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ON THE RECORD

Life on the Vine

The First Presbyterian Church in Northville will host a two-day seminar, Life on the Vine: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit among Christian



Hunter

Men. Guest speaker will be Robert L. Hunter (Bob), a pastor, author, counselor and consultant with extensive experience in guiding congregations and leaders in their

faith journey. He is currently serving as director of Stewardship and Endowment at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

The seminar will begin with registration at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, followed by a steak dinner and Rev. Hunter. Feb. 27 starts with breakfast at 7:45 a.m. followed by a morning session and small group discussions; lunch at noon; an afternoon session; worship and adjournment at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the church (200 E. Main) at (248) 349-0911.

Preschool auction

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, will be hosting their annual auction event on Friday, March 5, at Genetti's Hole in the Wall, Northville. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. Tickets include a seven-course family-style dinner with dessert, silent auction, cash bar and murder mystery dinner theater. Go to www.academicpathwayspreschool.com for more information or call (734) 546-5246.

Alternative Health Fair

An alternative health fair will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street.

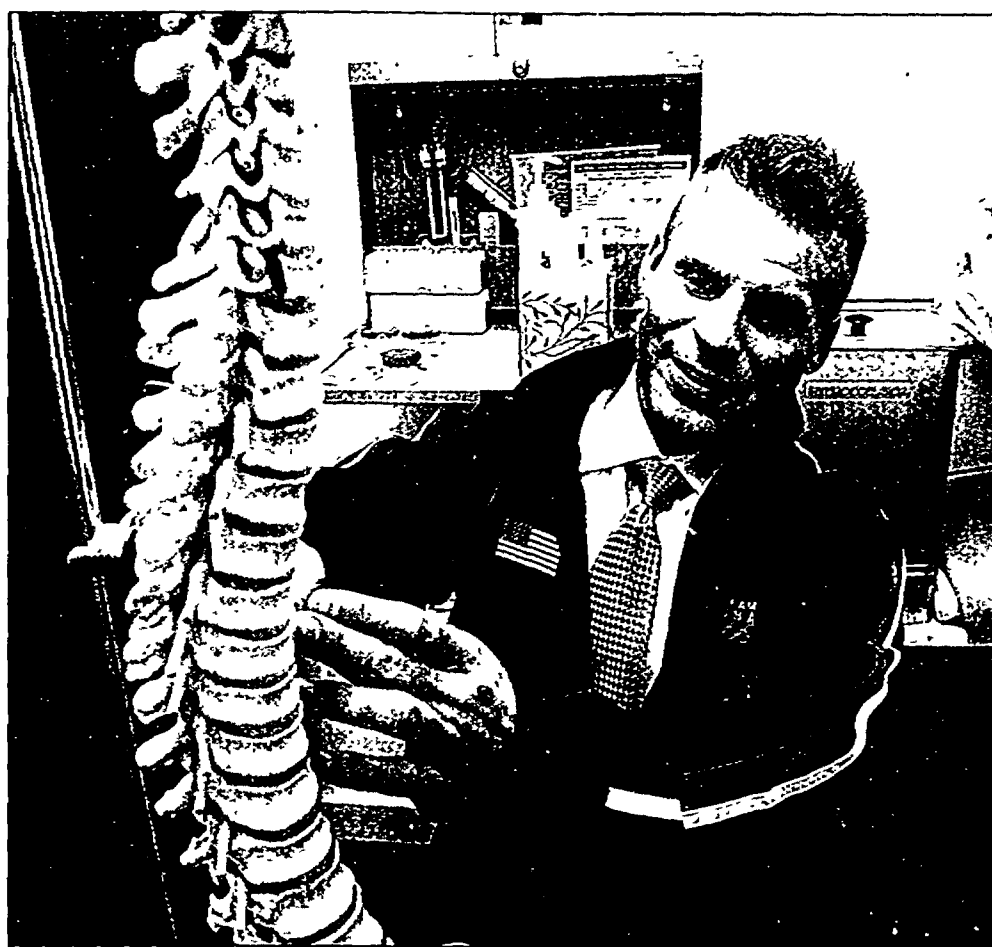
Onsite food will be provided by the Red Pepper Deli and there will be four presentations:

10:30 a.m.: Learn and experience the healing benefits of meditation by Kathy Henning.

11:30 a.m.: Learn how to reverse diabetes with raw foods by Michael Dwyer.

1 p.m.: Learn about the healing properties of herbal tea by Linda Amick of Healthy Jones.

2 p.m.: Learn how gentle chiropractic can benefit your body by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer of TLC Holistic Wellness Center.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville chiropractor Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. just spent two weeks at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., to care for U.S. athletes competing in this week's Winter Olympics and the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Northville chiropractor helps U.S. Olympic athletes at training center

Worked at clinic for two weeks

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Being in tip-top shape is essential for athletes getting ready to compete in the 2010 Winter Olympics, which start tomorrow in Vancouver, B.C.

And Northville chiropractor Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. of Main Street Family Chiropractic recently helped to rehabilitate some of these athletes at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Stopa left Jan. 25 to spend two weeks at the center, giving chiropractic adjustments to injured athletes.

The center is the hub of where the athletes train. Athletes were there that will be competing this week in Vancouver, but a majority of the athletes there now are preparing for the Summer Olympics in 2012.

Stopa worked on any injury that an athlete might have. "It could be a new skiing injury or snowboarding injury," Stopa said before he left.

Many of the athletes live at the Olympic Training Center.

"You work with them throughout their experience there," Stopa said. "They want you to stick with the athletes, because they are used to getting chiropractic adjustments. That's why they called me out there."

A HUGE OPPORTUNITY

Stopa was invited to the center and considered the two weeks a huge opportunity. The Olympics are showing a demand for chiropractors, and Stopa considered the invitation an honor.

"As far as we know he was the only Michigan chiropractor to be invited to this national event," said Ashleigh Price, one of Stopa's staff members.

He was invited to serve at the training center because of his participation in the Diplomate program at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

"The instructor asked me to fill out the forms," Stopa said. "He said, 'You never know. They could call you.'"

The center looks for certified chiropractic sports physicians, a special certification. Olympic Training Center chiropractors also need to have treated sports injuries for at least five years. The application to work at the training center also required letters from athletic trainers. Stopa is currently the team chiropractor for the Detroit Derby Girls roller derby team.

Stopa also had to go through a government background check before being approved to go to Colorado Springs.

He said he was scheduled to work at the center's clinic from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and would hit the books afterwards to learn more about

Please see STOPA, A6

Northville revisits objectives

Only one change from last year's stated goals

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville City Council members recently reviewed goals for fiscal year 2010-2011, which were set last year, with only one change from last fiscal year's priorities.

Medium and low priority designations were not ranked in any order.

HIGH PRIORITY GOAL

Long-term fiscal and financial stability still made the top of the list as the only high-priority goal for the city. The goal is to continue efforts to achieve a fund balance minimum of 25-35 percent of the city's annual budget and continue to investigate alternate revenue sources or enhancements.

Please see GOALS, A6



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dancing with daddy

Dean Bournay dances with his daughter Alia, 5, during the Friday, Feb. 5, Daddy-Daughter Dance at Silver Springs Elementary. The night featured crafts and some beauty touch-ups for the girls, and food and dancing for all. Attendees received a portrait with their dates as well. More photos, A2.

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Northville staff applies for government certification

Could bring more grant funding to community

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

City of Northville officials are working on obtaining a Certified Local Government designation for the community that would bring more grant funding to the municipality.

The city has been exploring the criteria to become a Certified Local Government for several years, completing and submitting an application to the State Historic Preservation Office for review in 2006.

This program was founded in 1980 to provide federal, state and local partnerships for preserva-

tion projects.

Grant funding through the SHPO is available to CLGs to initiate and support historic preservation projects.

Nickie Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director, explained to city council members at their Feb. 1 meeting, that to facilitate this process, Sally Elmiger of Carlisle Wortman Associates has worked with the city's Historic District Commission, city staff and the Northville Historical Society staff to complete the extensive application.

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Ava Woolfolk, 7, dances with her grandfather John during the Daddy-Daughter Dance at Silver Springs.



Prospective investors learn about franchise opportunities

Presentation draws about 35

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Franchises don't just consist of fast-food or retail businesses. In fact, there are more than 3,000 opportunities in more than 80 industries.

The range is wide, and for those who have the money to invest in one, it's a great way to become your own boss.

"If you do not have a dream you are working on, then you're probably working for someone else's dream," is an often-used mantra in the franchise business world.

About 40 people attended the Michigan Franchise Forum at the Allegra Network office in Northville Township last Thursday to learn about some companies that are currently seeking franchisees in Michigan.

The two-hour presentation was sponsored by FranNet, a company started in 1987 that provides free consultation to potential franchisees. The company works hand-in-hand with the Small Business Administration in helping franchisees to obtain loans for their new businesses.

"Financing for franchise start-ups is often hard to come by," Cory said. FranNet has more than 50 offices worldwide to assist franchisees with just these types of issues. He said franchisees can also use 401(K) or IRA funds to finance a business without tax implications.

Local FranNet consultants include Cory at (313) 821-5060 and Greg Danziger at (734) 785-4473.

MICHIGAN IS PRIME TERRITORY

Mark Cory of FranNet said franchisors view Michigan as a prime area for their businesses. It doesn't cost a million dollars, either, to purchase a franchise. Many of them cost about \$125,000 or less.

"Some lower-cost franchises may even be more profitable than the higher-cost ones," Cory said.

Another myth is that the owner has to have experience in the industry they are purchasing a franchise in to be successful.

"Most do not require any experience in the particular industry whatsoever, and some even frown on it," Cory said.

Cory explained that potential franchisees should start with a phone interview with the franchisor, then read and receive the Franchise Disclosure Document. The prospective business owner should call eight-10 franchisors before

making a decision.

Then "Discovery Day" is a visit to the franchisor's corporate office.

AMERICAN FRANCHISE SYSTEMS

Several franchisor representatives spoke at the presentation, giving an overview of their franchise opportunity.

Jo Gonzalez from American Franchise Systems talked about HandyPro, a residential and commercial handy-man business. The business was founded in 1993 by Keith and Debra Paul of Plymouth, who began franchising the business in 2003. Currently, Michigan has only 10 locations. The residential repair market alone is worth \$219 billion, according to Gonzalez.

AFS' other franchises include DryerVent Wizard, AutoQual, Collision on Wheels and All American Decorative Concrete.

For a HandyPro franchise, the investment is under \$100,000, and a scheduling center is provided.

The business is considered the most profitable in the industry, with franchisees enjoying a net profit of about \$190,000 a year in exclusive territories.

All American Decorative Concrete provides very affordable overlays for fireplaces, patios, pool areas and basements.

"It's a niche market with no organized competition," Gonzalez said.

The franchise is not dependent on new home construction or new commercial development, and in 2008, the average net profit for franchisees was \$88,000. The investment is between \$78,000 and \$125,000. For more information, call Gonzalez at (586) 619-2160, ext. 217.

EXPENSE REDUCTION ANALYSTS

Wes Thompson, managing director and Michigan area director for Expense Reduction Analysts, said his company helps other companies become more profitable.

Started in the United Kingdom in 1992, the company has about 800 consultants working in 30 countries. Entrepreneur magazine recently named it number one business in financial services.

The firm works on a contingency basis, meaning if consultants don't save a client money, the client doesn't pay.

"We find ways to save businesses money about 90 percent of the time," Thompson said. Twelve cost categories are reviewed, and the client is billed half of the actual savings achieved over a two-year period.

More than 14,000 projects have been successfully completed, with an average cost savings of 19.7 percent, Thompson said.

The franchisee's investment is about \$70,000. For more information, go to www.erafranchise.net.

COMFORCARE SENIOR SERVICES

Another franchise opportunity is Comforcare Senior



G. Danziger



M. Cory

Services, a Bloomfield Hills company that provides nonmedical care for seniors. With 1.2 billion people being age 60 and over worldwide by 2025, this is a growing industry.

Franchisees have large, protected territories and six profit centers. These include contracts with retirement facilities, personal response systems, state-funded home-care contracts, a New Mom Program, geriatric assessment services and facility staffing.

The company offers lots of training and support with a \$65,500-\$89,500 initial investment required by the franchisee. A small office outside the home is also required for this particular franchise opportunity.

For more information, contact Kristie Iavasile at (800) 886-4044.

ALLEGRA NETWORK

Allegra Network is a graphics communications company founded in 1976 that offers several franchise choices. These include American Speedy Printing Centers, Signs Now, Allegra Print and Imaging and Insty Prints.

Allegra's Signs Now has 550 locations, with 40 in Metro Detroit. The company made \$300 million last year and provides a national health insurance program for franchisees through Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Two weeks training are provided, and franchisees must have a net worth of \$300,000. Leasing equipment can lower this by about \$50,000.

For more information, contact Tina Virga at (800) 726-9050, ext. 613.

ADVANTACLEAN

For franchisees interested in a home cleaning business, AdvantaClean provides an opportunity. This firm, headquartered in Huntersville, N.C., focuses on emergency water removal, mold removal and air duct cleaning. It's been in existence since 1994 and has 26 locations in Michigan.

Dru Carpenito, director, Franchise development for AdvantaClean, said the EPA ranks indoor pollution among the top five environmental risks to public health. The company offers high profit margins, and no industry experience is needed.

Franchisees need a van and a trailer, and it can be an office or home-based business. A 24-hour Customer Care Center is at their disposal, and the start-up investment is about \$100,000. Regional developers need about \$250,000. One year of living expenses is also suggested during the start-up period.

In this business, you are making a difference in the community," Carpenito said. For more information, call (877) 800-2382 or go to www.advantaclean.com.

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At the dance

Kim Kloosterman, left, paints the fingernails of Daddy Daughter Dance attendee Madison Swearingen, 7.

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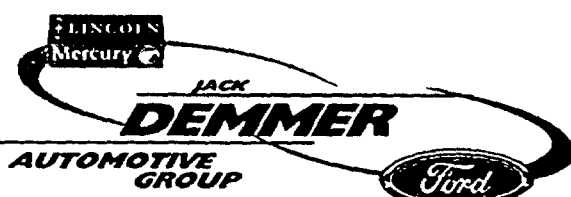


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Developers win building industry honor for Gardenview Estates

Project to serve as template for other complexes

BY PAM FLEMING AND STACY JENKINS
GANNETT NEWSPAPERS

Rising out of the crumbling public housing projects of one of Detroit's well-known, west-side neighborhoods is a new development that will breathe new life into Herman Gardens.

The new residential development, dubbed Gardenview Estates, is the creation of three developers who have a history of working together — Bill Richardson of Farmington Hills, Bill Phillips of Northville Township and fellow developer Dwight Belyue.

The three accepted the Building Industry Association's Development of the Year Award at the Farmington Hills-based BIA annual luncheon on Feb. 3.

Gardenview Estates is a 139-acre mixed-use development at the southeast corner of Joy Road and the Southfield Freeway. The mixed-use development will include rental units, senior citizen co-ops and 231 single-family homes, in addition to a recreation center, seven acres of planned retail, parks and common areas.



D. Belyue



B. Richardson



B. Phillips

PROJECT A JOINT EFFORT

Richardson, Phillips and Belyue are no strangers to redevelopment in Detroit. They see Gardenview Estates — a joint effort of HUD, the Detroit Housing Commission and the City of Detroit — as an opportunity to build on Detroit's heritage while giving new life to a well-known Detroit neighborhood.

Richardson has owned Harvard Development, Inc. for the past 15 years. As a consultant in New Orleans for the Army Corps of Engineers, he provided engineering assistance on pump stations and levees. A professional engineer, he is most proud of his work on the MGM Casino, Victoria Park and Clairpointe in Detroit.

"Residential homebuilding is a great opportunity to interface with the public," said Richardson. "Helping to build a home for a family and putting smiles on their faces is a great reward for a builder."

NORTHVILLE RESIDENT'S PROFILE

Phillips, of Northville Township, has been with Windham Development, one of the companies spearheading the project, for almost 30 years. As

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This development at Joy and Southfield roads was named Development of the Year by the Building Industry Association on Feb. 3. It features many amenities, such as a retail center and senior center, besides providing affordable housing.

vice president, he directs project management services and has managed the design and construction of a number of major residential developments, including Detroit's Victoria Park.

Windham Development is an advocate of Detroit revitalization, with Phillips playing a significant role in leading these activities.

An avid runner, Phillips is an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 755 in Northville. He serves as an Eagle Scout advisor and is heavily involved in the scouts' swimming program at Hillside Recreation Center.

He's worked with the other team members, Belyue and Richardson, for years.

"All three of us were involved in projects in Detroit back in the early 1990s," Phillips said. "As a result of having been involved in Victoria Park, I continued to work with the Detroit planning and

development department for 12 years as a consultant on residential developments. This is a culmination of a vision we had of bringing a mixed-use development to Detroit."

The team believes the homes will be marketable, even in this tough economy.

"They are affordable at \$150,000 or less, there are funds to provide down payment assistance, it is part of a neighborhood enterprise zone that helps to discount property taxes, and there's a limited number of houses to sell," said Phillips. "Gardenview is a template for future developments. It's been fun to be involved in it."

BELYUE LEADS BELMAR

Belyue is president of Belmar Development Group, LLC. He has more than 24 years of experience

as a licensed realty professional and builder. As a facility engineer for General Motors, he managed and supervised more than \$1.5 billion of construction and development projects.

His expertise ranges from building design and construction management to contract negotiations, acquisitions and financing. His advice to builders: "Be cautious with your investments. Be prudent but not overly optimistic. It is easy to get caught up with the excitement and overextend."

For more information about Gardenview Estates, visit www.GardenviewDetroit.com.

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EDUCATION

Kids Against Hunger

Detroit, Northville students come together to feed starving children

When school children from suburban Northville and inner-city Detroit come together over the next several months to package food through Kids Against Hunger they will share an experience that will likely influence their lives for years to come.

Kids Against Hunger is an international, volunteer-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing nutritious food to malnourished and starving children throughout the world and right here in Metro Detroit. The organization partners with local schools, churches and other community groups to organize food packaging events where as many as 20,000 meals can be assembled in a three-hour period. The Kids Against Hunger "Michigan Project" brings packaging events into the school setting. Statewide, last year alone, Michigan school children assembled more than 1.7 million meals. More than four million meals have been assembled since the Kids Against Hunger "Michigan Project" began.

This marks the fifth year Northville, Detroit and Hamtramck students will come together to package food for Kids Against Hunger as part of a partnership with local non-profit organizations such as Bridgepointe, the Plymouth Kiwanis, the Conrad Charitable Foundation, Mothers' Club of Northville, and other local school and community groups. Since this partnership was formed, more than 25,000 school-aged volunteers in Michigan have participated in Kids Against Hunger.

The eight food packaging events, which will take place between January 19 and March 17 (see attached schedule), will bring together young people from different experiences and cultures to work and learn at Detroit area landmarks including the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, and Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit.

During the food packaging events, students work together on an assembly line to measure, weigh and seal 13.8-ounce bags of nutritious rice-soy casserole mix that can each feed six adults or 12 children. One-third of the food from each packaging event goes to local food banks to help those in need in the community, one-third goes to feed the starving in Third World countries, and one-third goes to help those in the U.S. and worldwide struck by natural disasters.

"Through Kids Against Hunger, we hope to raise a

generation of young people who want to be part of solving the problem of world hunger," said Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Donald Burwell. "Creating a bond between students and their community helps them understand that working together for a common purpose they can make a difference."

A key partner in the Kids Against Hunger packaging events, Bridgepointe was co-founded in 1997 by two Northville parents with the goal of bringing together school children from different backgrounds to learn and work together.

"Through experiences like Kids Against Hunger, the students are empowered to make a difference in their communities and the world," said Bridgepointe Co-Founder and Kids Against Hunger Michigan Project Coordinator Sue Simcox. "Over the years, staff and students from these suburban and inner-city schools form friendships of sharing and learning as pen pals, through Kids Against Hunger, and by visiting each other's schools. They discover that although their experiences and cultures may be different, they still have a lot in common."

Third graders from Northville's Silver Springs Elementary School participated in Kids Against Hunger for the first time last year with their Bridgepointe partners from Bennett Elementary School in Detroit. The Kids Against Hunger experience is different from other community service initiatives agree Silver Springs teachers Beth Kuriluk, Kathy Starosciak and Kathy Moser because it is the students who do the work. At the Kids Against Hunger packaging events the students scoop, measure and weigh the food packets. They develop skills as communicators and problem-solvers and they work together to come up with the best plan for packaging the most meals.

But at Silver Springs, as well as many of the other schools participating in Kids Against Hunger, the ownership and active participation begins even before the students arrive at the food packaging event. For example at Silver Springs, third graders and parents raised \$900 through a bake sale and holiday candy cane sale to help cover transportation costs for this year's food packaging event, which will take place at Gleaners Community Food Bank on February 10, as well as a visit to Bennett planned for this school year. Any unused funds will go to help purchase food and supplies for the Kids

PACKING EVENTS

Date: Feb. 10

Schools: Silver Springs Elementary School, Northville and Bennett Elementary School, Detroit

Location: Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Date: Feb. 11

Schools: Amerman Elementary School, Northville and Roberto Clemente Elementary School, Detroit

Location: Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Date: March 10

Schools: Thornton Creek Elementary School, Northville and Neinas Elementary School, Detroit

Location: Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 West Fort Street, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Date: March 16

Schools: Hillside Middle School, Northville, Maybury Elementary School, Detroit

Location: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Date: March 17

Schools: Meads Mill Middle School, Northville and Academy of the Americas, Detroit

Location: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Against Hunger packaging event.

For the 85 fifth graders from Maybury Elementary School in Detroit — who will package food with students from Northville's Hillside Middle School on March 16 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul — Kids Against Hunger broadens their view of the world and their community, and allows them to experience the joy that comes from helping others.

"Kids Against Hunger is an opportunity for our students, who are so often the ones receiving help, to have the experience of helping someone else in need," said Maybury Principal Ellen Snedeker. "Regardless of their life experience, students gain a sense of what it means to be part of a community and discover how good it makes them feel to be able to help someone else."

For additional details about the Kids Against Hunger Michigan Coalition visit www.kidsagainsthungercoalition.com or www.bridgepointenonprofit.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

Northville High School joined 12 other metro high schools to perform in Celebrate America.

Northville students help 'Celebrate America' on PBS

Northville High School, along with high school choirs from across Metro Detroit, will perform with Tim Janis and his ensemble in a new special called Celebrate America, created by Janis to spotlight our nation's youth and pull communities together in a celebration of music that uplifts and inspires.

Tim Janis, well known for his "Music with a Mission," has worked on many philanthropic projects with artists such as Paul McCartney, Billy Joel, Ray Charles, Andre Previn, and The New York Philharmonic. He has also produced fund raising programs for PBS with George Clooney and James Earl Jones.

Celebrate America, which airs on Friday, March 12 at 8 p.m., was taped at Detroit Public Television in early October 2009. Buses rolled in from across the state, pull-

ing together 500 students from Detroit high school music programs. Arriving well prepared and very professional, each choir was brought into the station to record their performance for the broadcast.

The Northville High School students sang "Hometown USA."

"I saw the show last year but wasn't in choir," said student Aubrey Bechler. "Seeing this on TV made me want to be in the choir for this sort of experience."

"It was intense to see what life is like around here at PBS, the set, the cameras and the studio," said student Graham Smith.

Not only does Celebrate America give youth a life-changing opportunity, but it also teaches children the importance of contributing to community through the

arts, as Celebrate America is also a fund-raising event during Public Television's annual pledge drives.

In addition to Northville, the following schools participated in Celebrate America at the Detroit Public Television station: Berkley, Avondale, Garden City, Royal Oak, Chippewa Valley, Eisenhower, Birmingham-Groves, Walled Lake Central, Franklin, Redford Union, Southfield-Lathrup and Roosevelt.

"Detroit Public Television really put a lot of effort into creating this special," said Janis. "It takes a lot of 'behind the scenes' effort to bring this great opportunity for students together. I believe the fabric of our nation is the strength found in our local communities. We need to stay connected and committed with a spirit of serving one another to the best of our abilities."

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Forces and motion

Winchester Elementary School kindergarten student Christopher Gruschow, right, learns how gravity, and a ramp, can cause a toy car to not just fall downward but forward during a visit to the school by instructor Dr. Terry Smith-Glaser. Dr. Smith brought some understandable, hands-on physics lessons to the kids that introduced them to forces and motion in an assembly called "Push-Pull Science."

STOPA

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the particular injuries.

"We have to get these athletes back on their feet and ready to go," he said. "There's no messing around. Many of them have serious injuries."

Stopa said he was excited and honored to be able to work on the U.S. athletes.

"This is my chance to serve the country in the best way I know," he said. "I really appreciate this opportunity."

NEW BILL PASSED

Another exciting thing that has happened

in the chiropractic world is a recent bill that passed.

The bill allows Michigan chiropractors to adjust all extremities (wrists, knees, ankles, etc.). This law has been in effect in all 49 states except Michigan for years. With this bill recently being signed, it allowed Stopa the right to work on these athletes' extremities when at the Olympic Training Center.

Had this bill not been passed he would have not been able to work on extremities. Stopa owns Main Street Family Chiropractic on W. Main Street. To make an appointment, call (248) 735-9800.

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Kheibari to now run for state representative in District 20

Hopes to capture Democratic seat

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Democrat Michael Kheibari of Northville Township has switched from running for the state Senate to attempting to run for the District 20 state representative seat.

He filled out the paperwork last week, and is currently vying for the party's approval with Joan Wadsworth, former Northville school board president.

Candidates have until May 11 to file. District 20 includes Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Canton and Wayne.

Kheibari served as a major in the Iranian Imperial Air Force, with most of his time spent in the Middle East.

He has lived in Michigan for 16 years and has a master's degree in aeronautical engineering. He works as a computer programmer for Compuware and is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Kheibari was a member of the task force that drafted the new Michigan employee bill of rights.

He and his wife, Parvin, have three daughters. Rosita has a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and lives in Seattle, Wash. Ozzy has a bachelor's degree in biology and science from Eastern Michigan University. Athena is studying psychology at the University of Michigan.

"I'm proud of my girls," he said. He and his wife have one grandson, with their oldest daughter Rosita expected to deliver her second son this past Monday.

WHY SWITCH CANDIDACY?

Kheibari said he decided to switch his candidacy from state Senate to state House of Representatives after



M. Kheibari

Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville) decided to run for state Senate.

"Why fight?" Kheibari said. "There are two seats. This is Democrats

helping Democrats." He also said that he is one of Coriveau's supporters and running against him was making him look bad in the community.

All he had to do was dissolve his statement of organization for the state Senate candidacy and create a new one for the state representative position.

Voters will select which candidate from each party they want to be on the ballot in the August primary election.

HE SAYS HE'S DIFFERENT

Kheibari said there's a big difference between him and other candidates running for the House of Representatives position.

He's not just going to show up and vote in Lansing when required to do so. He says he'll work seven days a week, and on the days he's not in the state capital, he'll be out talking to constituents — farmers, policemen and school teachers.

"I'm acting like a doctor," he said. "I have to first find out what the problem is. Then I'll have a plan. I want to talk to everybody. I want to fix the problems. I have a passion, and I'm a good negotiator."

CROSSING THE AISLE

He believes one of his strengths is bringing people together who may have different ideas about how to solve the state's problems. "Most of the people in Northville are Republican," Kheibari said. "But they have told me, 'You're a moderate Democrat. We would love to work with you.' I want to bring both sides of the aisle together. If I can do this,

the state wins."

Has an action plan Kheibari said he has an action plan for such problems as the state budget, unemployment and lack of funding for schools.

One of his big goals is to trim the corrections budget, which he said is three times higher than the national average.

"Illinois' costs are right at the national average," he said. "I would like to compare our system with that state." He said if Michigan could bring its correctional budget down to the national average it would save the state \$1 billion a year.

He believes he could help create jobs by providing employer incentives for hiring and exempting employers from having to pay excessive taxes for new workers. He would also like to see the state pay for health insurance for new hires.

SCHOOL BUDGET, ENERGY WOES

After listening to a school board meeting about the budget in Northville recently, Kheibari said he was close to tears.

"About 50 percent of our graduates are moving out of state," he said. "Michigan has no future without proper education."

Finally, he believes Michigan has to continue to create a green economy by producing more energy-efficient vehicles.

"Our automakers were hibernating while Japan was working on fuel-efficient cars, and we lost the battle," Kheibari said. "But now U.S. automakers woke up and they want to change. In Brazil, for example, most of the cars use biodiesel fuel."

Residents who have a question for Kheibari can e-mail him at votekheibari@yahoo.com.

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Age 76 of Milford, Jan. 12, 2010. Funeral held Jan. 16 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials to Mich. Nature Assoc., 326 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston, MI 48895. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

EDITH RAYNER BONNO

Age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 7, 2010. The family will be receiving friends at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon, on Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12 from 4 - 8 PM. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 13, 2010 and will begin receiving friends at 10:15 AM at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette. South Lyon Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



SUZANNE C. (GRABMEYER) FITZPATRICK

February 3, 2010, age 78. Burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Saginaw. Memorial donations to St. John Hospice, www.stjohn.org/hospice. View online condolences at www.cbrensenfuneralhome.com



RICHARD WILLIAM HAUSRATH

Age 87, passed away February 4, 2010. He was born on Dec. 23, 1922, in Cleveland, OH, to the late William and Lucy (Bandelow) Hausrath. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was the last Superintendent of the DelRay Power Plant and worked for Detroit Edison for over 30 years. Richard was a member of the Professional Engineering Society of Michigan, Michigan LST Association, Friends of Salem-South Lyon Library and volunteered by caring for the library gardens and was a former member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge. He lived to make his 65th Wedding Anniversary on January 30, 2010. Richard is survived by his wife of 65 years, Virginia Hausrath, his children, Deborah R. (John) Rosczyk of Roscommon, Daniel R. (Wynn) Hausrath of Ann Arbor, brother James (Jean) Hausrath, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Ruth LaChire and Ellen McCready. Services were held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Salem-South Lyon District Library. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARY CHAPMAN "MAIMIE" HUGHES

A resident of Milford, MI and former resident of Ferndale, MI and Palm Springs, CA, died at home in the care of her family on February 2, 2010. She was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on August 28, 1930. She is survived by her beloved husband, Thomas, sons, Calum (Laura) and Blair (Lettia), grandchildren, Thomas, Brittany, and Ashleigh Hughes, nieces, Leslie Watson (Barb Moorhead), Ruth Hewitt (Mark Puta), great nephew, Christopher (Sung) Pruden, sister-in-law, Janet Watson, and many dear friends. Mrs. Hughes worked for many years in retail fashion management and managed the Grosvenor Inn Hotel in Palm Springs for many years. Services will be held privately in lieu of flowers; memorials may be made in her name to the American Red Cross. Condolences may be left at www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com or phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, at 248-684-6645.



JUDITH D. WALZ

Age 65, passed away peacefully at home on February 4, 2010. She was born on August 1, 1944 to William and Georgina (Spearman) Stanton. Judith is survived by her husband, Wally, her son Kurt (Janeen) Walz, daughter-in-law Kim Walz, mother Georgina (Jim) Dooley, grandchildren Ashley, Brittany, Devin, siblings Bonnie, Ruby and Bill. She was preceded in death by her son Kevin. A funeral service was held on Feb. 8 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARJORIE KISH

Age 88 of Highland, died February 5, 2010. She is survived by her children, Barbara, Margaret, Joanna, Juliana, Carolyn, John, grandchildren, Mark, Jesse, Dee, Nina, Dane, Jennifer, Joshua, Katherine, Douglas; 13 great-grandchildren. Also leaves her niece, Cheryl and many loving extended family members and dear friends. Services will be held privately. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. For further information contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

EDWARD W. WITMER

Age 80, of Northville, passed away Feb. 5, 2010. Funeral Mass was held Tues., Feb. 9, 2010 at Our Lady of Victory, Contributions to Salvation Army. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville

EDWARD ANTHONY YURKUNAS

Age 91, passed away February 4, 2010 in Brighton, MI. He was born on November 9, 1918, in Waterbury, Connecticut, to the late John and Mary Yurkunas. He was a Veteran of WWII, serving in 6563rd Air Base Squadron. He served from 1942 until he was wounded in action while serving in Africa and Middle Eastern Europe and was discharged in 1945. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Dolores (Votruba) Yurkunas, brothers John, Benjamin, and Vincent, and his great granddaughter, Ashlea Leet. He is survived by his children, Charles (Brenda) Yurkunas, Barbara (Mark) Dombrowski, Bruce (Lynn) Yurkunas, Brian (Carolyn) Yurkunas, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A Celebration of his life was held on Feb. 10 at South Lyon Church of Christ. Burial was held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



STEPHANIE M. ZIELINSKI

Age 99 of South Lyon, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2010. She was born August 28, 1910 in Wadovce, Poland to Thomas and Karolina (Syrek) Karcz. Stephanie was a very accomplished artist. She was a past member of the Dearborn Art Guild and a current member of the Brighton Art Guild. She was also a member of the Polish Cultural Center and the Polish National Alliance. She was very creative, she enjoyed sculpting, painting and was a wonderful seamstress. She is survived by her loving daughters, Geraldine Seruga of South Lyon and Germaine Pollard of Virginia; 8 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Gervase Ignasiak, 6 brothers and sisters and her husband Walter Zielinski. A funeral mass was held Saturday, February 6, 2010 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon. Father Timothy Babcock officiated the service. Stephanie was laid to rest in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery. The family would appreciate contributions to the Brighton Art Guild, PO Box 65, Brighton, MI 48116. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon

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GOALS

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Last fiscal year, the Detroit Water and Sewer Department water service contract was also identified as a top priority goal, but that contract has since been signed.

MEDIUM PRIORITY GOALS

The following were seen as medium priority goals:

Water and sewer system improvements: Continue efforts to improve infrastructure, control water loss, control inflow and infiltration to preserve sewer capacity, build working capital, control debt, monitor regional water distribution and sewer capacity initiatives and minimize the wholesale water rates charged to City by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

Implement the Downtown Strategic Plan: Continue to implement the Downtown Strategic Plan and its key strategies to improve the physical and economic environment and organizational structure of the downtown and continued progress by the DDA subcommittees responsible for implementing the plan. The

Organizational Committee is studying potential future boundary changes to the DDA district. Discussions have led to the creation of a subcommittee that is investigating the potential for redevelopment of areas within or adjacent to the DDA district.

Retain the retail operation of the Northville Post Office within the Central Business District: Continue to work with the United States Postal Service to address the needs of the post office while preserving the economic benefits of a post office (particularly the retail function) within the Central Business District.

Street, sidewalk and bike path improvement connectivity: Continue the annual crack sealing program and the street and sidewalk program approved in 1997. Continue to pursue planning and funding to expand and connect our pedestrian facilities.

Develop and implement follow-up process for board/commission decisions and establish committee to review inspection process: Continue with the restructuring of the Building/Planning/Code Enforcement function. Continue the efforts of the Building and Planning Review

Committee to seek input and recommendations to provide improved administrative support to the boards and commissions, improved customer service and a "quality control" process to ensure that projects are built in accordance with the extensive reviews and approvals obtained.

LOWER PRIORITY GOALS

Development and redevelopment issues: Work to continue quality development and redevelopment of the Cady Corridor, McDonald Ford property and other locations throughout the city.

Mill Pond improvements: Continue to monitor funding opportunities and communications with upstream communities on remediation efforts and review the feasibility of separating dredging from trapping.

Cemetery build-out: Consideration to clearing (making more space available on a gradual basis) the Phase II area of Rural Hill Cemetery either as an outside effort or as a gradual effort undertaken by the Department of Public Works.

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CERTIFICATION

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In reviewing the application, the SHPO staff gave feedback on the application as well as proposed revisions to the city's Historic Preservation Ordinance and Demolition Guidelines.

The city council is now reviewing these revisions, with possible adoption of the changes at the Feb. 16 meeting.

FUNDING TO CLGS

Becoming a CLG makes a community eligible to apply

for subgrants available only to CLG communities. At least 10 percent of the annual Historic Preservation Fund grants made to Michigan under the National Historic Preservation Act must be distributed to CLGs.

It also means that becoming a CLG ensures that historic preservation issues are understood and addressed at the local level and are integrated into the local planning process and decision-making process.

Historic District Commissioners reviewed and discussed revisions to the CLG application at their Dec.

16 meeting. They recommended approval of the changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Demolition Guidelines at the meeting.

Bateson said achieving the designation could benefit the Northville Historical Society. Also, there are only about a dozen such communities so far in the state.

Grant funds don't have to go solely to the historic district, and "soft" projects, such as marketing programs, can receive funding as well as preservation-type projects.

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Learning Shop educational facility opens at Northville Square

Language classes range from English to Japanese

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Deborah Stearns is taking her love of teaching to the streets of Northville. The longtime Northville resident and educator recently opened The Learning Shop, an educational facility, on the main level of Northville Square.

The educational facility is a new business for teachers and students and serves both local and international students. Stearns chose to open her business in Northville Square because she supports the 350 Project, which supports Michigan businesses, and values networking with other vital small businesses in the building.

Stearns said she chose Northville Square for her new business because she wanted a downtown Northville location.

"The building is beautifully appointed and boasts so many amenities that the choice was immediately clear," Stearns said.

The Learning Shop's teachers are highly-qualified and engaged in teaching the subject material they have a passion for, which translates into exciting educational experiences where advancement comes more easily. The varied course offerings are designed to provide educational opportunities for learners of all ages and fall into three main categories: English as a Second Language, Academic Advancement, and Language Learning.

CLASSES OFFERED

ESL classes include: Beginning English, English Conversation, Business English, Medical English, TOEFL and TOEIC Test Preparation, and Cross-Cultural Training.

Academic Advancement Classes (K-College) include: Handwriting, Beginning Reading, Academic Reading, Academic Writing, Writing Applications, MLA Workshop, Etymology, Math (all levels), Biology, Chemistry, Physics,



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Deborah Stearns, owner of a new business, The Learning Shop, at Northville Square, teaches English to some Japanese women while they learn the art of rug hooking.

and French and Spanish Support.

The Learning Shop also offers test preparation for: PSAT, SSAT, SAT/ACT, GED and more. Current language courses include: French, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Spanish and American Sign Language.

Two other classes will provide instruction on How to Tune Up Your Bike and How to Use an MLA Form.

A rug-hooking class is tentatively scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon on Feb. 18. This type of primitive rug hooking is considered a fine art indigenous to North America.

It uses strips of wool rather than yarn, and should

not be confused with latch hook rug making. Generally, students learning this fine craft want to create heirlooms or art for their homes, and enjoy the social interaction as well.

Classes are forming now, and schedules will be published on the upcoming Web site. A grand opening will take place soon at Northville Square. For more information about The Learning Shop, call (248) 818-5775 or go to www.thelearningshop.net. For more about the 350 Project, go to the350project.net.

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SALSA DANCING FRIDAY

At 7 p.m. this Friday, The Learning Shop will offer salsa dance lessons in conjunction with Solid Grounds Coffee House at a Salsa Social on the main level at Northville Square. Cost is \$10 per person, with instruction provided the first hour and dancing taking place the second hour. Greek dancing lessons and cultural activities are also soon to be offered, and one of the springtime workshops will feature baking Greek Easter confections.

Meet two of the new teachers

They will provide instruction in Spanish, Greek

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Two of the teachers in the new business, The Learning Shop, are Rafael Servin of Northville and Eleni Mareskas of Canton.

Servin teaches Spanish, and Mareskas teaches Modern Greek Language and Culture.

Servin met Deborah Stearns, owner of the new business, when they were both teachers for Northville Public Schools.

Servin is working at a substitute teacher for the district right now, in addition to working with Stearns.

"We talked in the lunch room at one of the schools, and she asked me if I would be interested in being a teacher in her new business," Servin said.

He's taught in the district after completing his student teaching at Amerman Elementary about two years ago and had a long-term substitute position at Moraine Elementary.

A native of Mexico City, his whole family came to the U.S. when he was about 7 years old.

He also plans to become certified in a couple of months in teaching English as a Second Language after he completes his master's degree



Eleni Mareskas, a native of Greece, will be teaching Modern Greek Language and Culture, at The Learning Shop.

at Wayne State University.

"So, I'll be helping her with those classes also," Servin said.

He said it is estimated that by about 2050 that Spanish is

predicted to become a more dominant language in this area.

"I think it's pretty important to learn Spanish," he said. He has a Web site, www.SenorServin.com, and plans to start teaching three days at the Learning Shop by March 1.

"I'll be helping her in my spare time as well," he said.

"When I came to the United States, I didn't know any English, so, therefore, I struggled a lot in school," Servin said. "Now, as an educator I want to help out all of the students who were in my situation. That's why I'm in this field and why I'm associated with the Learning Shop. I don't want them to go through what I went through."

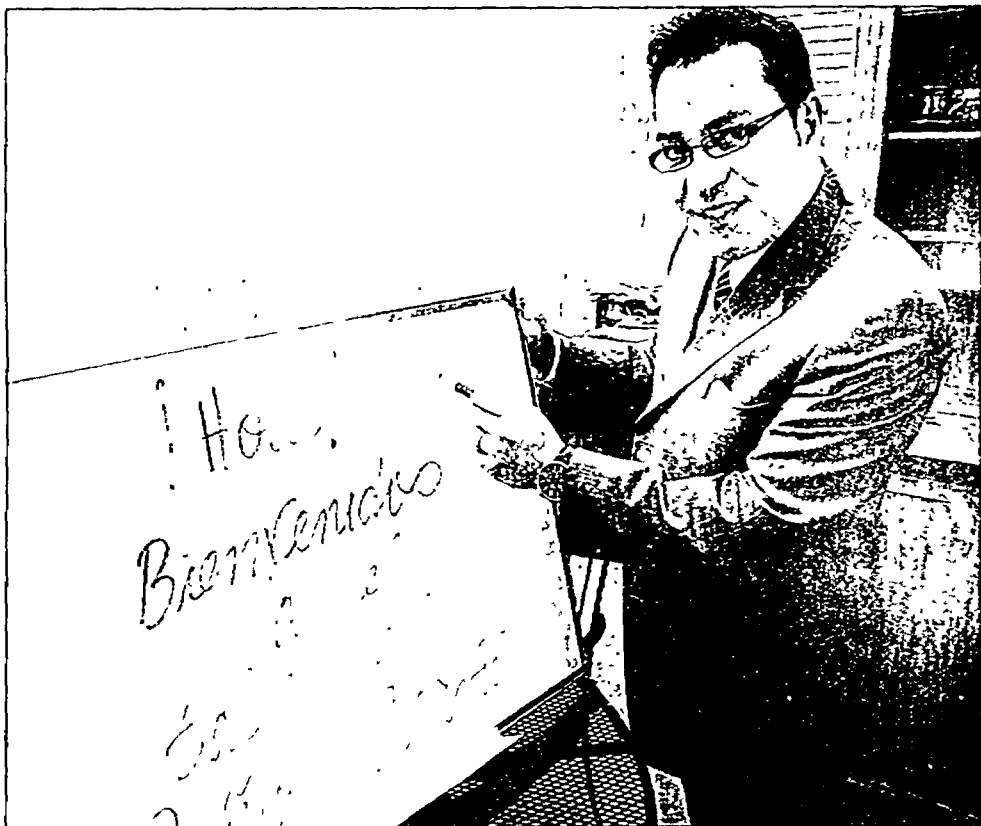
He loves cooking, Latin dancing and traveling.

BORN AND RAISED IN GREECE

Mareskas was born and raised in Greece and came to the U.S. because of the opportunities that are available here. She attended both high school and college in the U.S.

"But, I have kept very connected with my home (in Greece) through teaching and the church," she said.

Mareskas belongs to a Greek Orthodox Church.



JOHN FEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rafael Servin will be teaching Spanish and other foreign languages in Northville Square's new business, The Learning Shop. English as a Second Language will also be taught at the first-level office.

"That's one of the wonderful things about this country - that you can practice your faith without violating any laws," she said.

She works for General Motors and returns to Greece every few years.

Stearns approached Mareskas about learning Greek and then asked her to join her as a teacher at The Learning Shop. Mareskas

tutors on the side and teaches Greek through her church. She used to teach Greek at Wayne State University when they had a children's program.

She earned a bachelor's degree from WSU in 1989 and a master's degree from the university in 1992.

Mareskas said she has been impressed with Stearns' organizational skills and creativ-

ity.

"It's very exciting what she is trying to do," she said. "Greek and Japanese classes are hard to find; not all of the schools offer them. She's smart in what she's selecting. Hopefully, there's going to be interest to get this (business) off the ground."

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Jordan Levin, center, with parents, Mollene and Marty, in the couple's Bloomfield home.

Northville optometrist, wife help profoundly deaf son

Dad writes book about couple's journey with him

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Marty Levin and his wife, Mollene, were told their son, Jordan, wouldn't be like other children when he was born three months premature.

He weighed only 31 ounces. The Northville Township optometrist, whose office is located in the Highland Lakes Plaza on Seven Mile Road, recently wrote a book explaining how he and his wife helped their son overcome his profound deafness.

Titled "We Were Relentless," the book tells how much the couple, who live in Bloomfield, worked with their son to help him lead a normal, productive life.

Jordan, now 33, a fitness trainer, runs his own business, Cross Fit Bloomfield, and was recently married. His wife, Hillary, is assistant director of the Janice Charach Gallery inside the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

The Levins believe the book can help other parents of profoundly deaf children and others with disabilities.

A MIRACLE BABY

Born in their home since Mollene didn't make it to the hospital, doctors weren't too hopeful Jordan would even live due to his small size and condition.

Luckily, he breathed on his own right away, or he might not have lived.

"We just kept plugging away, going with our gut on a

lot of things," Mollene said.

He was on a ventilator for 59 days, had heart surgery and stomach surgery and didn't leave the hospital until he was 4 months old.

"Basically, doctors told us that he would never learn how to speak," Marty said. Today, Jordan does a lot of inspirational/motivational speaking to students and other groups about what he has overcome and accomplished.

In June, he'll speak to a group of Mensa members in Dearborn.

Even with his hearing aid, he only hears about 30 percent of what a normal person hears. He has always gone to a regular school and was on his high school hockey team.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS

The Levins started researching alternative methods of teaching the profoundly deaf how to speak. They learned about a woman, Helen Kraizman, who had two deaf children who had been taught to speak.

"It was just luck," Marty said, that they found about this woman. They attended a seminar in Toronto taught by another woman, Dr. Ciwa Griffiths, who runs the Hear Center in Pasadena, Calif. "It changed our life," he said. They found a tutor to help Jordan with his speech and worked with him daily, teaching him five words a day.

"We had to teach him every single sound we make," Marty said.

"We took on the burden of

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For information about Dr. Marty Levin's book, "We Were Relentless," about his and wife, Mollene's, son, Jordan, go to www.WeWereRelentless.com. The book is also available at his Northville Township office in Highland Lakes Plaza.

doing all these extra things with him," Mollene said.

They also taught him the meaning of idioms, such as "it's raining cats and dogs."

"My dad used to run backwards with me when I'd be jogging, testing me on material," Jordan said. Or they'd study on the way to Jordan's hockey games.

He graduated in 1999 with a degree in business from Michigan State University. As a fitness instructor, he's also created the Jordan Levin Childhood Obesity Foundation to help young people get fit and stay fit.

For more information, go to www.JordanLevinChildhoodObesityFoundation.org. Money that comes into the foundation goes to existing camps that help obese children. Jordan also has a younger brother, Brian, who's an attorney in Miami.

He's truly an inspiration to those who face physical and developmental obstacles in their life. Jordan recently appeared on a PBS segment, which can be seen on YouTube by searching for Jordan Levin "We Were Relentless."

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NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS



Steffes

Karmanos Cancer Institute appoints new co-chief of Surgical Oncology Service Christopher Steffes, M.D., of Northville, has been appointed co-chief of Surgical Oncology Service at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center. He shares this role with George Yoo, M.D., F.A.C.S. Steffes is also team leader of the Sarcoma Multidisciplinary Team at Karmanos.

In this new role, Steffes provides leadership and guidance to the medical and nursing staff, as well as Karmanos Cancer Center executive leadership, in the delivery of Surgical Oncology patient care.

Among his duties, Steffes is

charged with establishing activities that meet the needs of patients with Surgical Oncology. The position also requires the

enhancement of quality and appropriateness of standards and care and treatment of all Surgical Oncology patients. Other duties include developing and implementing policies and procedures, as well as monitoring and evaluating professional performance of colleagues within Surgical Oncology.

In addition to his other

job titles, Steffes is a professor of surgery at Wayne State University School of Medicine and part of the attending staff at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper University Hospital and Hutzel Hospital, along with Karmanos. He received his medical training through the Madison School of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. He served his general surgery residency at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

John A. Avdouos, AIA, of HKS Architects PC in Northville was named an American Institute of Architects chapter director.

Northville home to reigning royalty

Briana Bock crowned Miss Dance

Northville's own Piazza Dance Company is home to the newly crowned Miss Dance of Michigan, 2010.

Briana Bock, 18, daughter of Ernie and Nanci Bock of Novi, won the coveted title on Feb. 7 at the annual event held at South Lyon East High School.

The Miss and Mr. Dance of Michigan Scholarship is sponsored by Dance Masters of Michigan, a professional organization of dancers and dance teachers.

Sunday's competition was the culmination and highlight of a month-long series of events in which Briana participated involving audition classes, judges' interviews, and finally Sunday's performance competition. Briana's winning contemporary routine, entitled "Anymore," was choreographed by Marilyn Piazza-Esper.

In addition to having the highest scoring performance routine, Briana also won the Interview portion of the competition. In the required audition classes, Briana captured

the highest scores in the ballet and tap categories and tied for the highest score in the jazz category.

In July Briana will travel to San Antonio, Texas to compete for the title of Miss Dance of America.

The Piazza Dance Company, located at 42333 Seven Mile Road, in the Northville Plaza, has been a Northville community staple since 1981.

Other Piazza Dance Company students also put in a strong showing at the event. Christina Zitkus, 12, and Jillian Moraitis, 11, both of Northville, were top seven semi-finalists in the Junior competition, with Jillian achieving third runner-up to the title of Junior Miss Dance of Michigan. Hanna Beck-Sawyer, 14, of Livonia achieved the second runner-up position in the Teen Miss Dance of Michigan event. Kaliana Basoukeas, 16, of Northville and Lena Drake, 16, of Farmington Hills, were top 12 semi-finalists in the Miss Dance of Michigan.



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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Victorian Tea

On March 27, the Northville Historical Society is hosting a Victorian Tea from 2-4 p.m. at Cady Inn, followed by a Gibson Girl Fashion Show at the Village Church.

Advance reservations for the tea (\$25) are required, and it includes the fashion show. Separate tickets (\$10) for the program only can be purchased at the show. For more details about the tea fundraiser, contact Heidi Nielsen at (248) 767-7280.

Food drive

Keller Williams Realty will be doing a food drive for

Civic Concern for the month of February

Agents will be at the Center Street Hiller's Market on Tuesday, Feb. 16 and Thursday, Feb. 18 from 10:30 a.m.-noon to accept non-perishable items which will be then delivered to Northville Civic Concern for distribution to families within the community in need.

Non-perishable food items may also be dropped off in the big red box in the Keller Williams Northville Business Center at 200 N. Center Street throughout the month of February.

Call (248) 767-4198 or (248) 735-5427 for more information.

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.

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OUR VIEWS

Let Lansing know how you feel about cuts

A few weeks ago, Leonard Rezmierski, the superintendent of Northville Public Schools, sent out a letter to parents in the district, updating everyone on the financial crisis facing this district.

In case you didn't receive it, we'll highlight some of the key points here. Last week, we ran column by Barbara Moroski-Browne, chairperson of the Legislative Action Network, Northville Area Council of PTAs. In it, we included contact information for seven of our leaders in Lansing - from the Governor to state Senators to state Representatives. You can find their info and Moroski-Browne's column online at www.hometownlife.com -- because you'll want to make your voice heard after you read about the impact on Northville in these comments from Dr. Rezmierski:

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• Last spring, school districts across Michigan were told by state budget officials to expect a \$110 reduction in per pupil funding for the 2009-10 school year. In response, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education in June 2009 approved \$1.1 million in budget reductions to address this predicted loss in state funding, as well as to help manage rising costs and declining financial resources.

• Then, in October 2009, the district learned this \$110 reduction in per pupil funding had grown to \$165 per student (\$1.2 million). A week later, Governor Granholm announced the elimination of 20j funding for the 39 Michigan schools (including Northville) that qualify for the funds under Proposal A -- a loss of \$321 per pupil (\$2.2 million) for Northville Public Schools. Just three days later, another statewide cut of \$127 per pupil was announced, but that reduction was rescinded in December. This brings the total loss in state funding for Northville Public Schools for the current 2009-10 school year to \$3.4 million.

• At the same time these state funding cuts were being issued, Northville Public Schools and school districts across the state were notified that they could use federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Fund) Special Education Funds (\$621,000 for Northville) and state 31a At Risk Funds (\$111,000 for Northville) to offset general fund deficits for 2009-10. In addition, the Northville Board of Education approved the use of money available in the district's Food Service and Early Childhood Education and Extended Day fund balances (\$390,000) to help reduce the impact of the state funding cuts for this school year. This brings the district's total budget deficit for the current 2009-10 school year to just over \$2 million.

• The financial outlook for Michigan public schools is even bleaker for the 2010-11 school year, as state budget officials are already predicting a \$268 cut in per pupil funding (or \$1.9 million for Northville). This, along with the district's contractual obligations for next year, will mean a \$7.0 million budget deficit for the school district in 2010-11.

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All this leaves the board of education finalizing \$2.1 million in budget reductions and dipping into its fund balance of \$4 million and trying to figure out which programs and services to reduce to offset costs.

Rezmierski is also meeting with union and non-union employee groups to try and work out ways to cope with the shortfalls.

This will not lead to the type of education system people of Northville have come to expect, but it's the one that's being forced on this district and just about every other one in the state by our so-called leaders in Lansing. Make a phone call, send an email, write a letter ... do whatever you have to do to let your voice be heard at our state's Capitol.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of the job that President Obama's done in his first year in office?



I thought he'd do better. A lot of buildup and not much follow through.

Kelly Kindred
Northville



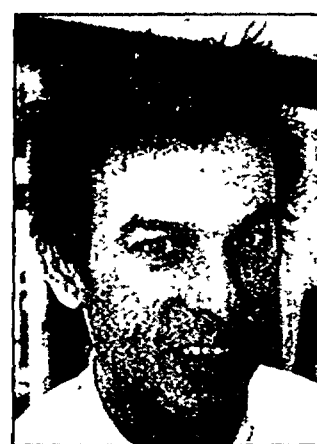
I thought he'd do exactly as he did: A lot of talk and little follow through.

Monica Coppola
Northville



Given the circumstances, I don't know what more you could have expected. We'll have to see what three more years brings.

Mike Young
Northville



I just think he's doing an OK job. He needs to be more serious. More action and less talk.

Kevin Shannon
Northville

LETTERS

Tired of the school bashing

I was surprised by the tone of a recent Letter to the Editor criticizing the methods used to involve our community in critical issues that currently face our school district. As a father of two children who attended the ALPS program, a community member who participated in a Managing Our Future Community Forum, and a person who is tired of school-bashing and teacher-bashing in general, I would like to offer a few perspectives.

First, participation in ALPS did result in a "positive outcome" for our two children (now 23 and 24 years old). Both had their pick of universities, scholarships, and opportunities -- after working hard, making high marks in classes, and taking advantage of the many AP offerings and co-curricular activities offered as part of their comprehensive pre-kindergarten through high school experience in Northville Public Schools.

I sensed a negative tone toward the "gifted" program in the writer's letter. I hope the district will continue, despite the looming deficit, to offer multiple academic paths for all our students, as you never know when a child's individual gift, talent or skill will appear.

Second, I have attended many meetings, work sessions and forums where a single individual will capitalize on a conversation and derail the meeting. I would suspect the district is using Facilitation 101 strategies to ensure all perspectives are heard and considered from participants. The difference here, as opposed to arguing a legal

case, is that a good facilitator is working toward encouraging dialogue (open communication exploring ideas), guiding discussion (working toward a decision) and reaching consensus. Although it may take additional time, this type of process will yield better results than rushing through a meeting and forcing a decision. It also honors the voices and the time invested by group members. Give the process time to work -- our students are worth it.

Third, I find the comments about limiting meeting size, sparing no expense with formal name cards and color handouts and employing an "expert" to run the meeting interesting. Clearly, Mrs. Henderson understood the importance of this advisory council as she made the "investment" in preparing a professional, productive environment and process, with the best cross-section of community members (not too small, not too large) to foster the exchange of ideas.

Fourth, I do agree with the comment about allowing students to take advanced courses (like advanced math) if they choose. However, placement tests are useful, along with other measures, to inform students and parents of courses that are most appropriate for their developmental stage. In terms of placing out of high school courses, there is no hidden agenda there. Michigan Law states that students can place out of high school classes at any time -- if they can demonstrate mastery on the subject matter.

Fifth, I must disagree with the "smoke screen" comment. I have found the district to be very open in their process aptly named, "Managing Our Future." Their

process, information on the district Web site, forums and surveys are top-notch. The "Our" implies a participation by all of us -- school administration, teachers, staff, parents, students and the community. Is it time for school bashing, or a time to come together and work toward creative solutions?

Finally, we are not cooking dinner here. These tough economic times require careful thought and decision-making. The potential budget reductions and decisions will have a lasting effect on the future opportunities of our students. So yes, let's move forward, but in a positive, constructive way.

Dr. Joseph Hoffman

City of Northville

Applauds zoning decision

We are relieved and grateful for the decision of the Northville Township Board of Appeals to deny variances for a new religious center in an R-1 residential area on Eight Mile Road in Northville to construct a dimensionally excessive 42- or 32-car lighted parking lot in front of their building next door to us.

We thank the *Northville Record* for alerting the public to the problem, and we feel closer to the Northville community and grateful for the support of the many fellow citizens who shared our concern and attended the Zoning Board hearings or previously wrote to the Board.

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Local coffee shops become 21st century unemployment offices

National chains and local coffee shops have become the Michigan (doesn't) work gathering places for the new and long-term unemployed. Take a look around the local Starbucks, Tuscan Cafe, Panera Bread, Biggby, Tim Horton's, McDonald's and Caribou



Tom Watkins

Coffee and you will see the faces of Michigan's unemployment statistics. The numbers are measured by real people, fathers, mothers, grandmothers and grandfathers out of work.

Affluent suburb or inner city coffee shop -- they have become the 21st century watering hole for the unemployed and underemployed.

With the nation's highest unemployment rate officially at near 15 percent (but much higher if you include the long-term unemployed and those who have fallen off the stats government keeps on the pain and misery), these watering holes are attracting many of the historically unemployed. Yet, also warming their hands with a cup of black coffee, like the vision of the down and out of the Great Depression around an oil barrel fire, are the new statistics that this decade's long economic decline have snagged -- the college-edu-

cated 40-50-year-old, recent college grads and those who never stood in an unemployment line.

No, they are not soot covered, disheveled or unshaven. Most are in professional attire, be it white or blue collar. Their tools are laptops and notebooks tapping into the free Wifi seeking new job leads, sending out resumes and typing out thank you letters after receiving a job rejection.

'RETREAT TO ESCAPE'

"Coffee houses are the retreat to escape the isolation of sitting at home when the unemployment and sub-paychecks stop coming and the family and friend networking make you feel as welcome as a Jehovah's Witnesses making a third stop at your house in one evening" explained Fred at a Plymouth Caribou Coffee.

"Look around," he continued, "it is the middle of the day and this place is packed with 50-year-old men and twentysomethings busy tapping on their computer keys desperately seeking work."

Fred motions for Susan to join us and she sheepishly, with a matter of fact tone, explains she lost her high paying logistics job with an auto supplier two years ago and has yet to find meaningful work.

"Sure, I have worked at temporary, low-paying jobs without benefits to try to survive, but I am college-educated, I have skills," she continued, her voice falling off. "I

am losing my savings along with hope."

Since my encounter with Fred and Susan I have made it a point to pay attention to people in coffee shops as I travel the state. No, these unemployed are not as visible as the person at the freeway entrance and exit ramps with signs reading, "Will work for food," or the day laborers congregating in city centers. But many are becoming desperate and are hurting just the same.

I suspect it was the same type of people who vented their anger and frustration in electing the first Republican to the U.S. Senate in the bluest of blue Democratic states, Massachusetts.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

People with needs are all around us. No, Michigan is not Haiti, where the pain and need is great, where roughly half of the country's 10 million citizens live on the edge, without work, perched precariously on hillside. Yet, Michigan and its 10 million citizens, where nearly a quarter million people lost jobs last year and close to a million over the last decade, are perched precariously, yet, less visibly along economic fault lines as well.

While there has been some economic good news of late, University of Michigan econo-

mists predict continued job losses in 2010. Michigan loses jobs and employers in roaring tsunamis and replaces them in teardrops.

It can be argued that much of Michigan's economic troubles have their origins at the international and national level or failed state policies over which a few have control.

Here are a few things that could be done to help:

• The state should post job information from Michigan Works and the Talent Bank at all coffee shops across the state including education and training programs through the "No Worker Left Behind" program.

• In collaboration with the private coffee shops, install computer terminals/kiosks linked to job and training opportunities to be available to those without computer access.

• If you are an employer, stop by any coffee shop and post or announce your employment opportunities. People like Fred and Susan would be most appreciative.

If you are a politician seeking votes, stop by any local coffee shop, there are many voters there that will give you an earful.

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Local leaders react to governor's State of the State address

BY CAL STONE
EDITOR

Immediately following Jennifer Granholm's final State of the State address from the Capitol in Lansing on Feb. 2, local leaders in Novi and Northville offered their responses.

"Michigan families need jobs. Our state lost more than 235,000 jobs last year alone, and we must reverse that trend," said State Rep. Hugh Crawford (R-Nowi). "I was pleased with the governor's recent calls for reforms, and if she's finally serious about reforming state government before forcing a tax hike, I'm ready and willing to work with her to accomplish these Republican goals."

Although both Peter Dion, Novi schools superintendent, and David Landry, mayor of Novi, were attending a group focus meeting on the Novi Library and did not get to see or hear the governor's speech, Crawford's Novi colleague in the state Senate heard it live and in person.

NANCY CASSIS

"I have listened to all of her addresses, and I want to thank her for her service and dedication to this state," said State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi). "She started out in 2003 on the Capitol steps with good intentions and high expectations; she really heard us with her vision and her promises at that time. But, we did not hear that same vision. We didn't hear a plan on how we transition to Michigan's new economy."

Cassis said Granholm had many missed opportunities and her journey with the Legislature has been very long and difficult.

"The one thing I would applaud this governor for is now she suddenly is focusing on real job creations, not imaginary jobs."

The Novi senator said Michigan, by the end of this year, will have lost 1 million jobs, with 650,000 of those occurring on Granholm's watch.

"I think we have to recognize that it is the small businesses that are the way of the future," said Cassis. "If they are freed up, it will create 70 percent of all the jobs we envision in the next 10 years."

Cassis said it's the small businesses that are suffering the most under the current policies of Granholm's administration.

"Michigan's business tax demands reform," she said. "Government doesn't create jobs. I think the governor still tends to think it can, but it's the private sector - the entrepreneurial spirit that is allowed to grow and be nourished."

Cassis, a former educator, said it's troubling that Granholm prefers Hollywood producers and subsidizing their productions by "sending refunds to them that will cause this state \$100 million this year and \$120 million next year" while cutting funds to education, seniors on Medicaid and local police and fire.

"I think it's absolutely wrongheaded policy," said

Cassis. "Hollywood is not going to save Michigan, and we can't pay more and higher taxes to subsidize this giveaway - the highest in the nation."

Cassis said the mood of legislators during the governor's speech was "pretty somber," with not a lot of clapping and standing up.

"We didn't hear anything new," said Cassis. "I hoped she would've said she really wanted to work with the Legislature but, unfortunately, I don't think she really knows how."

MARC CORRIVEAU

Across the aisle and in the House of Representatives, Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) said he liked how Granholm "took time to talk about the positive things in Michigan."

He said that the state is diversifying, and although it's not going to happen overnight, "we're moving in the right direction."

Like Cassis, Corriveau noted that this address by Granholm differed from her previous ones in its lack of pomp and circumstance and was much more serious in tone.

"She did end on a high note, bringing in business leaders who decided to stay here and invest," said Corriveau, adding that the governor started on an even keel and grew to a positive feel overall.

"There were no surprises," the Northville representative said. "She's been consistent in investing in things that will bring jobs."

LEONARD REZMIERSKI

Jobs, or cutting them, is one of the issues facing Leonard Rezmierski as superintendent of Northville's school district, which was hit with the second highest funding cuts in the state this school year.

"I'm delighted to hear and optimistic in the things that would correct funding in schools," Rezmierski said of Granholm's speech. "I was enthused to hear about all of the job creations throughout the state that I had no idea about, and I hope that's a trend that continues so folks are encouraged to stay in our state and move here and bring their families here."

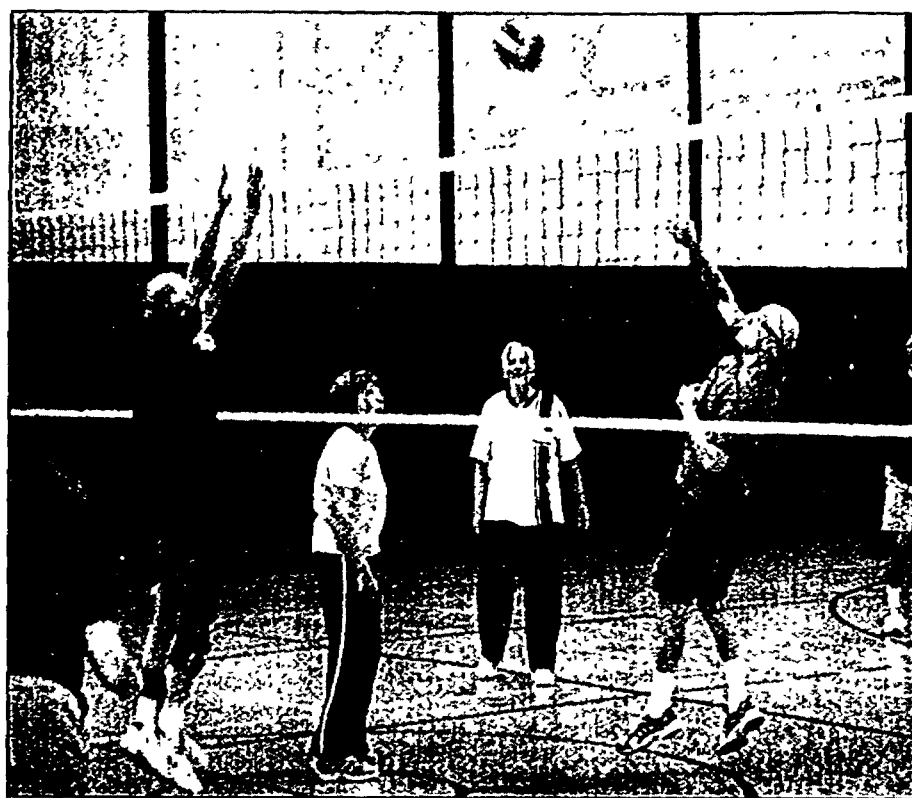
Rezmierski said Granholm hit a perfect chord of balancing a number of issues with the major focus being jobs and education. He was also encouraged that a balanced budget would be approved by July 1.

"Whether I like the results is another matter," he said. "I'll reserve judgment until I see and hear details of her budget next week."

Rezmierski said he was very encouraged to hear that there would be no more additional education cuts, although he said a year ago he could've said the same thing and would've been proven wrong.

"I'm pained by that experience and, hopefully, wiser...but I'm encouraged."

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Wednesday volleyball

Participants of a Wednesday morning volleyball game at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

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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.

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- Best place for chicken _____
- Best quality dining restaurant _____
- Best place for desserts _____
- Best Italian restaurant _____
- Best place for seafood _____
- Best oriental restaurant _____
- Best Tex-Mex restaurant _____
- Best place for pizza _____
- Best place for steak _____
- Best place for barbecue ribs _____
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- Best beer selection (restaurant) _____
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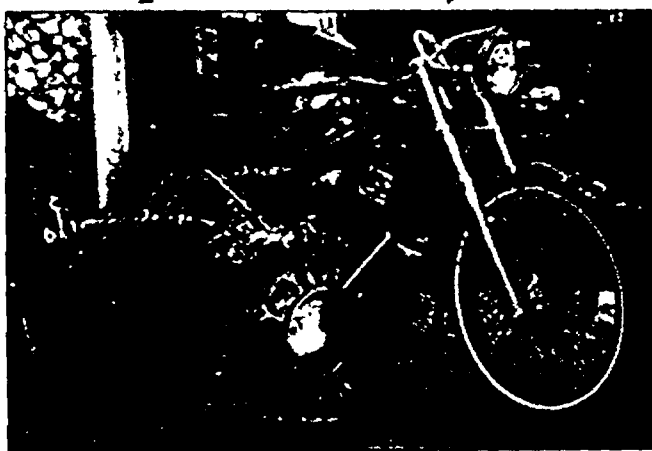
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Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet rolls into Rock on Feb. 21

The Midwest's largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof will converge with thousands of bikers on Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Rock Financial Showplace to buy, sell and swap motorcycles, parts, accessories and experiences.

Spring is around the corner and bikers with cabin fever turning to spring fever will arrive in droves clad from head-to-toe in leather and sporting bandanas, vests cluttered with pins collected from 'rides' or events from across the country, T-shirts that make a statement or prove "I've been there and seen that," says event director Chad Dutmers.

Michigan's own Ron Finch, also known as The Motorcycle Artist, will be displaying his



Michigan's own Ron Finch, also known as The Motorcycle Artist, will be displaying his newest creation called "The Outsider." It's Finch's first ever bike with a sidecar. It has a 100 cubic inch Crazy Horse engine with round cylinders and heads and a Michigan-

built Evil Belt Drive.

"Ron used gears, wrenches, chains and rod work for the frame," said Dutmers. "It has spoked wheels with rubber powder coat. It looks like the spokes are coming right out of the tire itself. The exhausts are a powder coated silver color. It's pretty cool. Ron Finch is considered one of the premiere custom motorcycle builders of all time, we are truly privileged to have this work of fine craftsmanship here. It's a must see."

The Outsider is making its Michigan public debut at the Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet.

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DETAILS

Thousands of motorcycle buyers are expected to pack the 95,000-plus square foot exhibition area from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12. Car Parking is \$5. People who want to skip the lines and get in 30 minutes earlier can buy tickets in advance online at www.motorcycleswap.com. The Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi. For information on the swap meet call 800-968-4242 or visit www.motorcycleswap.com

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Do you qualify to donate? If you do, I strongly encourage you to do so.

Donating blood is simple. It does require a needle stick into

your arm, but your pain or fear of needles is only temporary knowing that you are helping others. You can donate at blood drives or the American Red Cross, and like I mentioned earlier, it only takes an hour out of your day. Eligible donors can donate once every two months.

Most people donate blood during times of need, such as the recent earthquake in Haiti, and the September 11th terrorist attacks. While this is great that people feel the urge to act, there is always a need for blood donors throughout the year.

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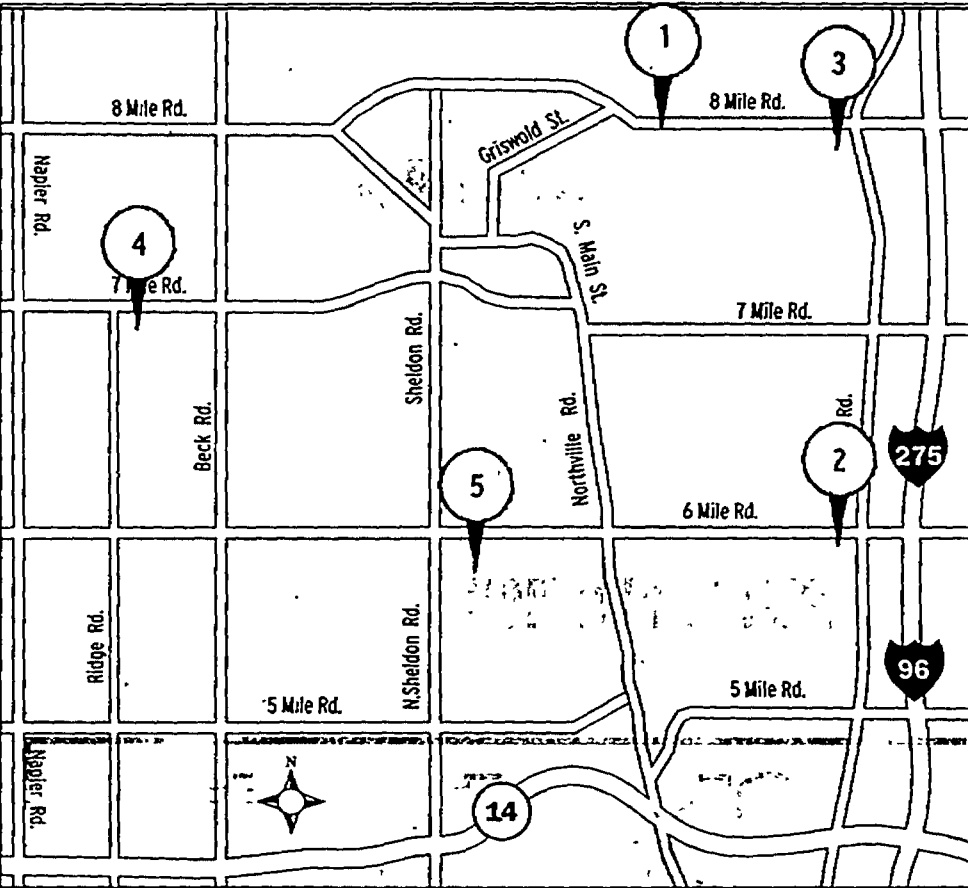
Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us.



Donation

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia donated two Phillips heart monitor/defibrillators to the Northville Township Department of Public Safety on Feb. 1. "These two pieces of equipment are vital to the transition of the Fire Department from a basic life support service to one that is capable of delivering the finest care through paramedics," said Public Safety Director John Werth. "St. Mary's donation is greatly appreciated. It contributes to the growth of the Fire Department and will provide the citizens of Northville Township and those who visit the best service possible." Pictured, from left, are Lt. Brian Siriani; Werth; Bud Lauderbach of St. Mary Mercy Hospital; Firefighter Brent Siegel; Dr. Michael Calice and Sister Janet Marie of St. Mary Mercy Hospital; Township Manager Chip Snider; and Deputy Director of Fire Services Richard Marinucci.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT



Larceny from auto

1 A 54-year-old woman who lives on E. Northville Place Drive reported a theft from her auto that occurred between 9 p.m. Jan. 24 and 7 a.m. Jan. 25.

The back window of the vehicle was smashed in the parking lot of the complex. Some coins in her cup holder in the front console were the only items stolen.

Retail fraud reported

2 A 42-year-old South Lyon man was arrested for retail fraud at 7:35 p.m. on Jan. 27 at the CVS Pharmacy at 16855 Haggerty Road.

The man stole one case of Labatt's beer valued at \$17.

Shoplifting at Meijer

3 A 23-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for retail fraud at 11:38 p.m. on Jan. 27 at the Meijer store at 20401 Haggerty Road.

A loss prevention employee informed police that while on the sales floor he saw the woman conceal unpaid items in shopping bags and her clothing.

Stolen items included a loaf of bread valued at \$3.59, a bathroom rug set valued at \$11.99 and hand towel valued at \$7.99, a tank top valued at \$9.99, a zip-up shirt valued at \$14.99, a

children's books valued at \$6.50 and another children's book valued at \$7.50.

Cosmetics stolen from another Meijer store included nail polish valued at \$1.89, four bottles of nail polish valued at a total of \$7.52, four bottles of nail polish valued at \$3.72, one bottle of nail polish valued at \$3.49, two bottles of nail polish valued at \$5.26, one bottle of nail polish valued at \$4.19, a lipstick valued at \$5.99.

Friend of Court arrest

4 A 46-year-old Westland man was arrested for owing child support at 10 a.m. on Jan. 29 at Seven Mile Road and Grande Vista Drive.

While working stationary radar at Seven Mile Road east of Ridge Road an officer saw a vehicle traveling at 70 mph in the 50 mph zone.

The man told police that he might have a warrant for his arrest out of Oakland County for back child support.

Theft from auto

5 A 54-year-old man who lives on Brooklane Drive reported to police that a Garmin GPS system valued at \$350 and about \$10 worth of miscellaneous change was stolen from his vehicle between 6 p.m. Jan. 30 and 10 a.m. Jan. 31.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

Jury convicts in Springwater shooting



A Wayne County Circuit Court jury found defendant Larry Jerrod Brown Jr. guilty of felon in possession of a firearm and felony firearms. Both charges carry a mandatory two years in prison.

The charges stemmed from a serious shooting incident that occurred at a

residence on Springwater in Northville Township on March 26, 2009. The incident resulted in the shooting and injury of his father, Larry Jerrod Brown Sr.

The trial began on Feb. 1 with the verdict being delivered the next day. Sentencing will take place later this month.

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Northville mom creates new baby-food business, B6



Northville gymnastics
squad takes fifth at
Canton Invitational, B3

Boys cagers might miss KLAA tourney

Squad drops two
more division games

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team is not in a position that lends itself to much room for error.

The team, coached by Todd Sander, has to win out this week in order to make a trip to the Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament. That's because the Mustangs, who are now 5-9 overall and 2-6 in the division, dropped two more Central Division games last week with a heart-breaking loss to Novi, 64-58, and a loss to South Lyon, 47-40.

Northville will have to win Tuesday (after the sports section went to press) and again tomorrow against Salem in order to qualify for the KLAA tournament.

In order to do so, the Mustangs will need to find more consistency than they had in last week's losses.

"This was another classic Northville- Novi game," said Sander of last Friday's loss. "Obviously we would have liked to be on the other side, but we continue to improve. We need to stay focused, get better and ready to make a run. Our effort is there. I am so proud of how hard we're working. Now we just need to eliminate some little mistakes and execute better."

Northville looked to be in control of the contest from the very start, leaping out to a season-best 22 point first quarter while holding the Wildcats to just nine. Tim Hasse put in 11 points for Northville, including three 3-point field goals, while Drew Baldwin added five.

Even in the second quarter, when Novi's defense buckled down and allowed just five points by the Mustangs, they looked poised and headed into the locker room with a 27-23 lead.

But simple mistakes and Novi's persistence slowly turned the game around. Northville held onto their lead in the third, maintaining a three-point lead heading into the final stanza. The fourth started with Novi's Brandon Rydzewski pouring in a 3-pointer to tie it.

The game continued to be back-and-forth with Novi taking a 56-50 lead with five minutes remaining before strong performances by Bryce Groshek and Baldwin allowed Northville to tie the game, 56-56, with three minutes left in the game.

Novi kept pushing and kept playing and poured in a few big shots to keep the momentum in their favor to earn the win.

Novi's Samer Ozeir put in a game-high total of 34 points while Northville was led by Baldwin's 20 points while Hasse added 19 and Groshek had 12.

Things weren't much better against South Lyon two days earlier when Northville fell, 47-40, in Central Division action.

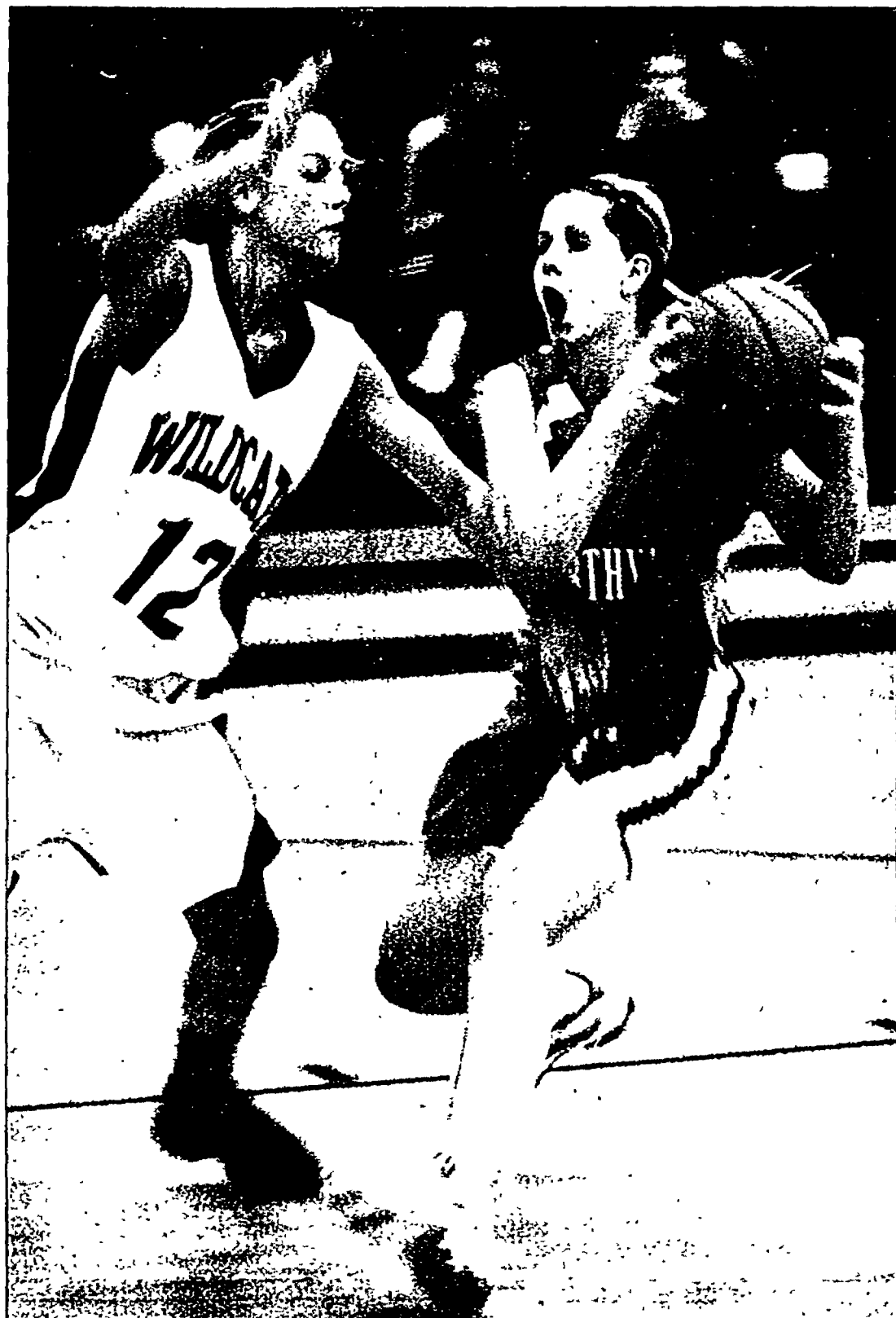
The team found itself lacking in consistency despite a 12-12 first quarter between the two teams. The Mustangs' undoing came in the second and third quarter when they were able to put in only 11 points total. The Lions took off, scoring 24 points in that span to take a 36-23 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Northville fought back in the final four minutes, cutting a 14-point South Lyon lead down to five with two minutes left on the clock. The team missed a crucial layup that would have cut the lead to three and could only watch as South Lyon controlled the ball in the waning minutes to secure the win.

"The difference tonight was the middle two quarters," said Sander. "As we've been saying, we need some consistency."

Northville played the game without Groshek, who was out with a sore back. Hasse led his team with 22 points while Baldwin finished with 11.

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



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Wildcat Alyssa Armiak tries to stop the progress of No. 5 on the Mustang roster during their Feb. 5. meeting in Novi.

Northville splits week

Squad beats South Lyon, loses to Novi

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Julia Ramey commented during the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team's senior night last Tuesday that she didn't have a favorite basketball memory.

It's doubtful she can say that now, especially since few people on her basketball team are ever going to forget the night she sunk a free throw to beat South Lyon.

The Mustangs used that free throw to earn a 46-45 victory over South Lyon, but couldn't keep that kind of magic alive a few days later when they took on Novi and fell, 56-37.

"There was a lot of pressure on Julia to sink that foul shot with no time left and standing there by yourself, but worst case scenario we knew we had overtime," said Northville coach Todd Gudith.

The Mustangs didn't have to worry about overtime. Ramey, a senior, hit the shot despite the pressure to put her team up by one point for the victory. Her chance at the line came with time expiring. She set a screen for

Please see BASKETBALL, B2

ON TAP

The Mustangs are now 7-7 overall and 3-5 in the Central Division and play Salem tomorrow. They will play in the KLAA tournament next week.



Wildcat senior Jessica Cingel gets her hand on a shot put up by a Northville Mustang during the teams' Feb. 5 meeting.

NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Mustangs take fourth in KLAA Individual Championships

The Northville Mustangs have shown all season that despite injuries, tough opponents and a hectic schedule, they weren't ever going down without a fight.

While every team in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division has had the opportunity to discover that first hand already, other teams in the KLAA weren't afforded the luxury of wrestling the 'Stangs until last week. Northville pounded out a fourth-place finish in the first-ever KLAA Individual Championships. There were 24 teams in attendance.

Leading the way for Northville was senior captain Jon Nelson, who took first in the 145-pound weight class by defeating Hartland's Doug Baughman in the final match.

Nick Mudar, also a senior captain, fared well, too, and brought home a title. Mudar, a 171 pounder, wrestled against Curtis Lattleberry of Livonia Churchill in the championship and avenged an earlier-season loss.

While he didn't bring home a championship in his weight class, Bobby Lahiff showed that he is a force to be reckoned with in the 189-pound division and brought home a runner-up medal after falling to state-ranked Marco Smallman of Walled Lake. Josh Wright, a 140 pounder, took fourth, while Justim Umin took fifth. Other wrestlers who earned medals on the day were Ian Stirton, who finished sixth in the 103-pound weight class, and George McClymont, who was sixth in the 130-pound division.

Girls bowlers continue to shine

The Northville Mustangs girls bowling team continued to shine last week, defeating both Canton and Salem in division play.

The girls took on Canton last Monday and came away with a victory thanks to a strong final individual game. The contest was close through the Baker games and the first individual match.

Seniors Marie Samson and Jessie Sammut provided leadership for the Mustangs with a 216 and a 210, respectively.

Against Salem, the girls found themselves again in a close match through the Baker games but didn't look back once the individual games began. Samson shot a 200 and Shelby Curlew hurled a 199 to help keep Northville in sole possession of first place in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division standings.

Boys bowlers earn draw, take loss

The Northville Mustangs boys bowling team has the motto 'never give up' firmly planted in their minds this year and it shows in each and every outing.

The squad, which has had a rough season thus far, earned a draw against Salem last week and fell to Canton in KLAA Central Division contests.

Against Salem, Northville led the match through the Baker games and into the first game of individual play. The Rocks, however, rallied in the final game to earn a win and a draw on the day.

Ian Lovdahl had a 10-strike, 256 game in the final match. He also recorded a 214 game on the day. John Johnson chipped in with a 205.

Against Canton, the Northville boys couldn't catch a break. Despite some impressive individual scores from the Northville bowlers, the Chiefs still managed to escape with the victory. Lovdahl shot a 235 on the day while Garret Baughman recorded a 200 in the loss.

Mustangs hockey edges Chiefs

If there is one thing the Northville Mustangs boys hockey team has been good at this season, it's winning the tough, close matches.

The squad, coached by Jeff Hatley, did it again last week, tumbling the Canton Chiefs in a 4-3 decision.

"A Canton win would have put them in position to win their division," said Hatley. "They played very determined and our guys played a solid road game."

Northville got on the board first in the opening period, scoring on a shot from Matt Rosiar during a power play with assistance from Joe Close and Mike Comben.

The Chiefs battled right back, however, tying the game, 1-1, before the end of the period when Phil Baciak got a shot past Northville goalie David Ketelhut. Matt Rodgers and Riley Hoernschemeyer assisted on the play.

The second period was much of the same back-and-forth action, with Northville striking first on a shot from Close. Tyler Marotta and Mike McLean were credited with assists on the play.

But, again, Canton wouldn't be denied and knotted the game up, 2-2,

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BASKETBALL

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Katie Giacomini's last-second shot from the three-point arch with the Mustangs trailing, 45-42, with 2.5 seconds left.

Giacomini's shot landed, tying the game, and the whistle blew as Ramey was fouled by a South Lyon defender.

Northville had taken an early 10-4 lead in the contest by the end of the first quarter and then held onto a 21-18 lead heading into the half.

South Lyon came out in the third quarter a completely different team, holding Northville to just eight points while scoring 13 of their own to take the lead. The Lions continued to build, eventually being up 42-33 with just three minutes to play.

But Northville wouldn't be held back. The girls poured in three three-point field goals to slice the lead to 44-42. Giacomini nailed the first during the rally, followed by senior guard Tori Wright and Beth Roach made the final three. The Mustangs switched to a man defense and began fouling to get the ball back at the 1:11 mark. South Lyon missed several key shots, giving the Mustangs the ball with 10 seconds left. Northville advanced the ball to their half where South Lyon knocked it out of bounds. The inbound play led to Giacomini's shot and Ramey's subsequent free-

throw shooting to win the game.

"We outplayed South Lyon tonight and the girls deserved to win" Gudith said. "I give our girls all the credit in the world for fighting so hard throughout the game only to lose the lead, but then continuing to never give up. Their tenacity paid off."

Giacomini led her team with 11 points while Wright added eight and Ramey had seven in the win.

Northville's tenacity didn't have much of an impact on the high-octane abilities of the Novi Wildcats two days later, however, and Northville fell, 56-37.

The Mustangs struggled from the start, going scoreless in the first four minutes of the game before finally settling in and scoring seven in the first quarter to the Wildcats' 12. Novi continued to build their lead, however, taking a 24-16 advantage into the locker room for halftime and then coming out and shooting the lights out in the third quarter and leaping to a 46-28 advantage. The Wildcats didn't look back.

"After the emotional game we had Tuesday, we came out flat tonight. Not a good time to do that when you're playing a quality team like Novi," Gudith said.

Ramey led Northville with 12 points.

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Northville High School soccer players signing their national letters of intent included (l to r) Heidi Haller - Lewis University - Chicago; Shelby Foerg - Sienna Heights; Kelsey Fiscus - Grand Valley University; Tori Wright - Charleston Southern University; Caroline Castelli - IPFW (Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne); and Stacy Clough - Indiana State University.

Six Mustangs sign letters of intent

Northville girls soccer team chock full of future collegiate players

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville girls soccer team has long been known for churning out college-bound players.

That tradition remained intact last Wednesday—the first day a college-bound athlete could sign a letter of intent to play for their chosen school—when six Northville girls inked their names to their letter of intent.

"All of these girls are excited about taking their game to the next level," said Northville girls coach Eric Brucker. "I look forward to watching them continue to grow this coming high school season and beyond."

Signing their letters were defenders Heidi Haller, Kelsey Fiscus and Tori Wright, midfielders Caroline Castelli

and Stacy Clough and goalie Shelby Foerg.

Haller will be heading to Lewis University in Chicago to extend her soccer career. She's expected to have plenty of work to keep her busy when soccer season starts.

"Heidi will have big shoes to fill with the loss of our two inside defenders from last year. Both went on to play division one soccer this past fall," said Brucker of Haller taking over for Kelsey Baskins (Western Michigan University) and Jeanette Dolemetzsch (Long Island State University). "We hope that Heidi's calm demeanor and quick decision making will help us this coming season."

Fiscus won't be straying too far from home after choosing to play for the Lakers of Grand Valley State University. As a four-year starter for the

Mustangs, Fiscus has seen plenty of action. Her view of the field in the high school season will be different than the past two seasons.

"After playing the last two years at midfield, Kelsey will move to her more natural position of outside defense," Brucker noted. "Kelsey is going to help solidify our defense with her physical play and quickness down the flank."

Wright, who is also a stand-out guard for the Northville basketball team, will be heading off to Charleston Southern University next year. She is a four-year player on the varsity squad.

"Tori looks to move from outside defense to inside with Heidi Haller," said Brucker. "We will need Tori's experience and vocal leadership to maintain order in the back. With a lot of changes to start this season, I hope that Tori's patience and leadership will get us started in the right direction."

Castelli will be showcasing her talents just to the south of her current stomping grounds when she packs her bags and moves into her new digs at the University of Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne—known better as IPFW. As a four-year player, Castelli has been looked to as a forced in the middle for a number of seasons, and that won't likely change this year.

"Caroline has help to control the middle of the field for the last three years," said Brucker. "We look for her to continue that trend in the upcoming season. Caroline's exceptional footskills and her ability to distribute the ball around the field makes her a key component to the success of this year's team."

Clough has chosen to continue her career as a Sycamore with Indiana State University. She will be key in Northville's offensive hopes this season.

"This will be the second year for Stacy at the varsity level," noted Brucker. "Used primarily as an outside midfielder, she will likely see some time in the center with Caroline Castelli. Her strong left footed crosses and well placed corners will be important in trying to generate more offense this year."

Foerg has committed to play for Sienna Heights University next year. Brucker is expecting an expanded role for her this coming spring.

"Shelby should expect to see a lot more playing time as one of the returning goal keepers from last year's team," Brucker said. "Shelby's efforts show that hard work pays off. Her vocal leadership will be key in organizing our new defense."

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ROUNDUP

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before the buzzer sounded. Jordan Smith took assistance from Sean Murphy and Garrett Bryden to add a Canton tally to the board.

Northville added a third score in the opening minutes of the third period to take the lead once again, but Canton chipped home another shot to keep the game tied heading into the final, fleeting moments of the stanza. Mike Scorzo scored for Northville, while Canton's Bryden earned the Chief's goal. It doesn't matter, how-

ever, who scored first, second or third in a contest like this—it only matters who scores the game winner. That honor went to Scorzo, who took assistance from Max McHugh and Brady Marotta to put in the final goal of the game and put Northville up, 4-3.

The Mustangs climbed to 8-10 on the season.

"The future looks bright for the Mustangs," Hatley commented. "A lot of younger players are getting playing time and experience."

Ketelhut earned the win in goal for Northville, stopping 28 of 31 shots.

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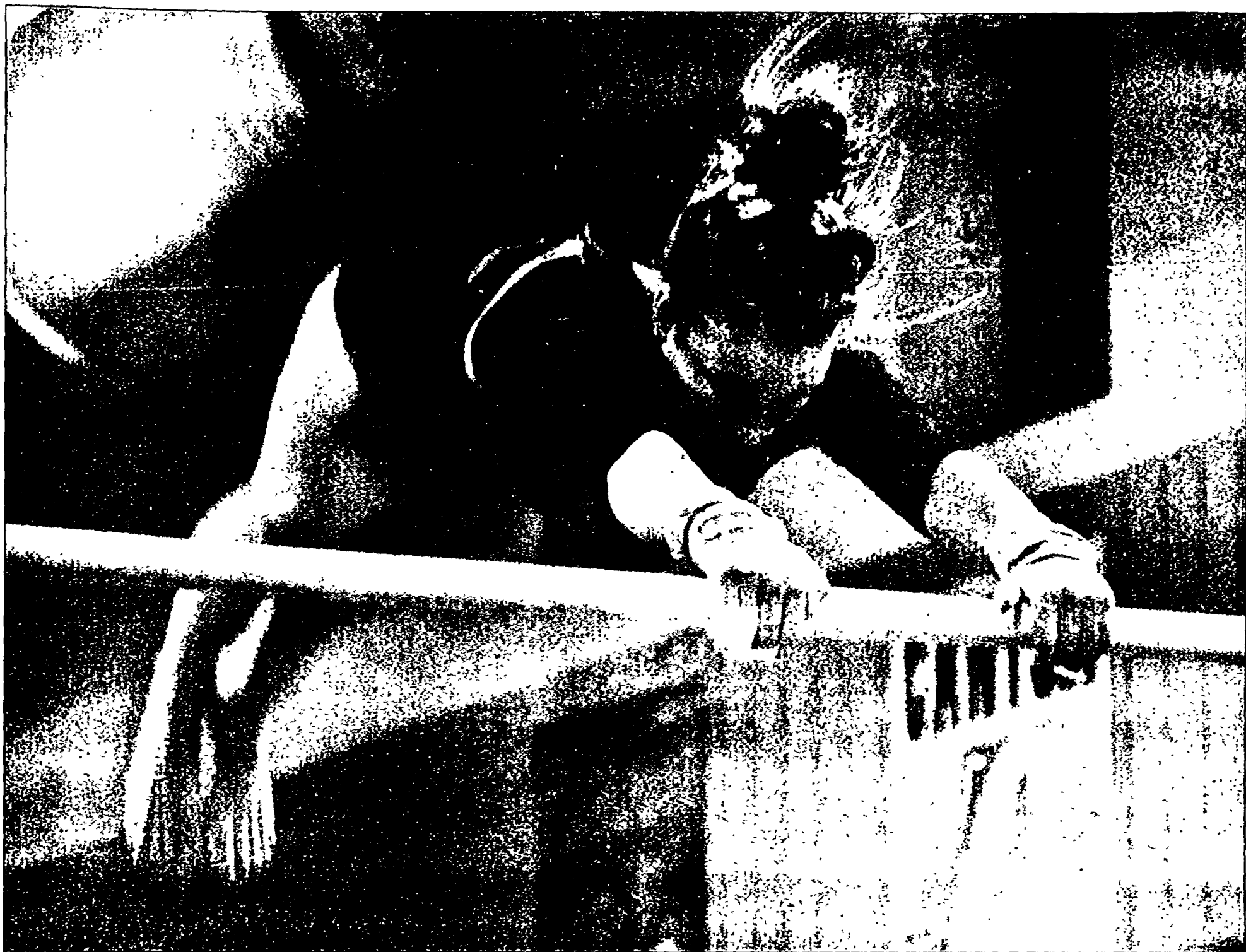
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Mustang gymnast McKenna Pohl.

Mustangs take fifth at the 'other state meet'

Northville gymnastics team gets good look at state's best

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team headed into the Canton Invitational knowing that they would be seeing some of the state's very best teams.

The invitational, dubbed the "other state meet" by those who attend, didn't disappoint—and neither did Northville.

The squad finished fifth in the meet with a team score of 141.65. Grand Ledge won the invitational for the second-straight year with a team total of 148.45.

"Canton hosted a whopping 19 teams, and the gymnasts finished just shy of their fourth-place seat in the state standings," noted coach Erin McWatt.

The Mustangs will be looking to improve their scores as the regular season comes quickly to a close in the coming weeks. The team will then test their state ranking when they compete in the always-challenging post-season tournament.

Leading Northville individually in the Canton Invitational

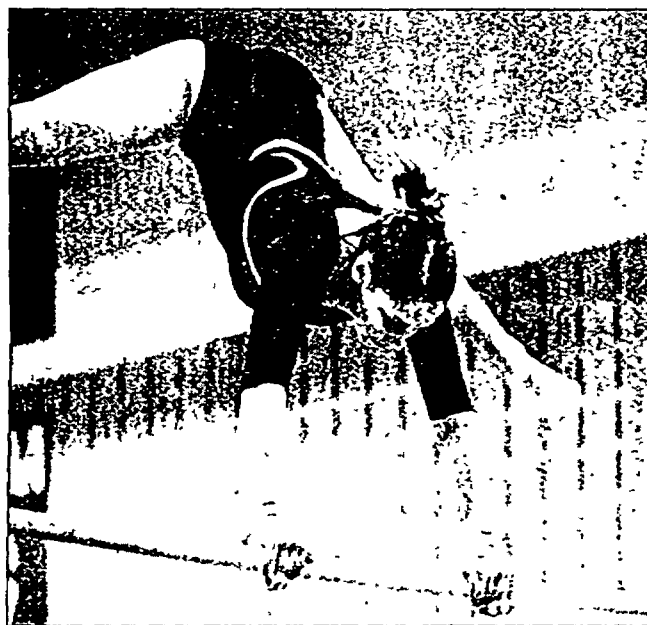
was Allison Kemp, who continued her outstanding season performance with a 9.25 on the vault and a 9.05 on the bars. Her performance on the vault tied her for fifth in the event, and she tied for 10th on the bars.

Another Mustang who stood out was McKenna Pohl, who took fifth with her floor routine that collected a 9.325 from the judges. Amy O'Brien also turned in a strong showing on the beam, which earned an 8.85.

Just two days prior, the Mustangs took a season-high team score of 145.15 in a victory over Salem, which had just 129.375.

The team has strong performances across the board. Notables were by Pohl, who turned in a 9.25 on the vault and a 9.3 on the bars, and from Kemp's 9.45 on the vault and 9.7 on the beam. The Mustangs also had a great night from O'Brien, who collected a 9.075 on the floor while Cassidy Winter turned in a 9.35 on the beam.

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A Northville Mustang performs on the bars in a Feb. 3 meet at Plymouth High.



Amy O'Brien on the vault.

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.

Any owner, resident, taxpayer, or legislative body of any taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property in which this facility is located, may appear at said hearing and give testimony.

Sue Hillebrand, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2010 in observance of Presidents' Day. In addition, the township offices are closed on Friday, February 12th for a scheduled furlough day.

As a reminder, the last day to pay WINTER taxes, without penalty, is February 16, 2010 by 4:30 p.m. Tax payments postmarked 2/16/10 are NOT accepted.

The offices will be open at 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

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Swimmers win big on senior night

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't much of a competition, but it sure was a great way to say 'thanks' to the seniors on the Northville swimming and diving team.

The squad, coached by Rich Bennetts, earned a huge win on senior night last week, toppling South Lyon, 131-55.

"It was a good way to send the seniors out," said Bennetts. "We just have to stay healthy and rest up from this point on and hopefully we will swim fast at the end of the season."

The victory moved Northville to 9-1 overall, 6-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association and 4-0 in the Central Division.

The Mustangs started the day off with a second and third place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Ryan Winkler, BoFang Zhang, Ben Schoenek and John Lubisco took second with a time of 1:45.91, while the team of Aaron Zalewski, Anthony Adamowicz, William Greenlee and Alex Miller took third with a 1:50.46.

In the 200 free, Nate Lunn led the way with a first-place showing, taking the top spot in 1:46.73. John Blickle wasn't far behind, taking second in 1:52.09 while Tim Shea took third for the Mustangs in 1:54.46. Northville earned some good points in the 200 individual medley with Zhang taking second in 2:03.59 and Schoenek taking third just three seconds later.

Northville took first and third in the 50 freestyle, with Lubisco taking the top spot in 22.83 seconds and Greenlee in third in 23.67. In the diving event, Northville was led by Kevin Bain in first and Will Price in second with scores of 275.15 and 223.80, respectively.

The Mustangs earned the top three spots in the 100 butterfly with Lunn taking his second first of the day in 54.83 seconds, followed by Schoenek in 55.74 and A.J. Aquinto in third with a 56.73. In the 500 free, Northville took the top three spots with a 5:00.61 from Blickle, a 5:02.01 from Chris LaFayette and Tim Shea in third in 5:02.85.

Northville dominated the 200 free relay with a first and second place finish. The team of Lubisco, Lunn, Winkler and Greenlee took first in 1:33.01, while Aquinto, Todd Truran, Spencer Miller and Blickle were second in 1:34.41.

In the 100 backstroke, it was once again a Northville showcase, with Lubisco taking first in 59.62 seconds, followed by Winkler in second with a 1:01.8 and Dawson Laabs in third with a 1:04.32. In the 100 breaststroke, the Mustangs found Zhang taking second in 1:04.43, followed by Adamowicz in third with a 1:07.64.

The final event, the 400 free relay, the team of Aquinto, Schoenek, Blickle and Lunn took first in 3:22.51, while the team of Alex Miller, Spencer Miller, Truran and Shea was third with a 3:30.82.

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Dancers

The Northville Mustangs dance team's next competition, Spirit and Shine, is Saturday in Birch Run. The girls will perform at halftime of the home basketball game on Feb. 9. They will also be holding dress rehearsal Tuesday for their showcase at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12 in the Northville High School Auditorium; tickets are \$5. Tryouts for next year's team will be in March; contact Mary Beth Yakima for more info at yakimamb@aol.com. Shown (l to right, kneeling, front) Kalliana Basoukeas, Lauren Layne, Amy Yakima, Danielle Crossley, Connie Vlahakis, Meredith Njus and Shellie West; (second row) Emily Zion, Katie Howe, Jaimee Risher, Lauren Roumayah, Caroline LaFayette, Alex Key, Castille Asmann; (back row) Tristan Asmann, Kelsey Gaidica, Dee Evasic, Steffi Curran, Amy Southers, Lauren Gron, and Coach Tracy Kielb.

Shamrock standout to play professional soccer

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

When Detroit Catholic Central senior Josh Gatt was just 12 years old, he looked to his parents and made one thing crystal clear: His intentions were to play soccer professionally in Europe.

At the time, like any parents, Jeff and Elizabeth applauded their son's decision. They supported his goal and helped him in every way that they could to be the best he could be.

Now, on the cusp of graduating from high school and heading off to Indiana to go to college, Gatt's pre-teen dreams have become a reality.

Gatt recently signed a three-year guaranteed contract, with undisclosed details, with SCRA Altach, a professional soccer team based in Austria.

"On the easy side, Joshua has always told us he was going to play pro soccer in Europe," said Jeff Gatt. "He has been saying that since he was 12 years old. When dreams materialize into reality, it is not too difficult to support that 100 percent."

Gatt said talks with the team began after he had been selected to tour Europe as a member of the USFC Super Elite six months ago.

"I was asked to stay and tryout with two clubs and I guess I did pretty well, as both clubs wanted me to either stay permanently, or come back in December," Gatt said. "After the tryout, my new club, SCRA



Player of the Year Josh Gatt, Catholic Central, also played for the Michigan Wolves and the U.S. Football Club SuperElite Discover Europe International Showcase.

Altach, started working on an offer. That offer was consummated last week.

It was an unexpected surprise for Gatt's parents, who had put him in soccer at the YMCA when he was just a five-year-old boy with too much energy. Gatt stood out among the other boys at that

level and, eventually, his parents were pushed to seek out a "select" team for Gatt to play on. They talked to other parents and chose the Plymouth Kicks.

"His coach, Dead Krutty, saw something in Joshua early on and really pushed him to carry the ball, dribble and run

at people," said Jeff Gatt. "Had it not been for Dead, Joshua may not have developed the attacking skills that put him on the radar of colleges in the U.S. and clubs in Europe."

Gatt's career carried him then to the Michigan Wolves, an elite club team in southeastern Michigan. There, Gatt met coach Lars Richters, who taught Gatt the importance of tactical and technical play. Richters pushed Gatt to watch the field develop before him and strategize as he moved the ball.

And then, after two years of talks with the United States Football Club, Gatt was invited to be a part of the Super Elite team and play the best young talent in Europe on a tour that spanned the continent.

"We were thrilled that Joshua was going to have the opportunity to be a part of a team that had some of the best talent in the U.S. and get to play against some elite talent in Europe," said Elizabeth Gatt. "We were told there was a possibility of clubs being interested, but honestly, the best we were hoping for was to play with these guys and get a little exposure. Then, down the road, if he improved, Joshua could try to make it over the pond. Obviously, he did a little more than just get some exposure."

There was no guarantee that a professional club would make an offer, and Gatt moved forward with his collegiate plans. He narrowed his interest in college programs to Indiana, Michigan, Maryland, Wake Forest, New Mexico and Louisville before verbally committing to Indiana.

Talks continued with SCRA Altach and another club, Mainz 05 in Germany. Altach made the offer and Gatt accepted.

His life from this point forward is going to be a potential whirlwind. He graduates in May and reports for a month-long training camp in Austria in June. The first matches begin in July and go until November before a month-long holiday break in December gives the team time to rest. The second half of the season begins in March and ends in May.

Oh, and Gatt is planning on learning conversational German before boarding the plane to Austria, where he will be given a language coach as part of his contractual agreement.

"My parents and I will be studying together over the next four months so I can arrive there with a basic understanding of key words and phrases," he said. "The only way to truly learn a language is to immerse oneself into the culture. Starting in June, I will definitely be immersed."

Anyone who has seen Gatt play knows that he's cool under pressure, but even he admits that he ran the gamut of emotions when the deal was signed.

"When I finally signed with the club, I suppose that I was like any other player signing their first deal—very excited, relieved, nervous and a little scared. But at the same time, I was really looking forward to the opportunity of taking my career to the next level."

Gatt wasn't only one running through levels of emotions. His parents weren't just going to be packing up their son to go to Indiana—they were packing up their 18-year-old to go to Europe to live, work and play.

"This is a whole new world for an 18 year old," said Jeff Gatt. "But, with the right support system in place, the whole family feels that this is the best decision for Joshua. It has been one heck of a ride."

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Fri 02/12 @ South Lyon

Tue 02/16 @ KLA A Playoff

Thu 02/18 KLA A Playoff

Ice Hockey

Home games at Novi Ice Arena

Fri 02/12 @ MIHL Showcase

Sat 02/13 @ MIHL Showcase

Thu 02/18 @ KLA A

Conference Crossover

Boys Swim and Dive

Thu 02/11 7 p.m. @ Walled

Lake Northern

Fri 02/19 5 p.m. @ KLA A

Division Diving

Boys and Girls Bowling

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

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Thu 02/11 @ Canton (Super

Bowl)

Tue 02/16 Salem (Novi

Bowl)

Competitive Cheer

Sat 02/13 10 a.m. KLA A

Association Championship

Wrestling

Sat 02/13 @ MHSAA

Individual District

Wed 02/17 @ MHSAA Team

Regional

Boys and Girls Skiing

All meets are at 4 p.m.

Thu 02/11 Regional

Championships

Tue 02/16 SEMSL League

Championships (Mt. Holly Ski)

Thu 02/18 MHS Round-Up

Invitational

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Boys Basketball

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Fri 02/12 @ Salem High School

Fri 02/19 @ KLA A Playoff

Girls Basketball

All games at 7 p.m.

Fri 02/12 Salem High School

Tue 02/16 @ KLA A Playoff

Thu 02/18 KLA A Playoff

Boys and Girls Bowling

Thu 02/11 @ John Glenn Super Bowl

3:30 p.m.

Tue 02/16 Wayne Memorial High

School 3:30 p.m.

Cheerleading

Sat 02/13 @ Association Meet TBA

Gymnastics

Thu 02/18 @ W.L.C. Central 6:30 p.m.

Boys Hockey

Thu 02/11 @ Showcase Invite TBA

Fri 02/12 @ Showcase Invite TBA

Sat 02/13 @ Showcase Invite TBA

Boys swimming and

dive

Thu 02/11 @ Brighton High School 6

p.m.

Fri 02/12 @ MISCA Meet TBA

Sat 02/13 @ MISCA Meet TBA

Fri 02/19 @ Division Diving TBA

Wrestling

Sat 02/13 @ MHSAA Districts TBA

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SCHOOL

Basketball

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Fri 02/12 DeLaSalle

Tues 02/16 @ Orchard Lake St. Mary's

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Wrestling

Sat 02/13 @ Individual District TBA

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The Northville High School varsity competitive cheer team competed against 50 squads in the region and took home first place honors on Jan. 30.

Catholic Central falls for first time this season

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

They say only one team gets to leave a game with a "W" on their schedule and when the Trenton Trojans and the Catholic Central Shamrocks match up it's always a coin toss as to who it's going to go to.

Last week, it was the Trojans who earned the victory, notching a 1-0 score to stun the Shamrocks with their first loss of the season. The Shamrocks bounced back three nights later, however, and downed the DeLaSalle Pilots, 4-1.

Against Trenton, the first and only goal came in the opening period of play when Kody Polin snuck a shot past Shamrock goalie Zack Cisek at the 10:09 mark to take an early lead. That early lead ended up turning into the game-winning shot as the teams fought in a defensive struggle that found neither squad scoring again.

Cisek stopped 18 other shots on the night as the Shamrocks defense worked hard at keeping the Trojans away from the net. The offense, on the other hand, worked their sticks but couldn't get a break as all

45 of their shots on goal were stonewalled by Trenton's Blake Wojtala.

The game wasn't without its excitement with 12 penalties being called throughout the three periods of intense play. Catholic Central and Trenton split the calls down the middle with each team getting six called against them.

Three days later, it was DeLaSalle that had to take the punishment doled out by the Shamrocks as Catholic Central skated to a 4-1 victory.

The game's first score came in the waning minutes

of the second period when Shamrock Eric Winkler took a pass from Ryan Obuchowski and found the back of the net for the 1-0 lead. Just 30 seconds later, DeLaSalle knotted the game, 1-1, on a shot by Austin Hibner.

The frustrated Shamrocks unloaded on the Pilots from that point on, scoring three unanswered goals off the sticks of Jacob Downing, Eric Frago and Brad Wilhelm for the 4-1 final. Assists were earned by Frago, Chris Waterstreet, Sean Gaffney and Obuchowski on the first two

goals of the period. Wilhelm scored unassisted on the final tally, scored on an open net.

Cisek earned the win in goal, stopping 18 shots. DeLaSalle's Matt Neal had his work cut out for him, stopping 57 of 60 shots in the losing effort.

Catholic Central now stands at 17-1-1 on the season. They have five contests scheduled for the remainder of the season, including Novi tomorrow at 4 p.m.

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

CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Bowling team takes lead in division

The Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team made it clear that they're the best in the Catholic High School League Central Division this year with two big wins last week.

The squad earned wins over Bishop Foley, 24-6, and DeLaSalle, 22.5-7.5, to secure the top spot in their division.

The Shamrocks knew that if they wanted sole possession of first place, they had to defeat the Pilots of DeLaSalle. The team didn't appear to even notice the competition, winning both Baker games, 214-210 and 265-222, to take an early lead in the showdown. The Pilots fought back though, winning the first individual game, 938-928, to make a game of it. From that point on, however, it was all Catholic Central as the Shamrocks blasted out a 1077-985 win in the second game.

Leading the way for the Shamrocks were Jeff Conflitti (202 and 233), Eric Pavlov (225), Nick

Carvalho (257) and Scott Kujawa (200).

Catholic Central is now 6-2 in their division standings.

In addition to beating DeLaSalle, the Shamrocks also toppled Bishop Foley, 25-6. Catholic Central won the first Baker game and both individual games to secure the victory.

Conflitti shot a 211 and Carvalho had a 231 and a 201 to lead the Shamrocks.

Shamrocks earn two wrestling wins

The Catholic Central wrestling team pounded out two wins last week in dual-meet action.

The team defeated Southgate Anderson, 52-13, and Allen Park, 63-3. Both matches were at Allen Park High School last week.

Alec Mooradian unsurprisingly led his team and earned a huge victory in the 125-pound division by defeating Allen Park's James Cusin in a 7-4 decision. Cusin is currently ranked as the top grappler in his weight class for Division II schools.

The competition marks the last for the Shamrocks' top wrestlers before the post-season begins. Catholic Central climbed to a 20-4 record with the two victories.

Shamrocks avenge earlier-season loss

Beat them once, shame on you. Beat them twice—well, that's just not going to happen.

The Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team wasn't about to let the Warriors of Brother Rice beat them twice during the regular season. The squad notched a hard-fought 68-62 victory over their Catholic High School League rivals last week.

The victory avenged a Jan. 15 loss to the Warriors, 57-50.

Catholic Central climbed to 8-5 on the season with the win while Brother Rice fell to 9-7 overall.

The Shamrocks will host DeLaSalle tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

—By Sam Eggleston

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The Northville Township 2010 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2010 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. Beginning Friday, February 19th, 2010 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by March 13, 2010. Postmarks are not accepted.

Tuesday March 02, 2010 1:00 pm Organizational Meeting

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Thursday	March 04, 2010	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Appointments	
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Saturday	March 06, 2010	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Appointments	
		1:00 pm	3:00 pm	Appointments	
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Tuesday	March 09, 2010	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Appointments	
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Strictly Business

Northville mom creates new baby-food business

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

When Northville mom Kelly Wessner had her twin daughters, Madelyn and Mairin, five years ago, she wanted to feed them fresh food.

"I became acutely sensitive to children's nutrition when I was pregnant with them," Wessner said. "I was concerned about the impact that my nutritional intake was having on them. I was so paranoid about having preemies that I was kind of obsessive about it."

Her daughters were born full-term, healthy and happy.

"But, I've never shaken that 'garbage in, garbage out' fear when it comes to children's nutrition," Wessner said. "It's a passion of mine."

She was so passionate about providing nutrient-high food for her girls that she started making her own baby food out of fresh fruit and vegetables from local orchards and farmers' markets, then freezing it.

Now, she's turned her passion for creating natural food for babies into a business and is marketing to area families.

Her business is called Fresh Beginnings, and her product is called YummyCubes -- an all-natural, frozen baby food delivered right to one's home. Currently, they come in five varieties -- Avocado/Apple, Baked Apples Butternut Squash, Carrot/Parsnip Blend and Pears. Avocado/Apple is her newest product.

"Babies love avocados, and they are full of healthy fat that babies need for brain development," Wessner said.

Selections change seasonally based on the Michigan growing seasons.

"I use Michigan-grown produce whenever possible," she

WHERE TO FIND YUMMYCUBES

Fresh Beginnings' all-natural, frozen baby food can be ordered online at www.YummyCubes.com, or contact creator Kelly Wessner at (248) 880-3178 or Kelly@yummycubes.com.

said. "I puree the produce at peak ripeness and immediately freeze it in 1-ounce cubes to lock in nutrients. I only cook food that has to be cooked for consistency purposes, such as sweet potatoes and squash."

Each zip-lock package contains 16 cubes at a cost of \$11.20 per bag, plus a \$5 delivery charge.

"Simply grab the number of servings your baby needs, defrost and serve," Wessner said. Thaw the cubes overnight in the refrigerator, at room temperature or in a microwave, avoiding overheating.

They can be stored in the freezer for up to six months.

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Because Wessner needed to process her YummyCubes in a commercial kitchen licensed by the state, she approached the owners of the Sweet 220 Pastry and Specialty Cakes shop in Northville Square to see if she could use their kitchen.

They were more than happy to oblige, so she rents their kitchen on Mondays, when the shop is closed.

The cubes can be mixed with brown rice, oatmeal, whole wheat or ground/shredded meats.

"Get creative," Wessner suggests. "Babies look forward to exciting, new tastes."

Wessner never adds fillers or excessive water to the product, so parents or other caregivers



Kelly Wessner's YummyCubes feature 16 1-ounce cubes per bag.

ers might want to thicken the thawed cubes with the items mentioned above or thin them with a bit of water, stock, breast milk or formula.

"I doesn't matter what age you are -- you can't beat fresh produce," Wessner said. "And, it's very important for babies."

GOOD FOR ADULTS, TOO

She hopes to add more products to her line in the future and is already looking at retail operations and the senior citizen population for her current products. Now she also has a son, Nick, and she has tried her product on some test families. She officially formed the company last fall and is licensed by the state. She delivers in the area from Canton to Novi and along the Woodward Avenue corridor to such communities as Birmingham and Ferndale.

It will be available soon at Suburban Harvest in Plymouth.

"A lot of people are giving me feedback," she said.

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Kelly Wessner produces a line of all-natural baby food in Northville called YummyCubes for her business Fresh Beginnings. Wessner said the most popular flavor she produces, which arrive in frozen cubes and are then thawed, is the apple/avocado blend.

Networking the old-fashioned way

Although social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn offer great opportunities to connect with friends, colleagues, and customers from the past or a distance, there is something to be said about old-fashioned relationship maintenance.

The now thought to be somewhat antiquated forms of communication -- a simple handwritten note, a phone call, or even a face-to-face visit with a handshake -- can be more a powerful way to forge business relationships and show that you care about the other person and his or her business. Those old-fashioned ways to communicate and conduct business indicate that the relationship with the other person is one of value.

Despite this sounding like a greeting card company promotion, there is truth in this message.

When was the last time you received a hand-written note? You probably remember it, and, if like most people, you probably have it tucked away somewhere for your future memoir book.

A hand-written note of thanks, congratulations, or sympathy received via U.S. mail with a few heartfelt words and an actual first-name signature can say that you are significant to that person and you matter. It signifies that the social or business



Linda Hagan

relationship between you and the sender is important.

It also shows the sender has good manners; or what my mother used to say, "A lot of class."

Another old-fashioned technique is instead of e-mailing, Twittering, or texting someone, try picking up the phone and conversing verbally. Even if you leave a voice message saying you are just checking in, it reminds the listener of your relationship in a more personable -- and positive -- manner.

An additional approach to network the old-fashioned way is to get out and actually visit with people. In the "old days," businesspeople actually dined with clients and met on a more social basis, forging bonds, building client networks, and making deals that led to business profit. We can blame the economy for the cutback in face-to-face visits, but the ease of technology has almost eliminated any need for personal contact.

Some may view this as an advantage rather than having to endure the expense and a 15-hour flight to China to call on a client, for example. Yet, especially in high-context cultures, meeting face-to-face on a more social level actually helps business deals and leads

to a positive on the balance sheet rather than an expense.

Even for more local visits, which may be across town, to another building, down the hall, or around the cubicle, the power of a smile, a favorable nod, or a handshake can create new business or lock in the deal. Although Swine Flu and other germ-related illnesses will always be a concern (although it seems there is always sterile hand lotion always nearby today), there is nothing more powerful in business as that of the handshake.

Continue networking using social media and new technologies, but do not forget how to communicate human-to-human, the old-fashioned way. In today's over-texted / hyper-technology world, you just might find this a way to distinguish yourself and build stronger relationships in your personal and professional life.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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

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Feel Like Giving Up on Your Job Search?

5 ways to shake things up

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 36 percent of unemployed people — or 5.4 million — had been without a job for 27 weeks or more in September 2009.

Whether you're out of work for five days, five weeks, five months or five years, any period of unexpected unemployment can be frustrating — especially when it seems to go on forever. Although the economy seems to be showing signs of recovery, any job seeker who has been out of work for a long time will tell you: It's still not easy to find a job.

"Even though there are positive indicators, companies aren't adding jobs now at the rate they cut jobs over the last year," says Noah Blumenthal, best-selling author of "Be the Hero: Three Powerful Ways to Overcome Challenges in Work and Life." Despite that, Blumenthal reminds us that economic activities are cyclical. "Every boom feels like it will last forever and so does every bust. But none of them do. Know that things will turn around. The jobs will come back."

Laura Torres, a 28-year-old development associate in Boston, knows firsthand about being frustrated with a job search. She was laid off in December 2008 and didn't find a job for about nine months.

"The most frustrating aspect was not feeling totally in control of the process — particularly once you started interviewing at a job," she recalls. "Obviously you can play the game and even play it well, but your fate is still up to a small group of people. The agonizing wait between the interview and the follow-up is eerily reminiscent of trying to date someone who 'just isn't that into you.'"

Elena Sokolow-Kaufman, 30, who works at small nonprofit in Massachusetts, also had a frustrating job search. After being unemployed for a little more than two months, she reached a breaking point.

"I had sent out a lot of résumés and



had a few interviews for specific job opportunities, but nothing seemed like it was moving forward. At the time I was going on a lot of informational interviews, and at that point I started to feel very burned out," she recalls.

If you do reach a breaking point like Sokolow-Kaufman, Blumenthal says it's important to switch things up and try something new in your job search. Doing so will reinvigorate you and help you stay motivated.

"When you've been searching [for a

job] for a long time, it can wear you out. You need to do things to keep you excited about your job search so that you keep going," he says. "The most important thing you can do is keep yourself eager, motivated and energized to continue the search."

To revitalize her efforts, Sokolow-Kaufman says she started a blog, in addition to working on her search in coffee shops with friends who were in the same position.

"It helped me a lot to feel less

isolated and was a good reminder that many other people were in the same boat I was in," she says.

Torres also took measures to revive her job search by narrowing her focus in order to find a job she really wanted. In the meantime, Torres challenged herself by applying for jobs outside of her interests or background.

"I never got interviews for these jobs, but it helped me think outside the box a little," she says. "I also sometimes just had informational interviews with people whose careers were markedly different from mine. Again, this was to broaden my horizons a bit and give me more perspective."

If you (and your job search) are stuck in a rut, here are five ways Blumenthal suggests to rejuvenate your job search and mix things up a bit:

1. Go online

"You've sent out more résumés than you can count. But have you tweeted? It's a social networking world. Build your online connections on services like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. Then use that platform to make value-added observations about your line of work and job searching. You never know where your electronic connections can lead," he says.

2. Separate yourself

"Hiring managers and recruiters receive tons of résumés. Some are better than others, but frankly, none of them stand out. You need something else," he says. "Try writing an article or two about your field. Print them up on glossy paper with a nice graphic design. Add a professional bio, and put it all together in a nice folder. Now, instead of sending a résumé, you're sending a press kit on you. That stands out."

3. Have fun

"I know a woman who once sent her résumé folded up and stuffed inside of a baby sneaker. Her note said she was sure to be a 'shoe-in' for the job," he recalls. "If you are bored with your job search, it will show in your materials,

your applications and your interviews. So have some fun." (And yes, the 'shoe-in' did get the job.)

4. Set a big goal

"You've already met 100, 200, 500 people? Set a goal to meet and have one-on-one conversations with 100 new people this month. Is it possible? Can you do it? Use Facebook. Go to professional meetings. Ask 10 friends to introduce you to 10 new people. It doesn't matter if they are in your field. This is the "Six Degrees of Separation" game. Meet up and let the new connections take you where they will," he says.

5. Go to work

"Volunteer at a local charity or political organization. You have the time, and this helps you in so many ways," he says. How? It feels good to help; you're using your skills; you're meeting new people; you're getting off the couch and out of the house; and you will build your stockpile of stories. "When you meet people or interview, the connections you make are through your stories. What better story to tell than something that happened while you were helping make the world a better place?"

Ultimately, Blumenthal reminds job seekers to treat their job search like a job, and like a project that has a long-term objective.

"Do what you would do if this were such a project. Celebrate milestones and accomplishments along the way. Appreciate what you love about this job. After all, you can work in your pajamas, set your own hours, work from Starbucks and pick your kids up from school."

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Know-how, neighbors can reduce chances of break-in

BY JULIE BROWN
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Preventing home break-ins isn't a sure thing, but you can take steps to reduce your likelihood of being a victim.

"The first thing they need to do is make sure their doors are locked," said police Sgt. Mark Gajeski of the Canton Public Safety Department. Deadbolts should be used.

If you're out for the evening, make it look like you're home, he said, using the TV or radio for sound and leaving lights on.

"You can have lights on timers," Gajeski said. Those are useful for when you're on vacation. Vacationers also need to have mail held at the post office or picked up by trusted neighbors; newspapers fall under that category as well.

Exterior lighting can make a big difference in preventing break-ins, the sergeant agreed. "It is (important), especially around the back of the house."

Many people in upgrading homes put in motion detectors to alert them that someone may be out there.

"When it goes off, you notice it a little more readily," he said.

Alarms can be useful for homes, but you need a good understanding of how they work, Gajeski said. Have the installer show you how to use the alarm.

"And just consistently use it." Those who infrequently use alarms may have trouble with them going off at random, he said, also a headache for police departments.

Canton's got a surprising statistic for 2009, with home break-ins down a bit from 2008. "It wasn't by a huge number but it was fewer," Gajeski said.

He and other police officials urge residents to sign up for Neighborhood and Community Watch programs, in which residents watch out for neighbors and their property.

Gajeski sends alerts to Canton residents "so people can be that extra set of eyes for us." At of Feb. 1, Canton had joined some other area com-



munities with Nixle computer updates on public safety messages for residents and businesses.

He agreed sometimes people are reluctant to contact police. "There might be that apprehension, 'Oh, it's not that big a deal.'"

"It's a quality of life issue" for you and your neighbors, Gajeski said. "If it looks suspicious or sounds suspicious, you don't have to check it out. That's what the police are for."

Here are some additional home safety tips from Canton police:

LANDSCAPING AND PLANT MATERIALS

Bushes, trees and shrubbery can conceal an intruder as he attempts entry into a window or door; or worse yet, as he waits in hiding for the home-

owner. A few alterations to the home's landscaping and plant materials can be enough to discourage intruders. To avoid being seen or caught, intruders look for property they can get into and out of quickly.

Their ideal target is a house surrounded by large hedges or shrubs, which serve to hamper visibility from the street and neighbor's houses.

Trim shrubbery and trees so doors and windows are visible to neighbors and from the street. Trimmed landscaping should not provide concealment for criminals. If the home has a second floor, prune trees so they can't help a thief climb in second floor windows. Place trellises where they can't be used as ladders to gain entry to upper floors.

Ground plants (shrubbery and bushes) within four feet of any sidewalks, driveways,

doors or gates should be maintained at a height of not more than two feet.

Ground plants between four feet and eight feet of any sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates should be maintained at a height of not more than four feet. Ground plants under windows should be maintained at a height that is below the window sill.

Trees should be trimmed so that the lower branches are more than six feet off the ground.

Place large gauge gravel on the ground near windows. The noise caused by an intruder walking on it can be a psychological barrier. Do not place large rocks or other items near glass windows or doors. These could provide the burglar with his tools.

Plant spiny (thorny) plants along fences and under win-

dows. Such plants will discourage the possible burglar. Protecting with spiny plants can be almost as effective as using barbed wire, and a lot more attractive.

DOORS

Doors are usually the burglar's first choice of entry into a home. Some residents leave exterior doors unlocked ... particularly children who may be the last to leave. In other entries, the burglar simply breaks a door or a side light and reaches around to unlock a door.

Exterior doors should be of solid core (wood, not composite materials) or steel, 2 3/4 inches thick is preferred.

Hollow core or wood panel doors can be easily broken. Such doors, however, can be reinforced by attaching at least 20 gauge (approximately 1/32-inch thick) sheet metal on the exterior side of the door.

Entry doors should fit their frames tightly, with no more than 1/8-inch clearance between the door and the frame.

Door frames should be solidly anchored to the rough opening. There are often spaces left between the rough opening stud at a point midway up the door jamb. These spaces create a poor anchorage for hardware making the door easy to kick open.

If possible, the door molding should be removed and these spaces should be filled or "shimmed" prior to mounting any new lock strikes. If the door opens inward, the stop strip should actually be part of the wood frame, not applied. The stop strip is a wood strip installed on or milled into the door jamb (it's the part of the jamb that the door closes on). If the stop has been applied (strip nailed on the jamb), pry it off carefully and coat the surfaces with epoxy cement. Then hammer the stop back in place and further secure it with tapered wood screws installed directly in front of the lock bolts. This will make it difficult for a burglar to pry up the strip and manipulate the lock from the exterior.

Make sure developer's actions are in writing

Q: We are in the process of taking over control from the developer who has made various representations to some people but not others although we do not have a handle on it. Do you have any suggestions?

A: On moving from developer management to association leadership, there are a number of information gathering processes that should take place. Counsel co-owners and boards to take careful notes of every transaction that



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pertains to the common elements and to private space. Your association may well be in a situation where the developer was saying different things to different people. You should make copies and take photos of everything, advertisements, open house marketing materials, drawings or proposed décor and amenities and do a questionnaire to the co-owners. As the developer completes the project, you need to have backup evidence to ensure that what was promised has been delivered. Obviously, the more information that you have concerning what was promised, the better chance you have of getting what you bargained for.

Q: I am wondering whether the board should put the holiday bonuses that we are going to give to our employees in the budget as opposed to soliciting contributions from the members.

A: In my opinion, the residents should not be solicited for any monies to be paid to the employees of the association. If they wish to make contributions, that should be a voluntary item. But, if the association, through its board, decides to provide holiday bonuses, it should be handled as a budgetary item.

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

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	Clarkston \$145,000	29901 Westham Ct \$271,000	Oakland Township \$350,000	54450 Birchwood Dr \$148,000	970 Lakeview St \$53,000
	8711 Andersonville Rd \$68,000	26279 Westmeath St \$150,000	5382 Creekmonte Dr \$359,000	809 Eagle Heights Dr \$148,000	3955 Pitt Rd \$240,000
	5895 Dorak St \$127,000	27235 Winteret Cir \$270,000	5630 Kurland Dr \$619,000	Southfield \$135,000	2739 Ravenna Rd \$105,000
	5036 Edgar Rd \$102,000	Lake Orion \$260,000	2877 Orchard Pl \$930,000	25525 Calina St \$37,000	5534 Waring Rd \$177,000
	9614 Elms Rd \$148,000	1138 Assegum Trl \$128,000	651 Akram \$135,000	26356 Franklin Pointe Dr \$37,000	4067 Menomah Ln \$53,000
	7247 N Village Dr \$250,000	326 E Flint St \$175,000	22 Center St \$15,000	20320 Lacrosse Ave \$66,000	6621 W 10th Rd \$4,000
	6607 Ridgewood Dr \$93,000	154 Eagle Ridge Rd \$125,000	1220 Deer Path Trl \$400,000	21275 Midway Ave \$15,000	West Bloomfield \$365,000
	6320 Walton Woods Dr \$275,000	210 Hilltop Ct \$235,000	32295 Spring River Dr \$100,000	Sylvan Lake \$100,000	6625 Crest Top Dr \$128,000
	Farmington \$144,000	3863 Merrimack Ln \$205,000	1756 Beverly St \$6,000	Troy \$250,000	7261 Crestmoor St \$202,000
	33915 Alta Loma Dr \$80,000	1997 Charles Ct \$332,000	364 Stony Lake Dr \$180,000	2454 Oak Ridge Dr \$512,000	4144 Crooks St \$10,000
	23975 Gull Rd \$80,000	654 Summit Ridge Dr \$82,000	5223 Willow Hollow \$209,000	2082 Prescott Dr \$175,000	6860 Long Ave \$250,000
	Farmington Hills \$258,000	Northville \$425,000	1894 Flagstone Cir \$90,000	6787 Serenity Dr \$225,000	3940 M Tra Ct \$130,000
	36257 Fredericksburg Rd \$159,000	50820 Applebrook Dr \$152,000	Rochester \$129,000	2535 Tarragona Way \$237,000	White Lake \$165,000
	28322 Hawthorn Rd \$236,000	47025 S Chugwater Dr \$250,000	1894 Flagstone Cir \$129,000	Walled Lake \$130,000	1220 Clearwater St \$68,000
	28906 Hidden Trl \$110,000	Northville \$425,000	1894 Flagstone Cir \$129,000	9000 Campbell Creek Dr \$143,000	9461 Meadows Dr \$100,000
	29109 Lorikay St \$179,000	50820 Applebrook Dr \$152,000	1894 Flagstone Cir \$129,000	1870 Hollingsworth Dr \$150,000	Wolverine Lake \$324,000
	24409 Riverwalk Ct \$338,000	33488 Broadmoor Park Ln \$465,000	1894 Flagstone Cir \$129,000	454 Old Pine Way \$155,000	619 Los Angeles Dr \$122,000
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	29589 Sylvan Cir \$275,000	39483 Country Ln \$95,000	1894 Flagstone Cir \$129,000		
	22981 Tuck Rd \$78,000	24635 Edgewood Dr \$195,000	1894 Flagstone Cir \$129,000		
	2310 Stanton Rd \$230,000	40711 Lenox Park Dr \$200,000	1894 Flagstone Cir \$129,000		
	28053 W 10th Rd \$60,000		1894 Flagstone Cir \$129,000		

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 20-23, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	4764 Arlington Rd \$145,000	41672 White Tail Ln \$195,000	18597 Myron St \$147,000	50456 Beechwood Ct \$55,000	25475 Glendale \$75,000
	791 Ashton Woods Dr \$194,000	31017 Pardo St \$50,000	37765 Pickford Dr \$219,000	50472 Beechwood Ct \$101,000	20571 N.loch \$69,000
	924 Ashton Woods Dr \$195,000	30205 Rush St \$84,000	36324 St Andrews Dr \$265,000	8909 Mayflower Dr \$165,000	11695 Marion \$52,000
	776 Buchanan St \$243,000	Livonia \$190,000	35104 Wood St \$140,000	50913 Richard Dr \$281,000	Westland \$85,000
	49845 Courtyard Ln \$177,000	16856 Dover Dr \$106,000	Northville \$106,000	15046 Robinwood Dr \$173,000	8682 August Ave \$10,000
	49893 Courtyard Ln \$175,000	41610 Fairbrook Ct \$417,000	44674 Larchwood Dr \$445,000	8899 Rocker Ave \$238,000	37305 Booth St \$10,000
	2910 N Woods Ct \$240,000	20121 Dolores St \$175,000	46599 Oak Forest Dr \$435,000	618 S Harvey St \$155,000	38101 Carolan Blvd \$24,000
	4128 Northwind Dr \$67,000	35045 Grove Dr \$145,000	36156 Pine Valley Dr \$500,000	Redford \$48,000	7021 Deerhurst Dr \$54,000
	623 Pinehurst Dr \$280,000	99399 Henry Rd \$125,000	765 Passine \$125,000	12595 Dine \$103,000	33442 Melton St \$120,000
	2310 Stanton Rd \$230,000	9747 Marie St \$174,000	17636 Rolling Woods Cir \$361,000	25272 Donna Dr \$143,000	960 Mitchell Dr \$178,000
	44052 Westminster Way \$175,000	19836 Merriman Rd \$160,000		17406 Fox \$55,000	8324 Perrin Ave \$65,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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.

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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.

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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).

Buying a home

There will be a free Homebuyers Educational Seminar in Livonia 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Civic Center Library and in Novi 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Novi Civic Center. This is an informational meeting for those interested in understanding the homebuying process. Free information

packets will be provided.

Register on line at www.MiHomeBuyer.info or call (248) 747-8653.

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.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the south-east corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgina@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.



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Music Stand

ACROSS

1 Teatime
6 Thin coin
10 Nav. rank
13 Bother
19 Hook on a hawk
20 Kuntz's cry
21 Jean-Codard
22 Fat for farming
23 Start of a definition of a perfectionist
26 Channel
27 Plead
28 Skeletron part
29 Elizabethan instruments
31 Yen
32 Raliquish
33 Occur (perfectly)
35 To — (perfectly)
36 El —, TX
39 Puppeter
40 TV's "Street"
42 Part 2 of definition
48 WWI abbr.
51 Palm oil?
52 Aristocratic address
53 Duel tool
54 Metric measure

DOWN

1 Use a dink
2 Drac's wrap
3 Counting Cassini

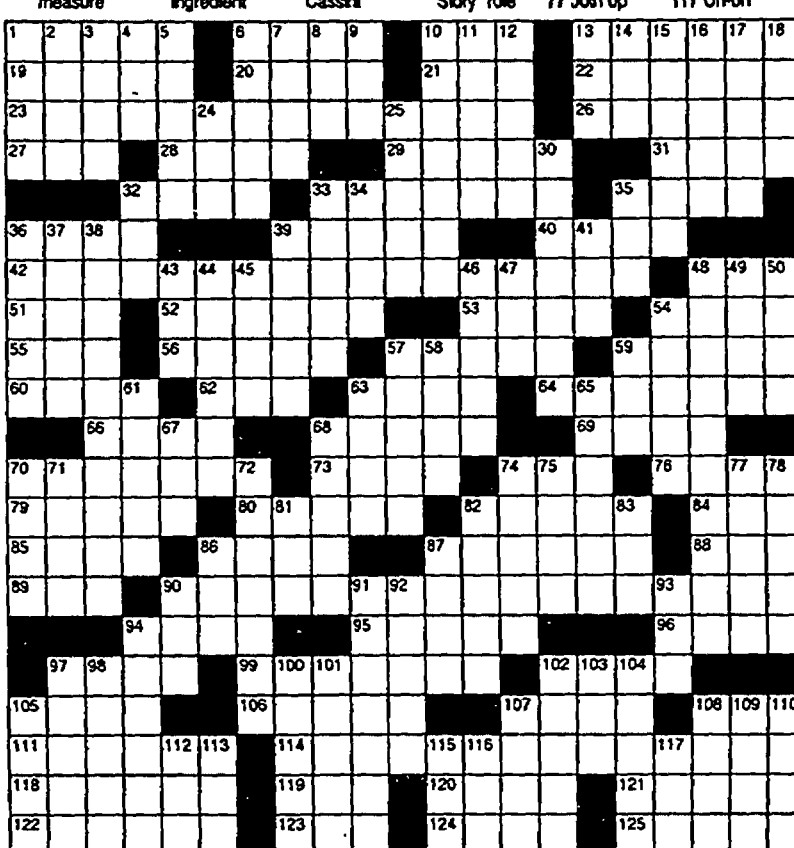
55 Relished a roast
56 Dismay
57 Chatter
58 Metal
59 Sun screen
60 Ulrich of Metallica
62 Cautious stuff
63 Ryan of "Boston Public"
64 Broke to smithereens of a town
66 Thornfield
68 Part 3 of definition
69 Black
70 Sullivan's partner
73 — even keel
74 Heel
76 Heel
77 Imprints immensely
79 Confess
80 Helicopter
82 Party
84 Pesticide
85 Authentic
86 Anapest, for one
87 Spanish title
88 Broadway letters
89 Prohibit
90 Part 4 of definition
94 Borscht ingredient

95 Diva
96 Petty or Chandler
97 Stallion's sweede
99 Middle-eastern kingdom
102 "The Ramayana," e.g.
105 — (cheaply)
106 Casual cloth
107 School founded in 1440
108 Absorb, with "up"
111 "The Barber of Seville" heroine
114 End of definition
118 Carved a canyon
119 Sue — London
120 — Linda, CA
121 Avid
122 Became rigid
123 Guitarist Paul
124 " — River" (61 hit)
125 Be grateful

4 Negative correlative
5 Follow
6 Metaphysical poet
7 Nebraska neighbor
8 Speedometer abbr.
9 — Beso
10 Pianist
11 — del Este
12 Mid-size band
13 Contains
14 — deco
15 One in a million
16 Diminish
17 Pizza serving
18 Son of Adam
24 Time-honored
25 Office worker
30 "Georgy Girl" group
32 Pigeon
33 Med. professional
34 Unwelcome visit?
35 Donkey
36 Parsy
37 "West Side Story" role

38 "The New Yorker" humorist
39 Where to find a plover
41 Positive vote
43 Singer Sumac
44 Sleeping need
45 Potter's need
46 Ancient Sanskrit
47 Mineral spring
48 Indecisive
49 Bum remedy
50 Firewood measure
54 One of the Aleutians
57 Chavez or Romero
58 " — go bright"
59 Rocker
61 Astrologer
63 Mrs. Jekyll
65 Skater abbr.
67 Postal abbr.
68 Club creed
70 Apparel
72 Puffed a sulky
74 Hawatha's transport
75 Declare

78 Abolitionist author
81 Aah's use
82 Partner
83 Across
85 Hummed
86 "Pshaw!"
87 Vaudeville
90 Elfin
91 Revolt
92 Freddie the Freeloader, e.g.
93 Father Brown monogram
94 Piglars
97 Borer
98 Fiction
99 Firefly
100 Copper or cobalt
101 — fell swoop
102 Pailot Allen
103 Luau dish
104 Map feature
105 Worry
107 Admural
108 Adventure story
109 Portent
110 Company car, e.g.
112 Bom
113 Slap on
115 Shady character?
116 Leeds lavatory
117 Uh-uh



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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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JOLA TERRA EASE ELIOT
YBONA TIEKKA IRAQ SEPTI
SEYS APTED LUSTY PEP
AAAA OSOLEMIO BOSS
BESMIRCH NEA NORA
ATT NEAT NORM ORDER
THEONEILLAMA TOSCANINI
HELLO FRO CHIMED LOC
SLEETED OTTO SIL ALISO
ATRONEDGSTRING
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MIDDLESEX YCHROMOSOME
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Advertising Feature



By Dale Buss



The Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon is one of the hot sellers enabling GM to accelerate its recovery.



The new 2010 Ford Focus sits right in the market's sweet spot: fun and fuel-efficient.

The U.S. auto market in January continued its recent strengthening trend, with overall sales just shy of 700,000 vehicles (698,456 vehicles) for the month rising by nearly 7 percent compared with 654,757 vehicles in a very weak January 2009. The seasonally adjusted light-vehicle sales rate ticked up to about 10.76 million units versus last year's 9.59 million - and roughly in line with the firming picture of recent months.

Toyota was clearly the biggest loser in January due to its recalls and stop-sales order on eight of its bestsellers. Yet, January's results varied widely for its top competitors that may have tried to take advantage of Toyota's problems with special incentives meant to lure disaffected Toyota customers in particular.

Toyota's January sales "were 23 percent below our internal target," Robert Carter, Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A.'s group vice president and general manager of the Toyota division, said in a conference call Tuesday. That number insinuated that more than 20,000 lost sales were attributable to the recall and sales stoppage in just the last few days of January.

Toyota only escaped greater damage in January because it didn't halt sales until January 26, when only four sales days were left in the month. And the toll on the Toyota brand, especially, has been

heavy nonetheless: Sales were down more than 47 percent compared with December, and January sales ranked as the worst month for Toyota since January 1999.

"Toyota was clearly the biggest loser of the month," said Jessica Caldwell, director of U.S. sales analysis for Edmunds.com <<http://www.edmunds.com>>. As long as the sales suspension continues, predicted Edmunds.com Senior Analyst Ray Zhou, Toyota-brand sales will drop by about 75 percent overall as long as the stop-selling order remains in effect.

As for Toyota's competitors, results were mixed.

Ford continued its surge of recent months by reporting a 24-percent sales increase for January. The company credited its increasingly robust product portfolio, but Ford also dangled \$1,000 rebates to current owners of Toyota models and of products by Honda, which is facing its own significant safety recall.

Hyundai, which launched a similar incentive program, saw its January sales rise by 24 percent over last year as well. Recently, Ford and Hyundai clearly have been the two hottest companies of the Big Seven of U.S. auto sales.

Meanwhile, General Motors - which first introduced a Toyota-targeting incentive - reported a 14-percent sales increase in January compared with a

year earlier.

"What we responded to last week was feedback from our dealers who were hearing from Toyota owners who wanted to get into a new vehicle," explained Susan Docherty, GM's North American vice president of sales and marketing. "Our January go-to-market plan had been to focus on our loyal owners. So we needed to adjust our incentives" after Toyota's troubles deepened, opening an opportunity for rivals.

Honda's January sales, however, dropped 5 percent. It did nothing special to target Toyota owners. Meantime, Honda also had to cope with the fallout from its own announcement of a recall of 646,000 Fit/Jazz and City models, because of a faulty window switch.

Overall, Edmunds.com's Caldwell said, January was a rather tepid month. Strong incentive campaigns in December had "pulled forward quite a few" retail sales from January, she said. And the return of a relatively normal market for fleet sales in January helped comparisons of this year versus January

2009, when overall fleet sales were abysmal.

"The next big shopping weekend," Caldwell said, "will be Presidents' Day" in mid-February. "We should see month-to-month sales growth" for February from January, she said.

Robust fleet business helped GM post a 14-percent overall sales increase in January compared with a year ago, to 146,316 units. Such is GM's rising confidence that the company firmed up its official forecast of total U.S. light-vehicle sales for 2010, to a range of 11.2 million to 11.7 million units from the previous range of 10.7 million to 11.7 million units.

Sales were up for all Ford brands (including a hefty 41-percent spike at Volvo) - and every Ford model posted a sales gain in January. The Lincoln division hiked sales by 16 percent and even the Mercury unit improved sales by 6 percent.

And Ford sales officials crowed that market share improved to 16 percent for the month, perhaps as much as 2.5 points better than January 2009's figure.

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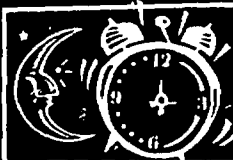
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