.

Michigan CAT Chief Financial Officer Mark MacGuidwin testified in support of my legislation when it was taken up in the Senate Finance Committee earlier this month. This legislation has no direct benefit for Michigan CAT but would reduce costs for their customers. Michigan CAT is an example of the hometown job pro-

viders I have been fighting for in the Senate. The company has been headquartered in Novi for more than 66 years and now employs more than 500 people statewide.

Senate Republicans announce significant reforms

Along with my colleagues, I hear weekly from constituents that government spending is out-of-control. Michigan job providers and families have been tightening their belts and adjusting their budgets for years. The state must follow their lead.

As a result Senate Republicans and I unveiled 10 major reform initiatives that could result in more than \$2 billion in savings.

The 10 initiatives cover six key reform areas for an estimated total savings of \$2.24 - 2.6 billion:

- Public employee health care (\$615 million in savings);
- Local police and fire (\$70-118 million);
- K-12 school spending (\$363-663 million);
- Medicaid spending (\$160-500 mil-

lion);

- Government efficiency (indeterminate); and
- Public employee compensation (\$1.2 billion).

Over the next several weeks, the Senate Reforms and Restructuring Committee will hold hearings on these proposals. Some will require a constitutional amendment to be approved by Michigan voters before being implemented. However, other reforms could become law if agreed to by a majority in the State House and Senate and signed by the Governor.

We cannot afford to continue to kick the state's spending problems further down the road. These reforms are sorely needed and an important next step to spur job creation in Michigan, but we can do more and I intend to announce additional proposals in the near future. The goal is to maximize reforms and once again make our state a place job providers want to locate and grow.

I remain committed to streamlining state government, curbing excess spending and creating a business-friendly environment in Michigan because it is critical to putting people back to work.

More information on the Senate Republican reforms will be available

on the caucus Web site at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/reforms.


Governor's State of the State address on Feb. 3

Legislators anticipate hearing Gov. Jennifer Granholm lay out her plans when she delivers her final State of the State address on Wednesday, Feb. 3 beginning at 7 p.m. The address is given every year by the governor to a joint session of the House and Senate to outline her agenda for the year. She will submit her budget recommendation to the Legislature a week later.

We all know that Michigan job providers and families are struggling. Instead of increasing their tax burden, I hope the governor will release the 2010/2011 budget through reforms and restructuring - not by raising taxes.

Nancy Cassis is the state senator for Oakland County's 15th District: Commerce Twp, Highland Twp, Holly Twp, Lyon Twp, Milford Twp, Northville city (part), Novi city, Novi Twp, Orchard Lake city, Rose Twp, South Lyon city, Walled Lake city, West Bloomfield Twp, White Lake Twp and Wixom city. Visit www.SenatorNancyCassis.com for the latest information and updates on issues in Lansing, or contact her toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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Justin Abdelkader visited the Northville High School hockey team last week.

Mustangs bounce back with wins

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs hockey team has taken enough heat from their critics. Sure, they were ranked high in the state at the beginning of the year and, sure, they haven't been able to live up to those expectations.

The Mustangs are done listening to the criticism, however. They know that at the end of the day, it's all about improving and getting their skates under them by the post season. That's when winning and losing really counts.

Northville showed marked improvement last week, earning two big wins and taking a tough loss. The squad topped Livonia Franklin, 8-4, and edged a

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs hockey team is scheduled to be back on the ice tomorrow when they host Roosevelt High School at 6 p.m. The Battle of the Baseline will take place against Novi High School at 6:30 p.m. Monday and the Mustangs will then participate in the Showcase Invitational in Trenton a week from today.

very tough Plymouth Salem team, 3-2. They took a 2-0 loss to Plymouth, however, in an exhausting match.

"The Northville defense and goalenders put together two solid games," noted coach Jeff Hatley. "We are improving on

our back end. The guys are making good first passes coming out of our zone and that is really helping our breakout."

Northville redefined breakout against Franklin, beating their foes, 8-4. The game started off like it was going to be a great contest, ending 1-1 after the first period with Tyler Marotta snagging the first goal of the game and giving Northville a 1-0 lead on a power play. Cole Brown and Matt Giordano earned assists.

After tying the game on a power play of their own to end the first period, Franklin took a 2-1 lead early in the second period.

It looked like Northville was going to

Please see **HOCKEY, B2**

Mustangs earn two big victories

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team evened up their season last week with two big wins, bringing their record to 6-6 overall.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith, earned a 69-30 win over the Wayne Zebras and collected a 52-38 win over the Livonia Stevenson Spartans.

"We concentrated on doing a better job of rebounding after Salem and our girls responded tonight," Gudith said of the Wayne contest. "That's something they should get credit for because earlier in the year when we had an awful night from the foul line, they came in and worked on it. Since then, we've been much better. That's how you improve, take the skill that needs work and make it better."

Northville jumped to a 22-8 lead over Wayne in the first quarter and didn't look back. By the end of the first half, the score was solidly in their favor, 39-12.

"We were most pleased with the number of assists and rebounds rather than the score," said Gudith. "It shows that we are finding the open player and we're being aggressive to get the ball back."

Northville was led by sophomore Alex Moynes, who poured in 20 points and tied the school record of 10 field goals in a single contest. She also had 10 rebounds for her first double-double of the season.

Junior Katie Giacomini added 10 points and senior Tori Wright added seven.

Northville had a team record 57 rebounds in the game, including 27 on the offensive side of the ball. Senior Julia Ramey had 11 to lead her team.

The team assist leader was sophomore Mallory Weber,

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team is scheduled to be back in action when they visit the Novi Wildcats in a rematch of a game they lost earlier this season. Tip off is at 7 p.m. The team will then play Tuesday at 7 p.m. when they visit the South Lyon East Cougars.

who had eight, while Wright added seven and sophomore Meredith Williams had six.

Northville kept their winning ways heading into Livonia Stevenson last week, topping the Spartans, 52-38 in divisional play. The win avenged an earlier season loss to Stevenson.

Northville took a lead in the first quarter, 13-10, but came alive in the second stanza as they poured in 17 points to the Spartans' nine to extend their lead to 30-19 heading into the locker room.

The third quarter found Livonia cutting the Mustang lead to 36-30, but Northville turned in an outstanding final quarter to seal the victory.

"We did a much better job defensively tonight," said Gudith, comparing the performance to the first time the teams met three weeks ago. "We made Stevenson work for every score."

Northville's defense shined against Molly Knoph, a Stevenson guard who scored 23 points three weeks ago against them. This time, Knoph was allowed just one point.

Leading the way for Northville were seniors Wright and Ramey, who had 10 points each in the victory.

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

Northville's Sakorafis leads tough All-Area golf pack

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Northville golfer Stephanie Sakorafis could almost always be found near the top of whatever leaderboard she was involved with.

The junior Mustang shot her way into earning the 2009 All-Area Golfer of the Year honor.

Sakorafis was medalist or tied for medalist in five of Northville's eight matches. She fired an 80 to finish second at the KLAA Conference tournament and shot an 83 at regionals to place third and help Northville move onto states.

Sakorafis finished the year with a 20th-place finish at the two-day State Finals.

She averaged 42.3 for nine holes and 88.8 for 18.

"A standout performer all year," said coach Mary Jane Ossola. "She led our team in stroke avg for both nine and 18 holes and was our team MVP."

"She's a very determined, competitive and talented

young lady who I think will have an even better year in her senior season. She will be one of our captains."

Sakorafis helped lead the Mustangs to a divisional and conference title before a sixth-place team finish at states.

FIRST TEAM

Brianna Roberts

Northville

Another junior for the Mustangs who put together a strong season. She was second at the regional meet with an 83 and won three medalist honors throughout the year. Roberts earned All-Conference honors with a sixth-place finish. She averaged 42.8 for nine and 89.7 for 18 holes, second on the team in both categories.

"This was her third year on varsity and each year she has been a major contributor to the success of our team," said Ossola. "She's a very talented golfer with a wonderful gift to

ALL-AREA GOLF

Golfer of the Year

Stephanie Sakorafis, Northville junior

First Team

Brianna Roberts, Northville junior

Theresa Damico, Lakeland senior

Emily Vergin, Milford junior

Danielle Godair, South Lyon junior

Megan Henry, Novi junior

Honorable Mention

Lakeland - senior Sydney Nestor

Milford - junior Sydnie Seelye, senior Lauren Gordon

South Lyon - senior Brittany Snively, senior Alex Drew, junior Natalie

Zagurioli, freshman Lizzy Higgins

Northville - freshman Camilla Zhao, junior Jackie Kjolhede

Novi - senior Stephanie Hrit

forget bad holes and recover and come through for a good round."

Theresa Damico

Lakeland

The Lakeland senior received All-State Honorable Mention honors after averaging 42 for nine holes and 86 for 18. She broke 80 three

times throughout the season.

"She's very consistent. She not a really long ball hitter. She keeps the ball in play," said coach Tom Milkovich. "She just didn't make that many mistakes. She putted under two-putts per hole for the season."

"I would put Theresa in my top-three golfers all-time, easily."

Damico will continue her career at Olivet College.

Emily Vergin

Milford

The Mayerick junior was the team MVP. She finished in the top 10 four times in the team's six tournaments and earned All-Lakes Conference honors. She averaged 43.9 for nine holes and 88 for 18.

"She has a good, all-around game," said coach Jim Sander. "She plays within her limits pretty well. She's a smart golfer."

Danielle Godair

South Lyon

The Lion junior helped the Lions reach the State Finals for the first time in school history, earning an 11th-place finish as a team. Her highlights included finishing third at the league meet, shooting a 76 at the Oakland County meet and finishing second as a team at Oakland County. Godair has led the Lions in scoring the

past two seasons and has been a starter for three years.

"If she gets to be a little better putter, she'll be as good as anyone in the state," said coach Dan Skatzka. "She has an uncanny to string together a bunch of good holes in a row. She was just real consistent all year. Everyone looked for her to lead and get the job done."

Megan Henry

Novi

The Wildcat junior played some of her best golf in big tournaments. She finished fourth at the KLAA Conference meet, eighth at regionals and team medalist 19 times, seven of which were match medalist. She averaged 88.6 for 18 holes.

"One of the best in our division," said coach Deb Harris. "She did well at a number of tournaments."

Note - South Lyon East did not respond to messages for the All-Area team.

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NORTHVILLE HIGH WRAPUP

Cheerleaders take first

Last Saturday, the Northville Mustangs competitive cheer team hosted the Fifth Annual Northville Competitive Cheer Invitational. For the first time in those five years, the team earned first-place victories at the freshman and varsity levels.

"This was a big win for us," said coach Mindy Getz. "Now we need to move on and get focused on the next three weeks as our season starts to wind down."

Northville's freshman team won their division with a score of 537.851 points, beating out the second place team by nearly 30 points.

The varsity team took first with a team total of 721.6528 points, beating out Troy Athens—the only team to ever win the competition prior to this season. There were 13 teams in the division.

Northville's first-round score was a 217.9, and the second round was a 221.0528. The third round was huge for the team as they turned in a 282.7.

"The team continues to make weekly improvement and we still have a lot of room to increase our scores as we progress into the post-season meets," Getz said. "We will be working on improving our performance by focusing on the details at this point. Our goal is to keep improving each week so that we can peak at the right time—hopefully securing a return trip to the MHSAA Regional Tournament this year."

Wrestlers second in Central Division

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team traveled to South Lyon East last week for a match against South Lyon East and Salem. The squad won both, earning a 60-19 victory over the Cougars of South Lyon and a 39-29 win over the Rocks.

The victories finished Northville's division record at a 4-1 mark, leaving them in second place in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division. South Lyon, which beat Northville by one point three weeks ago, is in first place.

Against Salem, Northville relied on the wrestling of Nick Mudar, a 171 pound wrestler, and Bob Lahiff, a 189 grappler, to put the match out of reach with big pins.

The match against South Lyon East was a lop-sided victory with the Cougars initially voiding eight of 14 weight classes. The Cougars then brought junior varsity wrestlers up to take on Northville and earned wins in the first three matches before

Northville took over and won with ease.

Double winners on the night were Mudar, Lahiff, Kyle Gutowski, George McClymont, Harry Eichholtz, Josh Wright and Justin Umin.

Girls bowling team continues to roll

The Northville girls bowling team took on two opponents and came away with two wins to stay in complete control of their division.

The squad earned wins over Plymouth and Novi, proving that there indeed is more than one way to skin a Wildcat.

Against the Plymouth Wildcats, the girls earned a solid contribution from all five members of the lineup. Leading the way was Brittney Browers, who turned in games of 188 and 191 to lead the team.

Against Novi, the girls walked away with the "Battle of the Pin" trophy, which allows the winning team to take home a coveted Baseline Bowling Pin and have bragging rights for the entire year. The girls were led by Marie Samson's 208, while Jessie Sammut shot a 182 and Browers recorded a 181 in the balanced attack.

Boys bowling falls short in two matches

The Northville boys bowling team was on the wrong end of two tough match-ups, falling to the Plymouth Wildcats and the Novi Wildcats last week.

Against Plymouth, the boys fell despite some strong individual efforts. Ian Lloydahl tossed a 248 game, a team high at this point in the season. Against Novi, the boys kept the game tight throughout and ended up falling in the final frame. Garrett Baughman shot a 216 in one of the games while Lovedahl turned in two 215 scores. Ryan Bennett rolled a 199 and a 195 in the losing effort.

JV Bowling

The junior varsity bowling teams had mixed results last week. The girls squad beat Plymouth and Novi and the boys team couldn't find a way to topple either.

Against Plymouth, the girls were led by Lauren Abil and Maggie Stevens, and the quickly-improving Sam Morin threw a fine 179 in the win. Against Novi, the girls followed the lead of Lisa Rice's 167 as well as the top-notch bowling of Sara Ramsey and Nicole Stoner.

The boys were led by John Johnson's 206 and Adam Zimmer's 205.

—Sam Eggleston



Undefeated

The Hillside Middle School boys basketball team finished their season undefeated, 10-0. Pictured are (back) Brandon Damour, Sean Conway, Chris Rinaldi, Zach Wilds, Angelo Zannis, Jimmy Fiscus, Anish Patel and Coach Jeff Schade; (front) Sean Cain, Joey Vanhouten, Joey Hewlett, Griffin Wasik, John Cooke, Nicky Stegmeyer, Andrew Stevens, Daniel Sims.

N'ville prep hockey finishes season with six-game unbeaten streak

The Northville Prep Broncos concluded the regular season 5-0-1 and finished with 16 points in Division 1 of the Great Lakes Prep Hockey League. Northville will try to build off their strong finish as they prepared for the playoffs. The Broncos finished in the middle of the pack for the regular season and will have to play well if they hope crack the final four of the round robin playoff tournament with Brighton, Howell and Novi as favorites to secure at least three of those spots.

NORTHVILLE 4, ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARYS 0

Northville battled Orchard Lake as both teams defenses were able to limit the opposing offense's opportunities early. The first period ended in a scoreless tie as Northville held a slight 6-5 shot advantage. Northville's defense clamped down further in the second period holding Orchard Lake without a shot on goal while putting 6 on net themselves, but the game remained scoreless.

The third period saw the momentum Northville built during the second period pay off as the Broncos scored 3 goals in the first 5 minutes of the period. Danny O'Malley got the first goal assisted by Chris Kubitsky. Then, Brian Makowski scored on a powerplay from Todd Goebel and Ken Kosinski. Ben Bloom was responsible for the third assisted by Zach Gearn. Northville kept up the pressure outshooting Orchard Lake 13-6 for the period resulting in a late insurance goal from O'Malley to complete the scoring making the final 4-0. Justin Stupar turned away all 11 shots faced to earn the shutout in net.

NORTHVILLE 5, TRAVERSE CITY 1

Northville hosted Traverse City for the first of two games over the weekend. Despite outshooting Traverse City 10-4 in the first, the Broncos found themselves in a scoreless tie at the end of the first. The game stayed scoreless much of the second period as well until Chris Kubitsky scored with 3:54 remaining in the second assisted by Danny O'Malley and Ken Kosinski. Northville took advantage of the lift provided and scored again just 8 seconds later as Jake Sobas took the ensuing faceoff and fed Tyler McMullin for Northville's second goal of the contest.

Traverse City was able to cut the lead to 2-1 in the third scoring on the powerplay, but Northville regained a two goal lead with a powerplay goal of their own scored by Zach Gearn assisted by Jake Sobas and Matt Evasic. The game remained 3-1 until Traverse City pulled their goalie and Ben Bloom scored on assists from Chris Kubitsky and goalie Jake Pawloski. Jake Sobas then took advantage of a deflated Traverse City team carrying the puck through the defense and beating the defense to make the final score 5-1.

NORTHVILLE 3, TRENTON 1

Northville avenged an early season loss to Trenton with a 3-1 victory on a Saturday night at Novi Ice Arena. Trenton scored first and took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission, but that would be their only goal of the game as Justin Stupar turned away each of the other 19 shots faced.

Ken Kosinski tied the game early in the second on a powerplay as he let a slap shot go from the middle of the ice just inside the blue line that got through heavy traffic to find the back of the net. Alec DeBrabander gave Northville a 2-1 advantage a few minutes later that stood up the remainder of the second period of play.

In the third period, Jake Sobas gave the Broncos a little breathing room scoring on assists from Ken Kosinski and goalie Justin Stupar. Northville's defense then clamped down holding Trenton to just four shots in the final period to preserve the 3-1 victory.

NORTHVILLE 4, TRAVERSE CITY 0

The second game of the weekend series started much like the first with a scoreless tie after the first period of play. Also, just as the first matchup, Northville took control in the second period jumping out to a lead that they would not relinquish. Ben Bloom started the scoring at the 13:35 mark on a Bronco powerplay redirecting a Ken Kosinski slapshot from the point. Jake Sobas scored just 25 seconds later when he took the feed from Matt Evasic and did the rest himself carrying the puck into the Traverse City zone and giving Northville a 2-0 lead. With the momentum clearly shifted in Northville's favor, Brian Makowski pushed the lead to 3-0 with assists from Joe Chase and Tyler McMullin at the 11:51 mark of the second period.

Northville added an insurance goal late in the third to push the score to what would eventually be the final 4-0. Jake Pawloski got the shutout in net for the Broncos, while Brian Makowski, Jake Sobas and Tyler McMullin led the team with 2 points each.

NORTHVILLE 6, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 5

Northville hosted Shamrock Prep at Devonaire on January 13th in a fast paced, back and forth game the ended with a Northville 6-5 victory. The Broncos started the scoring with an Andrew Carbone powerplay goal assisted by Tyler Harrigan and Ken Kosinski. CC got the equalizer a few minutes later, but Danny O'Malley put Northville back in front with a goal assisted by Zach Gearn. Jake Sobas finished the scoring for the period, scoring unassisted to push the lead to 3-1 at the end of the first.

The second period started the way the first finished, with a Sobas goal to give the Broncos a 4-1 lead. The Shamrocks responded quickly cutting the lead to 4-2 less than a minute later. CC then capitalized on a Northville penalty at the end of the second to make the game 4-3 heading into the final period of play.

The third period was back and forth with both teams generating scoring chances. CC was first to convert one of those chances into a goal to tie the game at 4. Then a few minutes later, the Shamrocks wrestled the lead from Northville to take a 5-4 lead with 8:33 remaining. Late CC penalties opened the door for Northville and the Broncos took advantage when Tyler Harrigan scored from Chris Kubitsky and Danny O'Malley with 1:27 left on the clock to tie the score at 5-5. Northville pounced on the ensuing faceoff putting pressure right back on the Shamrock defense and Tyler McMullin scored the game winner with 1:09 left on the clock. Justin Stupar got the win in net as Northville was able to hold CC the remainder of the way to secure the 6-5 victory.

NORTHVILLE 1, MIDLAND 1

Northville jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Tyler Harrigan took the feed from Jake Sobas and buried it in the back of the Midland net just under two minutes in to the contest. Despite the quick start, the Broncos lead remained 1-0 through the first and most of the second period as Jake Pawloski in Northville's net frustrated the Midland offense including stoning a couple of breakaway opportunities. A Northville penalty and a fortunate bounce on a loose puck would result in Midland's only marker for the day.

The Bronco defense led by Joe Ascuitto, Ken Kosinski, Joe Chase, Matt Zinkowski and Zach Gearn shut down Midland in the third period and the offense carried the play for most of the period, but were not able retake the lead and Northville finished the regular season with a 1-1 tie.

—By John Stevens

HOCKEY

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have its hands full against the Patriots. But, then again, looks can be deceiving. Northville instead went out and earned seven straight goals during an onslaught that spanned the second and third periods. Matt Rosiar tied the game in the second with assists from Brown and Mike Comben, and Brady Marotta earned the goal that put Northville up, 3-2, with assistance from Matt Despirit and Robbie Thornburg on the power play.

The Mustangs didn't look back from that point forward, scoring twice more in the second period off the sticks of Robbie Thornburg and Stephen Champagne. Mike Scorzo earned an assist on Thornburg's goal.

The onslaught continued in the third period with Comben taking assists from Thornburg and Marotta to go up 6-2 over Franklin before Brown and Marotta added a goal each to end the Northville score streak with an 8-2 advantage. Joe Close, Giordano, Despirit and Kyle Sargent all earned assists on the final two goals. Brown's tally was during a shorthanded situation for Northville.

Franklin added two more scores to end the game.

Northville had a little help from high places before heading into the game. Red Wings player Justin Abdelkader came to visit the team on Monday and handed out pointers to the Mustangs.

"The kids had fun and learned a lot," said Hatley, who also got defensive pointers from Red Wings assistant coach Bran McCrimmon prior to the season to help create a development plan for the team's defensemen. "It was a fantastic opportunity for our players. We really appreciate Justin taking the time to work with our players. He is a former high school hockey player himself (Muskegon Mona Shores), and we could tell he enjoyed it, too."

The winning feeling carried over to the next game for the Mustangs, who earned a 3-2 win over Salem.

Northville earned the first goal of the night in the first period off the stick of Thornburg with assists from Marotta and Sargent. Salem tied it up, shorthanded, not long after to head into the second period with a 1-1 knot.

Northville kept up the pressure, earning a 2-1 lead in the second stanza when Mike Maclean took a pass from Tyler Marotta during a power play and slammed it into the back of the net for the lead. Northville added a third tally in the opening minutes of the third quarter when Rosiar took assists from Close and Comben and scored for the 3-1 advantage.

Salem responded too little, too late with the final goal of the game in the third period.

Sean Bretz earned the win in the goal for Northville. Salem is in first place in the South Division of the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association.

The winning ways came to an end against Plymouth, 2-0, less than 24 hours after the game against Salem.

Plymouth broke a 0-0 tie in the third period and then added an empty net goal for the 2-0 final.

David Ketelhut took the loss for Northville, despite stopping 23 of 24 shots. Michael Justus for Plymouth stopped all 20 shots he faced.

"The boys responded well on less than 24 hours rest," noted Hatley. "Northville had several good chances around the Plymouth net, but could not finish."

Northville is now 7-10 on the season.

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

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SCHEDULE

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

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All games are at 7 p.m.

Fri 02/05 @ Northville

Tue 02/09 @ Livonia

Stevenson

Fri 02/12 @ South Lyon East

Girls Basketball

All games are at 7 p.m.

Fri 02/05 @ Northville

Tue 02/09 @ Livonia

Stevenson

Fri 02/12 @ South Lyon

Ice Hockey

Home games at Novi Ice Arena

Fri 02/05 8:30 p.m. @

Salem

Mon 02/08 6:30 p.m.

Northville

Fri 02/12 @ MIHL Showcase

Boys Swim and Dive

Thu 02/04 7 p.m. @ Livonia

Stevenson

Fri 02/05 @ Oakland

County Diving at Waterford Mott

Sat 02/06 @ Oakland

County at Waterford Mott

Thu 02/11 7 p.m. @ Walled

Lake Northern

Boys and Girls Bowling

All meets are at 3:30 p.m. unless

noted

Thu 02/04 @ Clarenceville

(Super Bowl)

Wed 02/10 @ Plymouth

(Westland Bowl)

Thu 02/11 @ Canton (Super

Bowl)

Competitive Cheer

Sat 02/06 9 a.m. @

Kensington Conference Tournament at

Franklin

Wrestling

Sat 02/06 @ KLA

Individual Championship

Wed 02/10 @ MHSAA Team

Districts

Boys and Girls Skiing

All meets are at 4 p.m.

Thu 02/04 @ Divisional

Championships

Mon 02/08 @ KLA

Championships

Thu 02/11 @ Regional

Championships

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Boys Basketball

All Games at 7 p.m.

Fri 02/05 Novi High School

Tue 02/09 South Lyon East H.S.

Fri 02/12 @ Salem High School

Girls Basketball

All games at 7 p.m.

Fri 02/05 @ Novi High School

Tue 02/09 @ South Lyon East H.S.

Fri 02/12 Salem High School

Boys and Girls Bowling

Thu 02/04 @ Salem Super Bowl 3:30

p.m.

Wed 02 @ Clarenceville Westland Bowl

3:30 p.m.

Thu 02/11 @ John Glenn Super Bowl

3:30 p.m.

Cheerleading

Sat 02/06 @ Conference Meet TBA

Sat 02/13 @ Association Meet TBA

Gymnastics

Thu 02/04 @ Salem High School 6:30

p.m.

Sat 02/06 @ Canton High School 9:30

a.m.

Tue 02/09 @ Livonia Churchill 6:30

p.m.

Boys Hockey

Fri 02/05 Roosevelt High School 6 p.m.

Mon 02/08 @ Novi High School 6:30

p.m.

Thu 02/11 @ Showcase Invite TBA

Fri 02/12 @ Showcase Invite TBA

Boys swimming and

diving

Thu 02/04 South Lyon East H.S. 6:30

p.m.

Thu 02/11 @ Brighton High School 6

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Fri 02/12 @ MISCA Meet TBA

Wrestling

Sat 02/06 @ KLA Association

Championships TBA

Wed 02/10 @ MHSAA Team Districts

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Fri 02/12 DeLaSalle

Hockey

Sat 02/06 DeLaSalle 7 p.m.

Fri 02/12 @ High School Showcase TBA

Wrestling

Wed 02/10 @ Team District TBA

Correction

The sports story in last week's edition about the Northville dance team failed to identify Kelsey Gaidica as a senior captain on the team. Instead, junior Meredith Njus was inadvertently named as a senior captain.



Free throw champs

The Northville Knights of Columbus council #14427 held its annual free throw contest recently. All winners will be eligible to compete in the district contest and (given they keep winning) go all the way to the national contest. Pictured (l to r, back row) are: Anna Mae Crowley, 12 years old; Chad Quick, 12; Ian Borthwick, 13; and David Bennett, 14; (front) Claudia Shawk, 11; Kiera Borthwick, 10; and Tommy Pierce, 11. Not shown is Joshua Gutowsky, 10.

Boys fall in back-to-back games

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

There wasn't much rhythm, but there were plenty of blues for the Northville boys basketball team last week.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, couldn't get their games going right in the first three quarters of either contest and found themselves losing to Wayne, 58-47, and Livonia Stevenson, 50-43.

Against Wayne, Northville ended up trailing 46-30 by the end of the third quarter. It was then that the team fired up and scored 17 points and held the Zebras to just 12. It was too little, too late, however.

"We were cold the entire night and did not find our rhythm until the fourth quarter," said Sander. "We started to get some stops, forced some turnovers and made some shots."

With four minutes left in the

ON TAP

The Northville boys basketball team will host Novi tomorrow at 7 p.m. before hosting South Lyon East Tuesday at the same time.

game, Northville cut the lead to seven points and moved in for another score. Makis Eatmon, a senior, made a strong post move and scored, but was whistled for an offensive foul and Wayne hit the free throws and didn't look back.

Tim Hasse led the team with 19 points, 12 of which came in the fourth quarter. Andrew Baldwin added 12 points in the loss.

Against Stevenson, Northville repeated their offense, coming out weak and not finding their feet until the final stanza. The team lost, 50-43.

Northville found themselves

trailing, 40-25, heading into the final quarter. There, they fired up and scored 18 points and held the Spartans to just 10.

Northville closed the gap with just under two minutes to play, cutting the lead to 47-43. Northville didn't score again, however.

"I was proud of the fight we displayed in both games," Sander said. "That is encouraging as we are nearing tournament time. We need to keep pressing forward."

Bryce Groshek finished with 13 points, six of which came in the fourth quarter. Hasse and Baldwin added 11 each with each scoring two three pointers in the final stanza. Eatmon added six points and seven rebounds in the losing effort.

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

Mustangs collect another triumph

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team has been having a very successful season, losing just one dual meet earlier this year to Farmington United.

The squad, coached by Erin McWatt, kept their winning ways rolling right along last week, beating Livonia Blue with a convincing 143.20-138.0 final.

"I'm very happy with the season thus far," McWatt said. "We have amazing leadership in our co-captains and four additional senior leaders. The girls motivate each other every single day, which I think is really important because they don't always need to get that positive feedback and constructive criticism from only the coach."

The Mustangs were led by Allison Kemp's 9.35 on vault and a career-high 9.6 on beam. McKenna Pohl turned in a 9.2 on both beam and bars and earned a first place finish on the floor with a 9.55. Michelle Steslicki also turned in a career high, earning an 8.9 with her floor routine.

McWatt noted Katy Stojkov and Erin Warwood also had

ON TAP

The Northville gymnastics team is slated to compete again today when they visit Salem at 6:30 p.m.

strong performances in what marked their first meet of the season.

"We are progressing well, but need to make some adjustments and improvements on the bars," said McWatt. "It's typically a weak even for us, but we have great depth and I'm expecting some athletes to really step it up for us on that event. We appear to be on the right path to peak at the key time."

The Mustangs also took a third-place finish at the Adrian Invitational last Saturday, scoring a team total of 128.8 behind Western High School's 135.8 and Adrian's 129.525.

Strong performances came from O'Brien, who scored an 8.7 for fourth on vault, and Cassidy Winter, who had an 8.0 for ninth on the bars. Katie Parks turned in a 6.85 on the beam, while Warwood had an 8.0 with her floor routine.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Hoop camp at Ward

The Detroit Piston's Youth Basketball Clinic returns to Ward Church in Northville on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Coach Steve Moreland will conduct this event for boys and girls grades kindergarten through seventh. Players will be divided by age groups. Each participant will receive free an authentic Piston's T-shirt and one ticket to a Piston's game. Discounted tickets for family or friends will be available for \$15 (regular \$40). Plus each family member attending a game will be invited to join Coach Steve at the

Palace of Auburn Hills down at courtside for the pre-game warm-ups. Parents be sure to bring your cameras to the game.

This event begins a 10 a.m. with the warm-up time followed by Coach Steve conducting the clinic from 10:30 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$15 per participant; cash only at the door.

To confirm your spot call the Piston's hot-line after 4 p.m. at (248) 377-8653. Leave your child's name, grade and phone number.

Ward Presbyterian Church is located at 40000 Six Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road, in Northville; (248) 374-5906.

Shamrocks grab two more wins

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team didn't let their tie two weeks ago have an impact on their game and they went on to earn two more wins to stay undefeated last week.

The squad earned wins over Grosse Pointe North, 3-1, and Port Huron Northern, 5-0!

Against Grosse Pointe North, the Shamrocks found themselves in the unfamiliar situation of being tied, 0-0 at the end of the first period before falling behind, 1-0, early in the second. The team, in its usual fashion, stayed calm and skated back to score three unanswered goals in the third period to secure the win.

Chris Waterstreet notched the first, taking the puck to the net on a power play at the 16:43 mark to tie the game, 1-1. Assistants were credited to Ryan Obuchowski and Jacob Downing. The Shamrocks tallied their second and, ultimately game-winning, goal just 20 seconds later when Eric Fragoso found the back of the net for the 2-1 lead. Nolan Gluchowski and Brad Wilhelm were given assists on the play.

The final score came at the 10 minute mark off the stick of Davey Middleton, who put Catholic Central up 3-1 with the assistance of Ryan Keller.

Catholic Central committed just two penalties in the game. Connor Pankow earned the win in goal for the Shamrocks.

Against Port Huron Northern, the Shamrocks had less trouble finding the net. The squad scored twice in each of the first two periods and once in the third for the 5-0 shutout victory over the Huskies.

Putting a score on the board first was Downing, who scored at the 12:58 mark in the first period to put his team up, 1-0, with assists from Fragoso and Brad Wilhelm.

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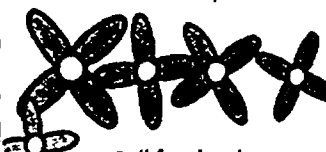
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6. How has the recent economy affected your business?

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7. Any advice for business owners?

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

This spring we will offer our third annual donation drive - residents and members of the community will be able bring their unwanted clothing, furniture and household items to Park Place of Northville to donate to local shelters.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Prime Studios plans party

Prime Studios, a new business located on the lower level of Northville Square at 133 W. Main Street, will have a Grand Opening from 6-10 p.m. on Feb. 10.

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Busch's launches new program

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Michigan retailers see better start to 2010

Michigan retailers' outlook for the 1st Quarter of 2010 rose to its highest level in three years, following a stronger December sales performance, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey. The survey is a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The entire holiday shopping season also was an improvement over the previous year, although a weaker November kept overall holiday gains in check.

"December lived up to our expectations and boosted retailers' outlook for the start of 2010," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "For the first time in several years, more retailers reported holiday gains than declines."

The Index survey of MRA members showed that 41 percent reported holiday sales increases from the previous year, while 17 percent reported no change and 39 percent reported declines. For 2008, 45 percent reported gains and 48 percent reported declines.

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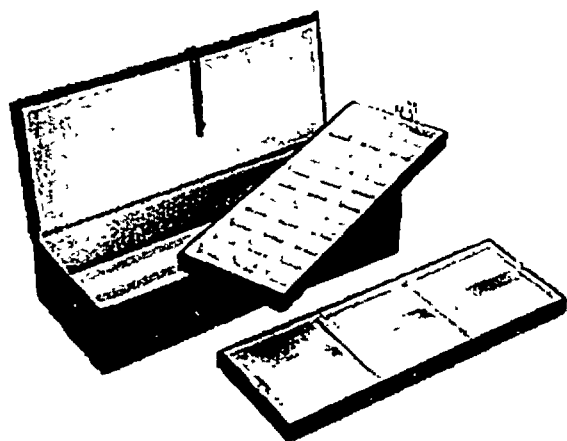
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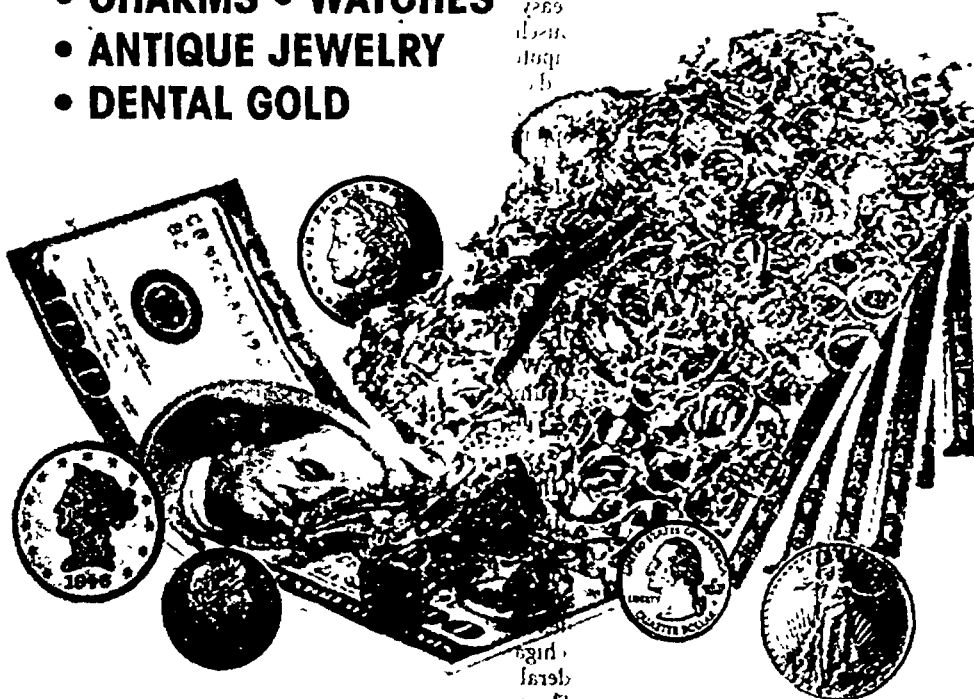
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CPAs Jacob R. Strecker & Gregory S. Sobczak offer high quality tax services and successful records in resolving tax controversies

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With the Internal Revenue Service increasing its standards for tax preparers this year, the chances of being audited are higher than ever.

Consulting with a tax professional that can prepare an accurate return is well versed in tax law and can resolve controversies as they arise is critical.

"Many people across the state and country have been faced with losing their jobs, retirement savings and homes," said Gregory S. Sobczak, CPA.

"The thought of preparing an accurate return or dealing with the IRS over an audit or collection matter compounds an already stressful situation. We provide taxpayers the representation they need throughout the entire tax process."

Sobczak, a former IRS agent and appeals officer of 21 years, has associated with Jacob R. Strecker, CPA, who has practiced in South Lyon since 1978.

The associates have more than 50 years of combined experience, clientele across the state and country and a high success rate in all tax matters. As CPAs, both Strecker and Sobczak renew their credentials every two years, follow a code of conduct and consistently continue their education.

"There's a good part of the tax industry that is part time," Strecker said. "They do tax returns January through April and may go through a round of training once a year, but you can't keep on top of tax issues that way. We keep on top of tax issues by working on them day to day year-round."

Unique specialties

Strecker and Sobczak each offer extensive experience and unique specialties that have allowed them to establish a rapport with clients including professional, small business owners, contractors and some celebrities.

Strecker is nationally recognized for his success in equine tax law, focusing on business owners who are involved with racing, breeding, training, boarding, selling and showing horses.

"South Lyon used to be the horse capital of Michigan," Strecker said. "A large portion of our business today is still related to horses. You won't find many people that are involved in

this specialty as we are."

Along with equine tax law, Strecker and Sobczak offer tax planning and tax preparation for individuals and businesses, as well as tax controversy resolution expertise. They have helped hundreds of individuals and businesses resolve or avoid many types of tax problems.

"A good gauge of any tax professional is how they handle tax controversies that occur after the returns are filed," Sobczak said. "Even well-prepared returns can result in audits. We can provide audit and appeals representation, settlement and collections negotiations and assistance with liens, levies and installment agreements."

Many people have found themselves in the unfortunate position of not filing for many years.

"We can assist them in getting

current in their filings and working with the IRS and state to resolve any taxes due," Sobczak said.

Perspective from the inside

Sobczak's previous experience as an IRS agent and appeals officer coupled with Strecker's renowned reputation and their vast knowledge of tax law allow the associates to represent clients with a high level of success.

"We frequently assist other tax professionals with issues their clients are facing," Strecker said. "Because of our knowledge of IRS policies and procedures, we are often asked to review IRS audit results and evaluate the hazards of challenging

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"The IRS has added service personnel which has led to an increase in audits and collection activity," Sobczak said. "We offer our clients a sense of confidence that comes with understanding how tax administration works."

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"Our clients work directly with us," Strecker said. "This allows for a better understanding of their tax needs and increases the likelihood of a successful outcome."



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(From left) Gregory S. Sobczak, CPA and Jacob R. Strecker, CPA offer professional representation on a complete range of tax services, including planning, preparation, controversy resolution and IRS policies and procedures.



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7 Jobs in Health Care That Require Moderate Training

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No job is guaranteed to last forever, but certain industries offer more hope for longevity, an especially attractive quality these days. The health-care industry employed 14 million workers in 2006, making it the largest sector in the nation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Its outlook is promising, with the potential to add 3 million new jobs between 2006 and 2016.

Many jobs in health care require an extensive education that combines formal schooling with on-the-job training. Naturally, you want surgeons to have several years of practice before they begin operating on patients. You might be surprised to learn how many jobs – none of which allow you to perform a transplant, thankfully – you can find in health care with a moderate amount of formal training.

Here are seven jobs in health care that offer plenty of on-the-job training or require less than a bachelor's degree. Not only do these jobs allow you to work in a thriving field, but you also have the satisfaction of helping someone's well-being.

Pharmacy technicians

What they do: Perform administrative tasks in pharmacies and assist pharmacists preparing medication for patients.

Training: No nationwide regulations for a pharmacy technician's education exist, so each state has its own guidelines. Certification and formal training are definitely positives for job seekers, but expect plenty of on-the-job training as well.

Salary: \$26,720

Medical transcriptionists

What they do: Transcribe audio recordings made by doctors and

other medical staff. The recordings are often of medical reports or notes that need to be formally documented.

Training: Transcriptionists can obtain certification, which helps employment opportunities. Depending on the employer, adequate course work or an associate degree in a relevant field can qualify you for a job.

Salary: \$31,250

Clinical laboratory technicians

What they do: Perform various tasks – ranging from collecting blood

samples to preparing tissue samples – in a clinical lab.

Training: An associate degree or certification is preferred by most employers, but expect plenty of on-the-job training as well.

Salary: \$34,270

Medical secretaries

What they do: Work with physicians and scientists to write articles, speeches, presentations and reports.

Training: Requirements vary, but all secretaries should have a strong

command of grammar and possess excellent communication skills. Knowledge of medical terminology, procedures and insurance practices also helps.

Salary: \$28,950

Medical records and health information technicians

What they do: Ensure that patient records are complete and accurate. They review medical charts and other documents that need to be on file regarding the patient's medical history.

Training: An associate degree is standard, although relevant health-care experience or status as a registered health information technician improves job opportunities.

Salary: \$29,290

Physical therapist aides

What they do: Prepare the physical therapy site for a patient's treatment and assist with other duties that a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant requests.

Training: On-site training is typical, though related education is helpful.

Salary: \$22,990

Personal and home care aides

What they do: Help patients live comfortably in their own homes or in a live-in facility that is not a hospital or institution. Their patients can range from elderly individuals to people with disabilities.

Training: On-the-job training is standard, although some states and employers require further education, which you can obtain from a vocational school or community college.

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Anthony Balderrama is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com. He researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.



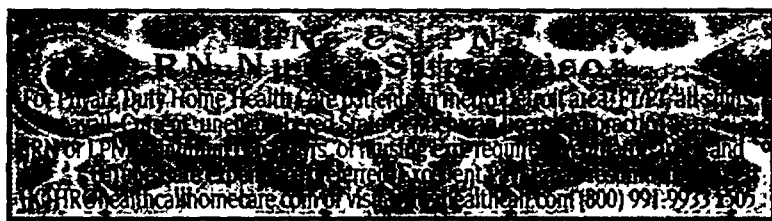
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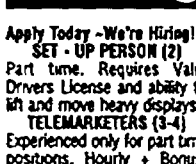
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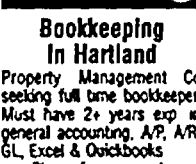
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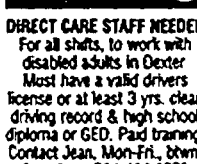
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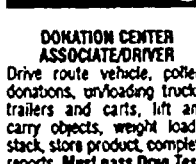
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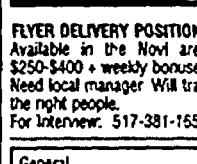
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REAL ESTATE

Building Industry Association honors leaders

Top industry professionals are being lauded this week by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. The honorees include:

HALL OF FAME

Janet and Jim Compo joined the Building Industry Association in 1970 after nearly winning the House of Nails contest at BIA's Builders Show. When they came to BIA offices for the drawing that would determine which of the three tied entries would win an all electric home near 13 Mile and Gratiot, they met Irvin Yackness and learned about the association. They were duly impressed and began what has now grown to a 40-year involvement in the organization.

They began their building business 50 years ago, in 1961, building several small commercial buildings and remodeling. They currently design and build one-of-a-kind custom homes as well as continue to remodel homes and buildings. During their 57-year marriage, they have created a family business that allows them to work with their sons and daughters-in-law. Their mission is to build the most energy efficient, green, beautiful homes with the finest possible design for the dollar. Their personal goals for the company are to build with "quality, great design and energy savings no matter what," said Janet emphatically.

Janet is the only woman to have served as president of BIA. Some of her other accomplishments include being named Builder of the Year, Remodeler of the Year, serving on the BIA Board of Directors for 20 years and as an MAHB area vice president for three years. She has served continually on both the MAHB and NAHB Boards.

Janet and Jim both consider their integral involvement in Victoria Park — the first Homearama event held in the City of Detroit — as one of their most rewarding accomplishments along with involvement in a number of Habitat for Humanity projects and fund-raising for Lighthouse of Oakland County.

"BIA has played a tremendous role in our success," said Jim. "We advise other builders to follow our lead and take advantage of all the available training. We have both earned our CAPS, CGB and CGR designations through BIA."

BUILDER OF THE YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH HONOREE

Building homes for over 100 families in the past 10 years is a major accomplishment for president and owner of Silverado Custom Homes Inc. Bob Tedesco.

Located in Rochester, the company is diversified and builds custom single-family homes, additions,



Bob Tedesco is Builder of the Year.



Brad Hinkson is Remodeler of the Year.



Janet and Jim Compo are Hall of Fame members for the BIA.

remodeling and light commercial. His business has been built on customer satisfaction. "Our clients are mostly by referral of happy homeowners who are thankful for the quality and attention to detail, as well as our personal service. They are confident in recommending us to their friends and family," Tedesco said.

The best advice he received came from his father who was also a builder, "Build every house to the expectations and standards you would demand for yourself." Tedesco practices this on a daily basis and requires his superintendent to do the same. This philosophy

has been vital in Silverado's ability to grow in today's economy.

He has been very pleased with the opportunities and support BIA has offered him. "BIA has been instrumental to my company's success," he said. "I have developed relationships with member architects, subcontractors and suppliers who share our same goals." Silverado regularly participates in the Parade of Homes. "The exposure is tremendous," he said. In November, Tedesco was contacted by *Luxury Home Quarterly* Magazine to profile Silverado Custom Homes in their spring 2010 issue. When he

asked them how they found his company they said, "Through the Building Industry of Southeastern Michigan."

Tedesco is active in giving back to the community. He is an annual contributor to the Detroit Zoo, Rochester Avon Recreation Authority and Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association Children's Benevolent Fund. He has made several donations and contributions to Habitat for Humanity and encourages his clients to donate windows, cabinets and fixtures, when remodeling homes. He enjoys playing the drums, fishing, scuba diving and spending time with his wife, Suzanne, and 6-year-old daughter Jacklyn.

REMODELER OF THE YEAR

Brad Hinkson is president and co-founder of Hinkson Construction Inc., located in Bloomfield Township. The company specializes in full service remodeling and an occasional custom home.

The company has been serving clients for 19 years with honesty and integrity, dedicated to helping them with all of their home maintenance and improvement needs, including anything from changing a light bulb to a whole house renovation. Hinkson Construction Inc. focuses on providing an outstanding client experience through daily communication, attention to detail and clean, organized job sites.

An accomplishment Brad Hinkson is grateful for is that the company has never sued or been sued; filed a lien or had a lien filed against them. To others involved in the construction industry, he advises, "Strive to do the right thing and if you make a mistake, make it right."

Brad is a Certified Remodeler (CR) of the National Association of The Remodeling Industry (NARI) and chair of BIA's NAHB Professional Remodelers Council. He remarked that several years ago, fellow BIA members and staff encouraged him to get involved with the council and since then, he has found it to be a great experience. "During my 17 years at BIA, many members have knowingly and unknowingly mentored me through their actions and by unselfishly sharing their experiences and their knowledge."

Brad and his wife, Sue, have been married for 27 years and have five children ranging in age from 15 to 25. He enjoys any outdoor activity and watching his daughters' basketball games. Brad also roots for University of Michigan football and Michigan State University basketball. He has volunteered his time with Jewish Family Services, Father Gabriel Richard High School Auction Committee, Bradley University Parent Board of Directors and the St. Mary Magdalen Construction Task Force.

Enforce bylaws, deed standards

Q: We live in a condo where we have a limit on the number of units that can be rented out. However, we have now got a situation where more than the prescribed number of units are being rented out, and one of our board officers wants to enforce the documents even though we have been lax in the past about doing so. I believe that we shouldn't go after these renters because the units are occupied. What do you think?

A: Notwithstanding the change in economic circumstances, I believe that the board still has an obligation to enforce the bylaws and other deed restrictions. If the board wishes to offer a proposed amendment to the co-owners to increase the number of units that can be rented, that is, as always,

a possibility. On the other hand, there is no real excuse for the board not enforcing the documents.

Q: I noted that one of your readers commented about the co-owner's inability in a condominium to see the books for financial improprieties. But how do you deal with embezzlement?

A: If the association is concerned about embezzlement, it would behoove it to have the books audited by a forensic auditor rather than a regular CPA auditor. A forensic auditor specifically looks for wrongdoings. In addition to looking for the conventional type of embezzlement schemes, their expert witness status would be helpful if precaution is needed. Thus looking at the association's books may not disclose money that has left the table via the banking community. For example, if checks are wrongfully endorsed or deposited in accounts not belonging to the association, it may never show up in the condominium books of that activity. Those types of embezzlements or honest errors are done in or corrected in the banking community. Any posting to the co-owner's accounts are usually correct on the association books. However, the funds may never make it to the association's bank accounts. Your auditor should be aware of this.

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 \$99.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 13-16, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a free 59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. The office is at 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

Plymouth Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer

knowledge, a strong work ethic, and an optimistic "can do" attitude.

Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, available training, company profit share, commission structures. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

Rental Property

A Beginners' Workshop for Rental Property Investors will be held three consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, four hours per day in Royal Oak. This event will provide a basic foundation that gives the beginning investor with the knowledge and confidence to make their initial investment and enhance their financial success.

Price: \$99 for three days. Presented by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland. To register, contact: www.REIAofOakland.com.

REIAofOakland.com; (800) 747-6742.

Does the thought of rehabbing make you think twice about buying a property?

Paul Esajian of the A & E TV New Haven Team of "Flip This House" will share what it takes to succeed in this or any market. He is an experienced project manager who specializes in personnel management and incentive based motivation for contractors. His company has purchased, rehabbed and wholesaled more than 180 properties in the last three years.

Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Feb. 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com).

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Mondays. To reserve a spot, contact Steve Leibhan, Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Seminar on Tuesdays

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

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

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Beverly Hills	15558 Buckingham Ave	\$148,000
	18233 Dunbar Ave	\$270,000
Blakham Farms	5265 S River Dr	\$155,000
	5400 Lefferts Ln	\$70,000
Farmington	20764 Farmington Rd	\$220,000
	31736 Foxstone Ct	\$127,000
	32070 Grand River Ave	\$52,000
	22808 Marzoni St	\$125,000
	33258 Slocum Dr	\$136,000
	22740 Violet St	\$149,000
Farmington Hills	27145 Arden Park Cir	\$150,000
	25300 Elizabeth Way	\$124,000
	30180 Fox Club Dr	\$270,000
	27476 Kalish Ct	\$260,000
	30690 Kowloon Dr	\$275,000
	38270 Lowell Dr	\$225,000
	35092 Meadow Ln	\$192,000
	31810 N Markham St	\$165,000
	28139 New Bedford Dr	\$275,000
	31935 W 14 Mile Rd	\$88,000
	27689 W Echo Vly	\$50,000
Franklin	27142 Gardenway Rd	\$225,000
Lake Orion	130 Burnham Ln	\$225,000
	3383 Chalice Rd	\$83,000
	2312 Hammerslea Rd	\$88,000

6568 Summit Ridge Ct	\$165,000
Commerce Township	
4919 Halberd St	\$108,000
5265 S River Dr	\$155,000
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5400 Lefferts Ln	\$70,000
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3172 Newton Ct	\$137,000
Milford	
1808 Hidden Valley Dr	\$385,000
1542 Millard Meadows Ct	\$230,000
1525 S Topco Lake Rd	\$146,000
Northville	
20824 E Glen Haven Cir	\$45,000
40360 Prestwick Ct	\$1,200,000
Novi	
43363 Ashbury Dr	\$218,000
21118 Chase Dr	\$353,000
22378 Chase Dr	\$259,000
26519 Glenwood Dr	\$455,000
44431 Midway Dr	\$330,000
23250 Mystic Forest Dr	\$343,000
24780 Updell Hill	\$196,000
21052 Wheaton Ln	\$373,000
45663 White Pines Dr	\$375,000
28291 Wolcott Dr	\$100,000
Oakland	
639 Elder Road	\$170,000
1784 Harvard Ct	\$158,000
861 Phillips Dr	\$160,000
Rochester	
1848 Flagstone Cir	\$94,000
1360 Sycamore Dr	\$13,000
Rochester Hills	
1223 Candlestick Ln	\$80,000
1122 Cove Ln	\$127,000
1636 Dancer Dr	\$120,000
820 Fieldstone Cir	\$200,000

3200 Gerald Ave	\$44,000
934 Golvew Ct	\$198,000
3580 John R Rd	\$173,000
1725 Kiburn Rd N	\$235,000
379 Mystic Vly	\$284,000
3255 S Adams Rd	\$63,000
2657 Tallahassee Dr	\$150,000
1902 Westridge Dr	\$380,000
South Lyon	
1230 Hackney Ct	\$242,000
112 Princeton Dr	\$172,000
24580 Wedgewood Dr	\$262,000
Southfield	
15564 Arbor Pl	\$60,000
29835 Brentwood St	\$95,000
27319 Marshall St	\$75,000
2114 Melrose St	\$98,000
17500 Nadara St	\$305,000
30580 Pierce St	\$95,000
28765 Tavistock Trl	\$150,000
Sylvan Lake	
2392 Garland St	\$90,000
Troy	
822 Drew Dr	\$305,000
3824 Edenderry Dr	\$226,000
2212 Milverton Dr	\$120,000
2671 Roundtree Dr	\$65,000
105 Vermont Dr	\$42,000
Walled Lake	
3105 Chesapeake Cir	\$115,000

Waterford	
2580 Bonta Dr	\$124,000
2232 Denby Dr	\$115,000
6853 Forestlawn Ct	\$122,000
2871 Lansing Dr	\$82,000
359 S Cass Lake Rd	\$68,000
West Bloomfield	
4280 Barclay Way	\$270,000
4321 Bunker Ave	\$85,000
7208 Creeks Bend Dr	\$135,000
7659 Danbury Cir	\$125,000
7600 Hemlock Dr	\$170,000
6975 Lake-on-Cir	\$330,000
2100 N Hammond Lake Rd	\$100,000
7032 Nottingham	\$88,000
4148 Old Dominion Dr	\$263,000
6936 Pebblecreek Woods Dr	\$118,000
6777 Stonehedge Ct	\$104,000
7478 Verona Dr	\$360,000
6613 Willow Rd	\$131,000
3154 Winchester Rd	\$168,000
White Lake	
1173 Fairview St	\$61,000
8374 Sequoia Ln	\$93,000
850 Sequoia Ln	\$95,000
934 Sloane Ct	\$130,000
505 Union Lake Rd	\$98,000
Wolverine Lake	
2170 Newport Ct	\$123,000

Canton	
1438 Colonnade Ct	\$373,000
44108 Duchess Dr	\$175,000
43741 Gatehouse Ct	\$183,000
799 Meadowlake Rd	\$113,000
620 Roosevelt St	\$203,000
4051 Sarah Ann Dr	\$90,000
47066 Southgate Ct	\$238,000
Garden City	
28504 Beechwood St	\$42,000
28453 Donnelly St	\$45,000
Livonia	
71022 Brookfield St	\$106,000
8996 Danzig St	\$15,000
9012 Farmington Rd	\$85,000
16704 Fitzgerald St	\$185,000
36537 Gardner St	\$165,000
33112 Grenada St	\$90,000
31080 Westfield St	\$98,000
Northville	
665 Potomac St	\$453,000
Plymouth	
13924 Burning Tree Ln	\$209,000
10454 Chestnut Ct	\$142,000
9235 Corinne St	\$62,000
703 Karmada St	\$50,000
647 Maple St	\$13,000
1796 Nantucket Rd	\$173,000
1799 S Sheldon Rd	\$30,000
Westland	
30854 Grandview Ave	\$80,000
34424 Marina Ct	\$180,000
34277 Parkmore Dr	\$150,000
27681 Trailbrooke Cir	\$56,000



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NORTHVILLE - Downtown \$350/mo. Office incl. internet service. Call 248-349-8680

SOUTH LYON - Law office. Wanted, Lawyer to share office and work load. Part time OK. 248-756-3939

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14 Denzel Washington film
19 Kansas city
20 - in cognita
21 Comfort
22 Middle-march author
23 Butcher shop buy
25 Modern Memphis
26 Numerical word form
27 Theater collection
28 Director Michael
30 Satyrical trail
32 Vin
33 Bond rating
35 Neapolitan song
38 Work over
39 Tamish
44 PBS broadcaster
45 Miss. Nick Charles
47 ABA member
48 Shipshape
50 Standard
52 Court cry
55 Start of a Nash verse
60 Maestro Arturo

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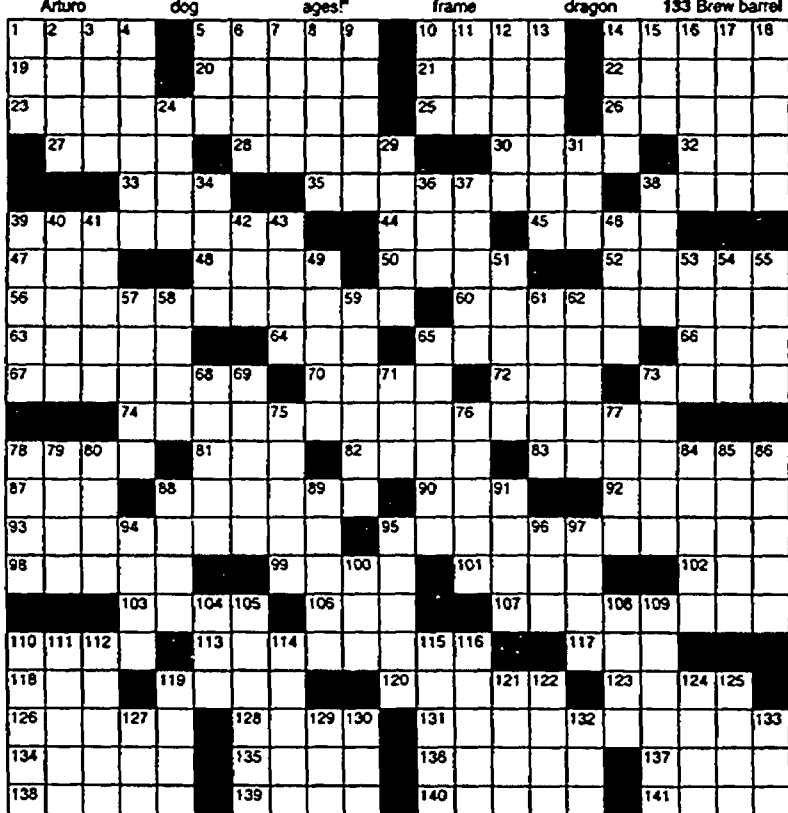
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64 To and -
65 Rang
66 Tapper
67 Rained and snowed
70 Kruger of "High Noon"
72 - vous plait
73 To boot
74 Bach
78 Hostage
81 New Deal agency
82 - May
83 Most enthusiastic
87 Diminutive suffix
88 Make
90 Say
92 Actress Zellweger
93 Connecticut
95 It's a guy thing
98 Perplexed
99 WWII site
101 Kenwood competitor
102 Glowing
103 No, to Nureyev
106 Asian soldier
107 Haphazard
110 Disney dog

ACROSS

113 George Peppard series
117 Korf or Sara
118 What a letter
119 Keeping
120 Give in to gravity
123 Walked
126 Diacritical mark
128 Author Ambler
131 Famed disc jockey
134 Irving's
135 - The
136 Hampshire rival
137 European country
138 High-tech missives
139 Expensive
140 Uses a trepan
141 TV's "Ding - Dong - School"

DOWN

1 Trm
2 Sampras strokes
3 Soap additive
4 Chicken
5 - been ages!
6 Simple Simon
7 Type of sch.
8 Thalia's sister
9 Albert and Victoria
10 Mile High Center architect
11 Boathouse item
12 Sacred song
13 Costume sparker
14 Kid
15 Castilian cry
16 Hedy herbore
17 Short messages
18 Stick 'em in your ear
19 Actor Morales
20 Singer
21 - Canals
22 Composer Thomas
23 One of? (revolver)
24 Holstein's home
25 Home's - of Caracas
26 Lucy's landlady
27 Marker
28 "Aladdin" frame
29 Grapfruit serving
30 Deck of destiny
31 Dewey
32 Picking herb
34 Baseball's Slaughter
35 Puerto -
37 City on the Allegheny
38 Reply to the Little Red Hen
39 One who no's best?
40 Smug smile
41 The Color Purple character
42 Kirsch kid
43 Sgt. Biko
44 Campus
45 Designer Lapidus
46 Bronte's - "Grey"
47 Tom, Dick, and Harry
48 Skater Cohen
49 Franco of "Carmelo"
50 Cougar
51 Glands
52 Gay
53 Big ngs
54 Choppers
55 Deal with a dragon
56 Newsboy's short
57 Karm or Kristoberson
58 Contradict
59 Harnessed the oxen
60 Bard of prey
61 Abbreviated address
62 100 Sodom
63 JFK abbr.
64 Fine fiber
65 Compassion
66 Moved like
67 116 Down
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LOX WERE IVIED USAGE
MARK TATER ACUMEN
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BELLBUTTON ARIID SHIP
AMID ONEUP GNOMES ESE
ROT ALARM ARISE HALL
SPORE SPOT ELGAR
RONA MOUTHWASH ROAM
LYRIC NEIL TEMPT
EDITH CITED COCOA FEW
NEO ECLAIR MOCHA POLE
DRNO RAGE POCKETBOOKS
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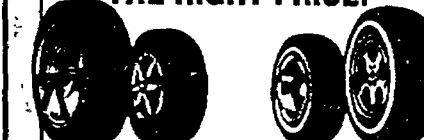
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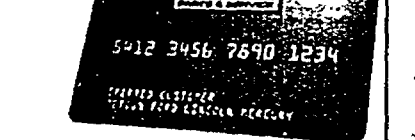


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