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Toys for Tots drive

The Northville Township Department of Public Safety is again participating in the Toys for Tots drive.

Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which donates toys to underprivileged children for Christmas. The program was founded in 1947.

The collection dates this year are now through Dec. 17.

Please do not donate stuffed animals (they no longer can distribute them as they harbor germs). They are always in need of unwrapped gifts for 9- to 12-year olds, both boys and girls. Craft or hobby kits, makeup kits, electronics, CDs, are all great choices.

Collection boxes are available at two locations. The first is at the Northville Township Municipal Offices Building located at the corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads during normal business hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.).

The second collection box is located inside the main entrance at the Northville Twp. Police Department located at the corner of Six Mile Road and Winchester Drive; that entrance is open 24/7.

For full details, go to https://localnide.com/alert/3963505/?sub_id=141274.

2011 calendars

Friends of the Rouge 25th anniversary wall calendars can be ordered online. A limited number will only be open through Dec. 23 so order yours while supplies last at <http://www.therouge.org/index.php?c=5&id=6924201.html>

Blood drive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross have partnered in a blood drive campaign in 2010. The last of the five blood drives is being held from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 28, in the hospital's auditorium. St. Mary Mercy's 2010 blood drive theme is "Seasons of Giving". The December blood drive is the "Seasons of Giving Finale", and donors will receive a holiday ornament and a Red Cross Racing T-shirt. Donors will also be entered into a drawing for a 42" LCD flat screen TV and a drawing for a weekend getaway at the Inn and Spa at Cedar Falls in Logan, Ohio.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan.

Concern for Christmas



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville Civic Concern director Marlene Kunz (left) and Santa Claus are joined by sisters Tory and Lauren Dedes (right) during Civic Concern's annual holiday party Dec. 11. Civic Concern and its benefactors -- which included many families, churches, businesses and other groups -- got together to make sure that all families in the Northville area had a very Merry Christmas. Families and their kids were "adopted" by groups and their gift needs were met. Civic Concern clients picked up their gifts on that day. Kunz noted that even though her rolls were expanded, with more need than ever in the tough economy, she didn't have to ask for any additional volunteers to adopt families -- the community rose to the task.

Educational Foundation receives \$100,000 gift

Updates supporters on fundraising efforts



PHOTO BY KARA PORTELL PHOTOGRAPHY

Scott and Sheree Lowery (left and center), present a \$100,000 gift to Northville Educational Foundation President Eric Barritt (right) on behalf of the Ruth Heyman Shattuck Foundation. The donation was the highlight of a Dec. 9 informational and fundraising event hosted by the Northville Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

The announcement of a \$100,000 donation to the Northville Educational Foundation's Endowment Fund by the Ruth Heyman Shattuck Foundation was the highlight of a Dec. 9 informational and fundraising event hosted by the Northville Educational Foundation Board of Directors. This marks the second gift from the Ruth Heyman Shattuck Foundation, which previously donated \$40,000 to the Northville Educational Foundation.

Northville residents and local business owners Scott and Sheree Lowery presented the new \$100,000 gift on behalf of the Ruth Heyman Shattuck Foundation during the event attended by

Please see **FOUNDATION, A6**

Historic barn to be rebuilt in downtown Northville

Structure dates from 1850s

BY PAM FLEWING
STAFF WRITER

An historic barn next to a home on West Cady Street will be reconstructed in downtown Northville.

The barn, known as the Ambler barn as it once belonged to a family by the name of Ambler, was carefully taken apart and will be put back together close to the home next to Oakwood Cemetery.

The application on file in the building department was prepared by Northville architect Greg Presley, who also chairs the Northville Downtown Development Authority.

The Historic District commissioners thought the barn was going to be picked up and moved, according to Pat Sullivan, city manager.

"But, if you look at the application, it says decon-

struct and reconstruct," Sullivan said.

At the last Historic District Commission meeting on Nov. 17, the city asked Presley and Mike Miller, the builder, to more fully explain the project.

The barn had already been moved once up against the house in the past to serve as an addition to the home.

"When they did that, they poured a concrete slab floor over the framing," Sullivan said. As the barn was anchored in concrete, it couldn't be picked up and moved.

Miller explained that the wood had been saved.

The home was recently purchased by a young couple, according to Sullivan.

"This is their first house," Presley said.

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COURTESY GREG PRESLEY

This Italianate-style barn next to a home on Cady Street dates from the 1850s. It was recently deconstructed and will be reconstructed on the same property. The house and barn used to belong to the Ambler family and was recently purchased by a young couple.

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Anti-bullying club forms at Northville High School

BY NATHAN MENOZIAN
CORRESPONDENT

Northville High School has a new after-school club that deals with bullying and harassment from a student's perspective.

Three months ago, Allison Smith, 17, was deeply touched by the recent teen suicides that made national headlines.

She strongly believes that Northville high school students might need someone to talk to about their experiences of being bullied or harassed because of their sexual orientation.

Smith took it upon herself to investigate how to start a school club, and what she would base the club on.

Taking the club's name from

a national organization, Gay Straight Alliance, Smith said the club acts as a support for students who may identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or transgender.

"It took me about two weeks to get everything researched about starting a club. In the first week I filled out some

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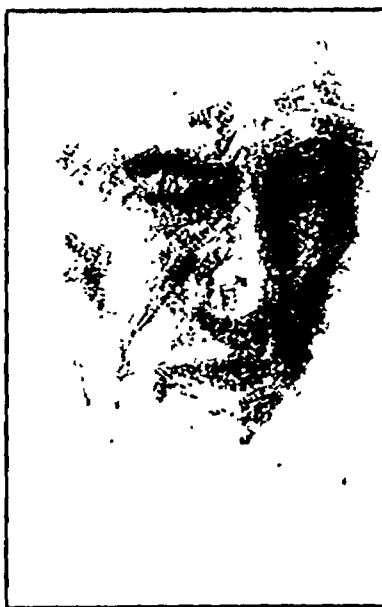
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"Thinking Of You" by Jeff Cancelosi



"I Love Michigan" by Jeff Cancelosi



"What If" by Jeff Cancelosi

Cancelosi's art chosen for Boston show

The holidays came early for Metro Detroit artist Jeff Cancelosi when he learned that three of his works were accepted into The Boston Printmakers 2011 North American Print Biennial, juried by well-known artist Jim Dine.

Dine is a major contemporary painter and printmaker.

He is associated with two prominent movements in American art -- as a creator of Happenings with Allan Kaprow, Claes Oldenburg and Robert Whitman, and with the development of Pop art in the early 1960s. He has had a major retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art, a print retrospective at

the Museum of Modern Art, and many solo museum exhibitions in Europe and the United States.

Out of 2,064 entries, only 149 -- three by Cancelosi -- were selected by Dine for the show. Cancelosi's accepted works are stampings titled "Thinking of You," "I Love Michigan," and "What If." Cancelosi's "stampings" are created by making multiple impressions on paper with a common craft store ink stamp. Out of the multiple impressions arises a new image. "An ink stamp is similar to using any artist's tool -- like a paint brush or pencil -- except there is less control over the image," said Cancelosi. "That lack of control creates spontaneity and, eventually, the surprise of the final image."

The Biennial will be held at The Danforth Museum of Art in Framingham, Mass. from Feb. 27 to May 1.

Cancelosi's work has been juried into shows across the United States by curators from the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Detroit

Institute of Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the dia Art Foundation of New York, and the Berkeley Art Museum. His work has also been recognized by artists Brian Rutenberg, Andres Serrano, Mel Chin and Charles McGee for inclusion into shows.

Cancelosi holds a B.F.A. in graphic design from the University of Cincinnati School of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning, as well as a B.A. in radio/television, with a minor in photography, from Southern Methodist University.

In January, Cancelosi will also display his work at a solo show at The University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe. The opening reception is 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7. The show runs until Jan. 28. His work will also be on view at Ferndale's Lawrence St. Gallery in its upcoming show, "The Best of the Best," which highlights award winners from past juried exhibits. The Lawrence St. Gallery show opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 14 and continues until Jan. 28.

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Bikram Yoga Northville brings enlightenment to downtown

New school opens in MainCentre Bldg.

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Melissa and Ernie Curnett, owners of Bikram Yoga Northville, needed to expand as their business was booming in Plymouth. After searching for the right place for months, they finally landed in a space on South Center Street in downtown Northville.

Bikram (pronounced beek'rum) yoga, also known as "hot yoga," is where students do yoga postures in a room heated up to 106 degrees. The school opened Oct. 11 in the MainCentre building on the west side of Center Street, and the grand opening celebration took place Nov. 19-21.

The school actually occupies two suites — the former Ohio Lending and the former Quizno's sandwich shop.

It includes a large classroom area, changing rooms for men and women, and handicapped accessible toilets and showers. Each bathroom also features two sinks, hair dryers and cubicles for clothing, with lockers coming in the near future.

The school also offers full-body and chair massage.

YOUR THOUGHTS CREATE YOUR LIFE

"Our philosophy here is that your thoughts are creating your life," Melissa said. "Your body and mind are one, and they are going to reflect each other. You can change your life if you can change your thoughts and your lifestyle."

Melissa grew up in Livonia, used to work for General Motors and started taking yoga in the evenings in her early 20s. Next, she started teaching yoga in her Plymouth living room in 1999. Now, she has a successful business with her husband that's growing daily.

"We were the first and only bikram yoga school in the Detroit

CLASSES AVAILABLE DAILY

Bikram Yoga Northville at 122 MainCentre is open daily, with morning, afternoon and evening classes available. For more information, call (248) 924-2002 or go to www.bikramyogadetroit.com. Questions? Send an e-mail to Melissa@bikramyogadetroit.com.

area 10 years ago," Melissa said. Hence, their website's name, www.bikramyogadetroit.com.

BENEFITS OF BIKRAM

Bikram yoga reportedly improves balance, flexibility, concentration, muscle tone, strength, stamina, vitality, relaxation, weight reduction, circulation, posture, breathing, energy, well-being, injury recovery, reduces stress, releases tension, revitalizes nerves and provides restful sleep.

It is appropriate for children from age 12 to senior citizens. Melissa said she not only teaches yoga at the school but also practices two to three times a week. There are 40 classes a week with 12 teachers.

"We have 38 people on our staff," Melissa said. "We've grown." Ernie, who was also born in the Detroit area, is also a teacher.

500 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION

Any teacher who instructs at the studio has been through a 500-hour certification directly under the guidance of Bikram Choudhury of India, founder of this style of yoga. His teacher was the youngest brother of one of the most famous yoga teachers in India.

Melissa and Ernie met years ago, although they didn't go to the same school. They got together through mutual friends.

"I met her at a party she had when she was going to Michigan State University, and she was good friends with my best friend, Mario," Ernie said. "He had been telling me about her for years."

He was working as a cement



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

As seen from outside the studio along the west side of Center Street, Bikram Yoga Northville students go through a session on its official grand-opening night of Nov. 19. The temperature inside the studio is kept at about 105 degrees during the postures.

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MELISSA CURNETT, Bikram Yoga Northville

mason and had no knowledge of yoga. "The more I did it, the more I liked it," he said. He's been doing yoga for 12 years now, and she's been practicing it for 15 years.

"I probably would have had back surgery by now had I not been doing yoga," Ernie said. "Yoga is the original form of physical therapy. The yogis have known this for centuries."

"There are 904 postures," Melissa said. Of course, only 26, plus two breathing exercises are done in classes.

The Curnetts, who live in Northville Township, have two sons, Miles, 6, and Max, 5.

Nicole Payne, a friend of the Curnetts' visiting from Oakland, Calif., who was just leaving a class at the school, said she lost 70 pounds doing bikram yoga every day for a year.

"I've experienced overall well-being and health," she said. "This is the only thing I've ever stuck with. I used to have a lot of anxiety and depression. This just balances everything out."

Melissa said it took about a year to make the move to Northville, and they've had almost 100 percent retention of their students.

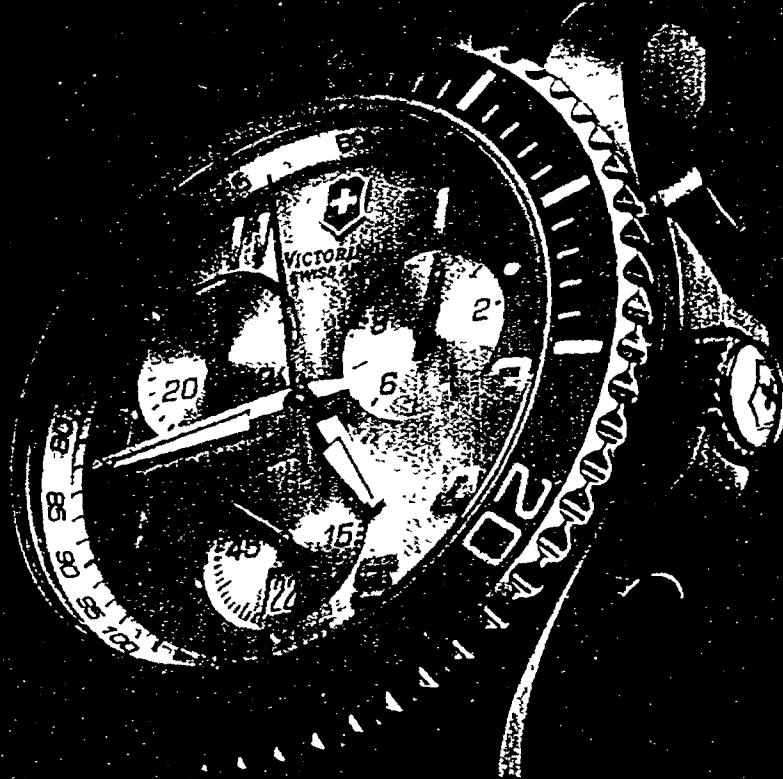
Grand opening specials include five classes and a one-hour massage for \$99 and a new-student special of 15 days for \$15. Classes are 90 minutes long.

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Northville Mayor Chris Johnson joins Melissa Curnett, left, and her husband, Ernie (just out of view at left), as they open their downtown Bikram Yoga Northville school in the MainCentre building on S. Center Street on Nov. 19.


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Sincerely Yours runs Care Package drop-off

Bring items for troops overseas

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

There's no better way to get in the holiday spirit than giving to others.

With our troops overseas in mind, Tiffany Zendejas, owner of the Sincerely Yours card, invitations, stationary and gift shop at 101 N. Center St., is running an ongoing Operation Care Package drop-off.

"We are currently sending to 35 male soldiers," Zendejas said.

Packages are sent every two-four weeks.

"We are always in need of cash donations as well to help cover the shipping cost of packages," Zendejas said.

"There are times when we have stuff to send, but we don't have the funds to cover postage. Postage averages around \$300 per month."

Cash donations can be made at this link: <http://madeloveshopdesigns.com/SOT/1dollar.php>.

"We have a \$1 challenge right now," Zendejas said. "If 13 people gave \$1, that is one very large care package we can send to a unit of soldiers. A dollar can really make a huge difference."

STARTED BY REDFORD WOMAN

There is a national Operation Care Package program headquartered in Joliet, Ill.

But the local program was started by Angela Walters, 22, of Redford, whose husband, Jason, is in the U.S. Army, 25th Infantry Division, currently in Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

"A lot of the guys weren't getting anything at all," Walters said. "I felt bad. And, I talked to some other people, and they were telling me that they know a lot of the soldiers who were going without getting anything."

"We became involved because we wanted to give back to people in need," Zendejas said. She said she met Walters through a mutual friend.

"Our business has been very blessed over the years, and I'm passionate about supporting the men and women that put their lives in harm's way for our country," Zendejas said.

"Donating \$1 or dropping off some toothpaste or a few used books you no longer read really is such an easy way to help. It makes me sad to think that these men and women go without the basic necessities that we take for granted. Operation Care Package really does show how we can make a big impact on the lives of our troops overseas."

Zendejas said Walters is about seven months pregnant, and she's staying with her parents in Redford now. Her husband is scheduled to return home for two weeks around the baby's due date of March 15. They know it's a boy, to be named Jason Jr. They will return to Hawaii in May.

"But babies don't always come when they're supposed to, so let's hope that works out for them," Zendejas said.

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Downtown Northville's Sincerely Yours owner Tiffany Zendejas is accepting gifts and cash donations for U.S. soldiers at her N. Center Street shop for Operation Care Package.

LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED

Following is a list of the items the troops need: Baby wipes, cold water wash soap (like Woolite), eye drops, Chapstick (especially with SPF), foot powder, dental floss, mouthwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrushes, toilet paper (including travel size), hand sanitizers (waterless), nail clippers, disposable razors, soap, sunscreen, Q-Tips, heavy-duty tissues (i.e. Puffs), hand lotion, shampoo, individual packets of acetaminophen, wash cloths, Ziplock-type plastic bags, all sizes of batteries (AAs can be used in night-vision goggles), small brushes for cleaning guns, insect repellent (placed in Ziplock bags), duct tape, short coils of rope, miniature tool kits, pocket knives, flashlights (mini/Maglite with extra bulbs, batteries), small battery-powered fans (with batteries), pre-paid phone cards (international AT&T Pre-Paid Phone Card), shoe insole cushions, travel-size board games, crossword puzzles, playing cards, cushioned socks and black sunglasses. Other items needed include sweatbands (to use in helmets), fly strips, fly swatters, action movie DVDs (used ones are fine), CDs (used ones are fine), CD carriers, blank CDs, yo-yos, Slinkies, hand-held games, iTunes gift cards, paper, Twinkies, ramen noodles, Tootsie Rolls, sunflower and pumpkin seeds, all types of candy, chocolate candy from December-April only, snack cakes, throat lozenges such as Fruit Breezes, heat-proof cookies, heat-proof snack bars such as granola, gum that is not sticks, beef jerky, Twizzlers, trail mix, sugar packets, specialty canned food such as olives and tamales, canned fruit in pop-top cans, cereal in small boxes, instant oatmeal, ravioli in pop-top cans, tuna kits, microwave popcorn, breakfast bars, microwaveable cakes/brownies/etc., Pringles, other types of chips, crackers, Pop-Tarts, nuts, powdered drink mixes and condiment packets (ketchup, taco sauce, salt, pepper, etc.).

BARN

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Presley said the barn, which is an old Italianate structure, probably sat in a different location from where it is now. But, at some point before 1940 it was attached to the house, and a portion of the barn may have been removed when it was attached.

"It used to be a three-level garage," Presley said. "We think it had a lower level where they kept farm animals at one time."

The barn had become dilapidated over the years due to water coming through the roof.

"We took the necessary precautions and saved as much of the original structure as we could while dismantling it," Presley said. "We did what we were supposed to do. We were able to save about 80 percent of the extant structure."

Presley and Miller said they will reuse as much of the original barn in reconstructing it as well.

The barn will be moved about 19 feet away from where it was before and turned 90 degrees.

Presley said the man who built the Park Hotel built this house on Cady Street. "But, he never lived in it," Presley said. "A relative of his lived in it."

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Windy City welcomes the Motor City

A Detroit tradition blew into the Windy City on Feb. 15, 2010 when Leo's Coney Island opened its doors in Chicago. On opening weekend, many native Michiganders waited for over an hour to enjoy a Detroit delicacy -- two coneys and a side of fries. While the menu and friendly service is all Detroit, the restaurant itself certainly has an ostentatious Chicago vibe. This Leo's boasts plasma televisions, satellite radio, an outdoor patio and a full liquor bar. As more young adults flee the sinking ship, "the S.S. Detroit Job Market", they move onto greener pastures such as Chicago. While many miss mother Motor City, it is good to know they can find a small slice of home in a Leo's kitchen.

The story of Leo's Chicago begins in 2005, when now-owner Jeremy Stolberg and his wife, Alissa, were pregnant with their first born. Alissa was experiencing very typical early pregnancy hunger pangs; the only thing unusual was that she craved chili. Not just any chili, Coney Island chili.

Jeremy most likely discovered quickly it is a good idea to get a pregnant wife whatever she wants, no matter how geographically undesirable the request. Luckily for Jeremy he was embarking on routine business trips to Detroit. Before getting on his puddle jump flight, he would always stop at Leo's on Maple and Telegraph to get a bowl of chili. While standing at the counter waiting to pay he was struck with a philosophical quandary: "Why don't we just have one of these in Chicago?"

The road-weary husband sarcastically joked to the proprietor that he could save him a lot of time by branching out to Chicago. Little did Jeremy know he was talking to the owner, Leo Stassinopoulos. Leo loved the idea, and soon after their meeting the start of the new Coney was in motion.

Jeremy knew that opening a restaurant by himself would be

"With all the tomato, pickle, and onion, I feel like I am eating a salad. C'mon, this is the Midwest. The only extra toppings should be either more meat or more cheese."

WILL BOLTON

no easy task despite how great of an idea it was. He sought the assistance of a family friend, Lou Goldhaber. Lou and Jeremy's wives had grown up in West Bloomfield together. Lou, a former marketing executive, and his wife, a former interior designer, would be an integral part of the formation and creation of the new restaurant. Leo's Chicago, just like the Coney Islands back home, is a family business. Much of the weekday clientele reflects this. According to Mr. Goldhaber, "Everyday during lunch hours, we are stroller city."

Many wondered if a Coney Island could thrive in Chicago. In the Windy City, the restaurant and bar industry success rate is as unpredictable, fluctuating, and harsh as the weather. Lou and Jeremy would have to accomplish two tasks to survive. They would have to recreate the flavors that downtown Detroit's American and Lafayette Coney intended to satisfy the memories of Michigan natives.

The duo would also have to convince local Chicagoans that there are more ways to eat a hot dog besides covering it in pickles, relish, peppers and tomatoes. Before opening, they sent their soon-to-be head chef to Michigan to train at the Leo's in West Bloomfield. He brought back menus, a recipe for Greek dressing and the technique for lighting cheese on fire without burning the building down. As for the locals, they stick to the burgers and the pitas. Finding a defector from the Chicago dog camp is as likely as finding someone in that same camp who knows what a paczki is.

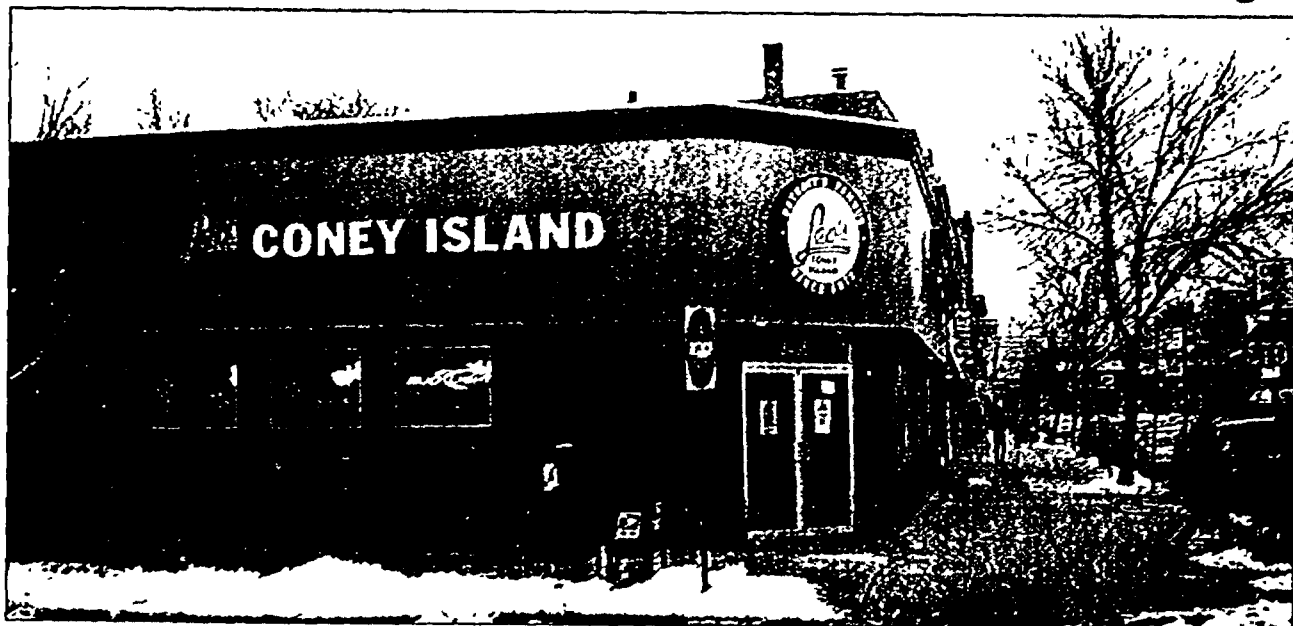


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Michiganders can get a taste of home since Leo's Coney Island opened in Chicago in February.

Will Bolton, a 22-year-old from Grosse Pointe and now a Chicago resident, remains anti "Chicago Style". He says "With all the tomato, pickle, and onion, I feel like I am eating a salad. C'mon, this is the Midwest. The only extra toppings should be either more meat or more cheese."

Leo's Coney Chicago is a family place, both for the armies of strollers and the young professionals wishing to feel a bit of nostalgia. There is an old phrase "Just like mom used to make it." For everyone in Detroit who didn't grow up in the Cleaver family, dinners often took place at a Coney Island.

For just a brief moment kids can go back and imagine they're at Joe's on Main Street, then reality sinks in that dad isn't picking up the tab and there is no one to wash and fold your laundry anymore.

Michael Lynch was born and raised in Northville. He went to University of Detroit Jesuit High school and is currently a senior at Loyola University Chicago studying political science and criminal justice.

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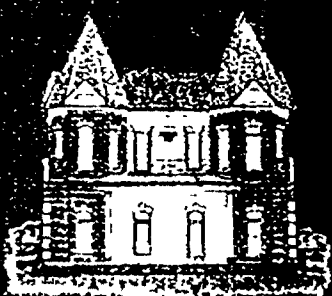
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FOUNDATION

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more than 50 Northville Educational Foundation supporters and community leaders at the Toll Brothers Northville Hills Golf Club Model Home. The gathering was hosted by Toll Brothers; the Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James and Associates, Inc. and Todd Knickerbocker; and Andiamo Restaurant.

"This generous gift from the Ruth Heyman Shattuck Foundation is a testament to the incredible commitment our community has to Northville's school children," said Northville Educational Foundation President Eric Barritt. "We hope it will inspire others to make contributions to the Foundation and support our mission to enhance educational excellence in Northville Public Schools."

"When we as school families, staff, alumni and community members make a donation to the Northville Educational Foundation, we are supporting our community as a whole," Barritt added. "Strong public schools are the foundation of a strong community where businesses can recruit employees, people want to live, and property values are higher."

A longtime Northville resident, the late Ruth Heyman Shattuck was an educator and piano teacher who loved Northville. To date, the Ruth Heyman Shattuck Foundation has donated \$140,000 to the Northville Educational Foundation.

Established in 2000, the Northville Educational Foundation is a Michigan nonprofit organization committed to providing support for programs that enhance educational excellence and strengthen learning experiences for students in Northville Public Schools. The Foundation raises, professionally manages and, in partnership with Northville Public Schools, distributes donated funds to supplement and enrich educational programming. All money donated to the Foundation stays in Northville and benefits the children of Northville Public Schools from preschool through high school, including the district's special education center programs.

In recent years, as the ever-growing gap between state funding and the actual cost of educating a child in Northville Public Schools has widened, the Northville Educational Foundation has played an increasingly critical role in ensuring Northville Public Schools remains among the best school systems in the nation,

HOW TO GIVE

There are many ways to give to the Northville Educational Foundation including joining the Corral Club; contributing to the Thank Northville Public Schools Staff program; making a tribute gift in honor or memory of an individual; planned giving; gifts of stocks and securities; and in-kind donations and sponsorships.

For more information about the Northville Educational Foundation and how you can become involved, visit the new website at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or contact Foundation Facilitator Jan Purtell at NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or (248) 344-8458.

said Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski.

"Our community has a choice to wait until the political and financial climate in Michigan becomes more supportive of public schools, or we can work together now to find a solution," Rezmierski said. "With the generous support of the Northville Educational Foundation we are choosing to act now at the local level to protect and grow our outstanding educational programs."

The gift from the Ruth Heyman Shattuck Foundation comes on the heels of a \$1 million anonymous donation announced by the Northville Educational Foundation in April 2010. Including this new \$100,000 gift, Northville school families, staff, alumni, local businesses and community members have responded with more than \$190,000 in contributions and pledges since the announcement of the \$1 million donation last April.

During last Thursday's event, Barritt also expressed appreciation on behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors to Community Financial, which has donated more than \$7,000 to the Foundation over the past 10 years through its Community Shares program, and to the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro in downtown Northville, which raised more than \$300 for the Foundation during a recent holiday shopping event and has generously hosted several Foundation events.

"The Foundation is proud to count many local businesses among its contributors," Barritt said.

He also noted the State of Michigan recently certified the Northville Educational Foundation as an education foundation for the purposes of the

Michigan Business Tax (MBT) Credit. Public Act 36 of 2007 created a non-refundable credit for MBT taxpayers who make contributions to certified education foundations. The statute provides that "the credit allowed by this section shall not exceed 5 percent of the taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year before claiming any credits allowed by the act or \$5,000, whichever is less."

SO FAR

For the current 2010-11 school year alone, the Northville Educational Foundation has allocated \$300,000 to address immediate instructional needs across the district and to support educational enrichment programs for students and teachers.

Those attending the Dec. 9 gathering had the opportunity to hear firsthand from Meads Mill Middle School science teacher Dawn McGuffin about how the Foundation's funding support is making a difference for students. Through a \$1,500 Innovative Grant from the Northville Educational Foundation, sixth and seventh grade students at the district's two middle schools, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, are currently raising, caring for and maintaining young salmon that will be released this spring into a watershed that feeds one of the Great Lakes.

"Students have been so excited since we received the salmon eggs this fall and began monitoring the water quality in the tanks," McGuffin said. "This project brings to life for our students the sixth and seventh grade science curriculum, which focuses on ecosystems and life cycles. Students will work together throughout the school year to address the many challenges that will arise as the salmon grow and the water quality changes, and as we prepare to release the salmon into the river in the spring."

NEW WEBSITE

The Northville Educational Foundation recently launched an expansive new website — www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org — detailing how the Foundation is supporting academic and enrichment programs to benefit Northville Public Schools students. The new website also offers an on-line donation option through Network for Good, an independent nonprofit organization that provides easy, secure and affordable on-line fundraising services to other nonprofits.

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Northville High School student Allison Smith.

CLUB

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forms, and then found a faculty sponsor. I also wrote a proposal about why it was important to the high school for such a club. I also interviewed with a school administrator as well as explained Smith.

The club's faculty sponsor is Karen Motz, the high school's French and German language teacher. Monty Shambleau, one of the vice principals at the school, worked with Smith as she organized the club. His concern, according to Smith, was that the club would benefit students, and that students would want to come to the club.

"I have a quite a few friends who identify as gay," said Smith. "One of them graduated in 2010, and actually experienced hate crimes. It all started with harassment from some female students, whom we thought were our friends. But they harassed the person, and he had to get a restraining order to protect himself from their overt actions, even coming to his house and causing trouble. It showed me how difficult it was to come out to family and friends."

The purpose of the club, according to Smith, is to end bullying and hate of any kind against anyone of any group. Now that the club has been meeting for the last two

months, Smith is surprised by the way students and even teachers have accepted the club.

Smith said she's received comments from teachers that it's about time a club like this was started, and she's heard from many students how they appreciate having a place to share their concerns.

Smith said she wanted to keep the club low on the radar, because we weren't sure how others would feel," said Smith. "We knew there would be some opposition, but we wanted to have a good foothold before we felt confident in promoting the club. I feel comfortable now that we have a strong group of kids dedicated to the cause."

She only told a handful of friends, but so many more showed up for the first meeting.

"It seems to be growing, and we meet every other Monday after school at 2:15," said Smith. "Sometimes the meeting lasts 30 minutes, but sometimes it goes over an hour."

The club recently discussed the importance of taking some words back that seem to get used in a negative manner. Their latest theme, which Smith calls an 'anti-slur campaign,' deals with sharing how using the word 'gay' in a bad connotation could lead to even more confusion.

"I've heard some students say something like, 'that movie is so gay,' implying the movie

is bad, which puts the word 'gay' in a bad connotation," she said.

She believes it's only appropriate to use 'gay' to describe a person who is gay, as opposed to someone else using the word gay to describe a bad movie or song.

Now in her senior year, Smith plans on attending Northville High School next year, taking up Women's Studies. She does have a boyfriend, and describes herself as even more compassionate now since starting the club.

"I'm on the lookout for bullying of any kind," said Smith. "I see it even more -- a bunch of bullying, teasing, throwing a kid against the locker. Definitely bullying out of jealousy, or to show that someone is bigger or tougher. Also calling someone gay, even if they're not," she said.

Discussing sexual orientation is a sensitive topic to many people, and it isn't Smith's intention to offend anyone or cause problems. She said her focus is all about helping students needing a support group.

"We're not promoting a lifestyle, just helping students who want to talk and need support. No one wants to turn on the TV news and see that someone else has committed suicide."

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Holiday concerts

Above, members of Northville High's a capella group BackBeat perform holiday songs at Moraine Elementary on Dec. 7. At left, Erin Donohoe, left, and Anna Sharples and other members of Northville High's Treble Makers perform at Moraine Elementary on Dec. 7. All other Northville High choir and concert groups will take part in the annual Holiday Concert today, Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. For ticket information call 248-344-8420 ext. 50711.



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The Youth Ambassador Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program brings together youth, ages 15-18, from across the Americas to build understanding among countries, increase leadership skills, and prepare young leaders to be positive agents

of change through volunteer service. The youth engage with local government and civic organizations, build relationships with host families and other youth, and participate in skills-based trainings that enable and empower them to mobilize their communities towards positive change. To learn more about these opportunities, please contact Tamara Carlone at (248) 719-1072.

Senior All-Night Party

Don't miss out on the 2011 Senior All Night Party. This special Northville tradition brings the halls of Northville High School alive with a magical setting. A surprise theme is kept under wraps all year and is unveiled the week of the party. The evening includes dinner, snacks, entertainment, activities, a T-shirt and prizes. It takes place following graduation on Sunday, June 5 from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at NHS. The cost is \$70, but will go up to \$85 on

Jan. 1 -- so buy your tickets now.

Wooden mustangs are also available for \$45. This unpainted wooden horse is personalized by you and displayed at the party. The sky is the limit as far as decorating to reflect your senior. It can be decorated with photos, sportswear, name tiles, props, etc. Take the horse home for your own graduation celebration.

Support the Class of 2011 and purchase Northville City Car Wash gift cards for \$20 for five carwashes; a savings of \$5. With the holidays fast approaching, these make great stocking stuffers. To purchase, please contact Germaine Hoppens at ghoppens@aol.com

All forms and contact information can be found at www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs under "Latest News" click on "Senior All-Night Party Forms"

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Church of the Holy Family

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

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday;
9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m.
(English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

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

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

Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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

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

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Reflections of Him

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Dec. 18

Details: A Christmas extravaganza -- hear music from the Northville Treblemakers, as well as dancing, holiday skits and a live nativity scene featuring the renowned Procession of the Kings. Free and open to the community.

Meet & Greet for new Northville area Pastors Robb & Cheri Stancer

Time/Date: 9-10:30 a.m. Jan. 2

Location: Stonehouse Coffee & Tea Co., 16923 Ridge

Road, Northville.

Details: Come out and have a coffee and meet the pastors, leadership and families of the new Destiny Worship Center. Feel free to ask questions about the ministry, youth, missions, community service, children, singles, married, and any area where you or your family may need help.

Grand opening/launch

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Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

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

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
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Women of the Word

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

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.org.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

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

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

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group

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

Faith Community Presbyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing

Contact: (248) 348-1020

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.

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

Sunday Worship: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

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

Details: Group meet for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

Single Place Ministries: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

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

Christmas program

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17

Details: The Christmas program will also be a guest day, introducing new members. The program is "Holiday Music", presented by Jill Engerer.

Contact: Virginia Martin at (248) 349-3064.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

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Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.org

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

Contact: (248) 349-0565

Sundays

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

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational

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

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Better Than You

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

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

Pilgrim Fellowship

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Asking Questions adult education class

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Vespers

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

Details: This is a non-denominational service led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.

Sunday School Program

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Dec. 19

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays

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

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

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

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

Wednesday Family Night

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

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

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WESLEY CHARLES BROWN

Age 21 of White Lake, Dec. 6, 2010. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, Sat., Dec. 11, 2010. Memorials may be made to: Wes Brown Memorial Fund, w/checks payable to Lisa Gilchrist. For further info please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SHIRLEY ANN (CASH) DEAN

Age 72, passed away December 6. She was born on April 15, 1938 in New Hudson to the late Floyd and Leona (Keiser) Cash. On January 17, 1959, she married the late Alva Dean. She enjoyed playing bingo and spending time with her grandchildren. She truly loved her family and will be missed. Shirley is survived by her seven children: Ricky Dean of Durand, Karen (Mike) Ashford of Bancroft, Cheryl (Kevin) Adkins of Green River, Wyoming, Dennis Dean of Milington, Todd Dean of Durand, Amy (John) McRae of Tooele, Utah, David (Katie) Dean of Perry; Her 4 brothers, and 2 sisters; 23 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on Dec. 10 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARCIA JANE DREFFS

Passed away at Arbor Hospice on December 6th, 2010. Marcia was born in South Lyon, Michigan, to the late Delbert and Marion Avery on February 24th, 1938. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1956 where she was a member of the Future Homemakers of America, Student Council, and Drama. A year later, Marcia went on to marry Floyd "Doc" Dreffs. The couple shared 53 years of marriage and had six children: Floyd Dreffs Jr. (Janice), Sue Dreffs, Denise Striks (Frederick), Mary Harrington (Tim), Diane Zide, and Deanna Dreffs. For years, Marcia served on numerous committees at Old St. Patrick's church and attended countless sporting events to cheer on her children. In addition to raising her children, Marcia worked at the University of Michigan (Physics Department, Michigan League, and Michigan Daily) for 20 years. She also helped her husband (who is known as Moose at the track and the tube mill), with his horseshoeing business. In her free time she enjoyed reading, watching game shows, playing cards, going to the casino, and traveling. Most of all, she loved spending time with (and bragging about) her grandchildren: Marlena, John, and Janelle Dreffs, Alex, Ashley, and Jessica Harrington, Anthony Zide, and Natalie Striks. Marcia was preceded in death by her parents, Delbert and Marion, her son-in-law, Tim Harrington, and her sisters, Rosemary Elkow and Kathy Inman. She is survived by her sisters Noreen (Jake) Shelden and Vera (Currie) Avery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Northfield Township Library or Old St. Patrick's Church. Visitation was held on Dec. 9 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral mass was held on Dec. 10 at Old St. Patrick Catholic Church, Ann Arbor. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

EVA FORTUNA

December 11, 2010 age 93. Sister of Mary and the late Cecelia, Julius and Ercoline. Preceded in death by her parents Loreto and Pasqua. Funeral service was Dec. 15th at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to Residence Council at Grand Court Farmington Hills. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

KATHLEEN E. GATHMANN

Age 84, formerly of Commerce, on December 12, 2010. Now in heaven with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and her beloved husband, Wayne. Dearest mother of Marcia (Joseph) Luczak, Patricia (David) Stuebe, William (Jean), Linda (Thomas) Habitz, Debra (Mark) Slika and Kara (Frank) Clark. Also survived by 20 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Funeral Service Thursday, December 16th, 10:30 AM (in state 9:30 AM) Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, (at Beech Daly), Redford. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorial tributes suggested to Farmington Hills Senior Division Meals on Wheels Program, Grace Lutheran Church, or National Parkinson Foundation. heeney-sundquist.com

JAMES A. GROENING

Age 75, passed away December 7, 2010. Funeral Services were held at Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, on Friday, December 10, 2010. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JOYCE HONSINGER

Age 61, of Bancroft, passed away December 11, 2010. She lived in the South Lyon area for many years and was employed by South Lyon Schools. Joyce is survived by her loving husband Jeffrey, and her children: Lee and Joseph (Cindy) Honsinger. She is also survived by her dear grandchildren: Kayla, Dustin and Brandon; her siblings: Lowell, Carolyn, Sherri, and James. She was preceded in death by her sister Barb and her parents Russell and Amanda Burgess. A funeral service was held on Dec. 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions in loving memory of Joyce are requested to the American Kidney Foundation. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

THOMAS G. KROPIEWNICKI

Age 40, died Dec. 9, 2010. A private family service was held. He is survived by his loving family. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

FRANCES LIEDEL

Age 85 of Milford and formerly of Redford died in the care of her family Wednesday, December 8, 2010. Preceded in death by her daughter Marie Touchette & siblings Stanley, Frank, Joseph, Walter, Rudy, Cass, Ted, Ed, Mary & Benny. Survived by Louis her beloved husband of 63 years; children Marcia (Garrett) Steele, Larry (Cheryl) Liedel, Monica (Tom) McGuire & Audrey (Dominic) Marsalese; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister Virg Kennedy. Also survived by extended family & dear friends. Funeral from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 10 AM. Fr. Ron Anderson to officiate. Burial Michigan Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Friday 3-9 PM, with a Rosary Service 7 PM. Memorials can be made to American Cancer Society & Seasons Hospice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JAMES H. LINFIELD

A resident of Milford for more than thirty years, died on December 12, 2010. Jim was a beloved father, grandfather (Bapa Choo-Choo), brother and friend. Jim was known by many for his passion for the railroad and for collecting model trains. He was the owner of Spiral Industries, Inc. formerly in Milford, now in Hartland, MI. He is survived by son James (Tammy Yost), son Kenneth, son Harry (wife Toni), son Bryon (wife Christine), 7 grandchildren, Jessica, Zachery, Hailey, Chloe, Lexie, Molly and Casey. He is also survived by 3 brothers, Harold (wife Debbie), Harry, John (wife Avera). Memorial services will be held at Lynch & Sons, 404 E. Liberty, in Milford. Viewing will be Friday, December 17th from 12-9PM. The ceremony will be on Saturday, December 18th at 11AM. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JOHN A. PETRU

Age 67 and a long time resident of Highland Twp., died on December 10, 2010. He is survived by Kathy, his beloved wife of over forty-four years, his sons, Bradley J. (Christy), Gregory A. (Amy); grandchildren, Nolan, Maria, Ryan, & Tanner, his mother Anna Petru, and many extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, John, and a brother, Joseph. Mr. Petru worked for many years with Massey Ferguson and Cequent Towing in Plymouth, from which he retired in 2008. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Monday, December 13, 2010. Memorials may be made in his name to Community Sharing in Highland. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

JOHN E. RASE

Age 55, passed away December 9, 2010. He was born on January 6, 1955, in Detroit, to the Kenneth and Alma (Carey) Rase. He was a brick layer for over 30 years. He was well known for carving decoy ducks, since he was so very talented at it. John is survived by his wife Kathleen, his children: Johnathan and Mac Rase; his mother Alma, siblings: Phil (Amy) Rase and James (Cindy) Rase. He was preceded in death by his father Kenneth and his brother Paul. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



BARBARA ANN RZEPECKI

Age 59 of Northville, MI passed away on December 4, 2010. Beloved wife of Robert. Loving mother of Katie Lynn and the late Kelly Marie. Preceded in death by Buel and Kathryn Trapnell and her mother and father in law Sophie and Gene Rzepecki. Survived by her siblings Buel "Lanny" Trapnell, Fred, Diane, Patrick and Carol. Will be missed by her dear friend Pat Fishbeck and the Loonies, also by her many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Ste 225, Southfield, MI 48075

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

Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

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

Advent Service

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

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

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

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

ReNew Life Group Ministries

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

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

Women's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries

Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir

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

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

Our Lady of Good**Counsel Catholic Church**

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

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

Our Lady of Victory**Catholic Church**

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville

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

Time: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship

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

Our Shepherd**Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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

Plymouth-St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohn-plymouth.orgsplymouth.org**Blue Christmas Service**

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19

Details: An alternative Christmas service for people who are for any reason uncomfortable attending traditional Christmas Eve and Day celebrations. Understanding that many people find it difficult to feel joyful during the holiday season, St. John's offers this service as a way to help people find peace and solace, and hopefully as a way to bring healing to those who are hurting because of loss or crisis. St. John's Blue Christmas service includes readings from poetry and Holy Scripture, prayer, and a special candlelighting litany, during which attendees are given the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of their own special prayers. Holy Communion is also offered, and music will include not only beloved quiet Christmas carols, but also songs from the Taizé tradition.

Contact: Visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org or call (734) 453-0190.

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Contemporary 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

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Decorating the fountain

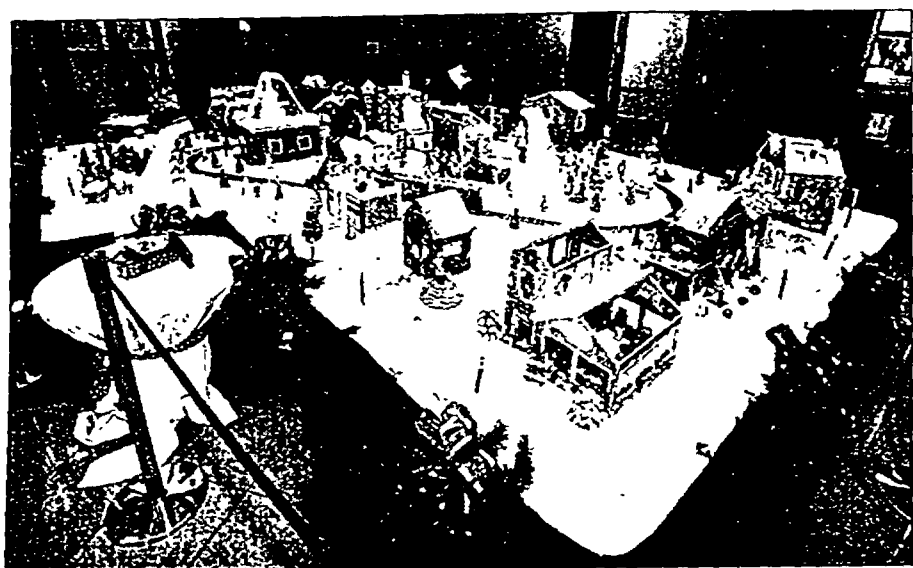
Northville Country Garden Club members Karin Amrein, left, and Mimi Kibbey help to wrap the fountain at Allen Terrace in garland and bows on Dec. 2. The club's been decorating the fountain for years for Allen Terrace's senior residents.



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Catching up

Walker Reynolds, 4, and his nanny Dawn Cable seem equally excited about catching a soft foam disc that's descending from above during a "Sports Sampler" recreation time at Northville's Recreation Center at Hillside. The games are supervised by "Coach" Dave East - whose reputation brought Walker and Dawn all the way from South Lyon.



Gingerbread Village

winners

An entire village made of gingerbread, candy and the imaginations of culinary arts students will be on display until Dec. 16 in the lobby of the VistaTech Center. Culinary Arts students created the "Children's Christmas Stories" themed fantasy village in a competition for scholarships made available by the Schoolcraft College Foundation. "Whoville Holiday," created by Sandra Angelos (right) of Lake Orion won first place. "If You Take a Mouse to a Movie,"



created by Kathleen Wilkopolan (center) of Northville, won second place. "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer," created by Tracy Oberholzer (left) of Troy, won third place. The students created the village on their own time under the direction of Certified Master Pastry Chef Joseph Decker. At least half of the construction materials must be made of gingerbread and must be completely edible, excluding the base on which it is built and non-edible plastic or other non-edible materials for the windows. The creations must have a front entrance and walkway, must be decorated on all sides and may have electric lights. The scholarship competition winning entries were selected for their craftsmanship, neatness, originality, degree of difficulty and use of the theme. The public is encouraged to visit the "Children's Christmas Stories" Gingerbread Village during regular business hours through December 16. Schoolcraft College is on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online at schoolcraft.edu.



Children's workshop

Children often have excitement for the holidays, but for them, to ease children through this difficult time, Angela Hospice will hold its annual Children's Holiday Workshop on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 2-4 p.m. at the Angela Hospice Care Center located at 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The workshop is free, but reservations are required as space is limited. This workshop provides an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to create a lasting holiday wreath to honor the memory of a loved one they have lost. A light meal of pizza, punch, and cookies will be served to the children and their parents/guardians. For more information and to make reservations call Sally Loughrin at (734) 464-2683 by Dec. 1. Shown are Claire Swadling, Jolene Soave, Emily Fowler, and Sarah Rinkert displaying the wreaths they created at the 2009 Children's Holiday Workshop.



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Free samples

Stephanie Acho, owner of downtown Northville's Chocolates by Renee, hands out a sample of dark chocolate covered popcorn to Amy Hall on Nov. 19., moments before the Holiday Lighted Parade began outside her Main Street shop.



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Past presidents

Past presidents of the Northville Garden Club gather at the Allen Terrace fountain (which they decorated for the holidays) on Dec. 6. From left is Patty Page, Evelyn Harper, (Allen Terrace director) Sherry Necelis, Julie Mantay, Barbara O'Brien, Kate Uberti, and Marjorie Faessler.



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Serving

Carole Shields winds up to serve during a 50+ volleyball game at the Recreation Center at Hillside on Dec. 1. Seniors and other athletes above 50 gather every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the facility at 700 West Baseline Road.

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Contest ends midnight Dec. 31. Share your holiday spirit with others! Go to hometownlife.com.

Holiday closures

The offices of the Northville Record and Novi news will be closed Fridays, Dec. 24 and 31; however, readers can look for their local newspapers as usual on Thursdays.

Also, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds customers that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The closures are:
• Thursday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Dec. 24 for Christmas. SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 25.

• Thursday, Dec. 30 and Friday, Dec. 31 for New Year's. SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such

as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available 24/7. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.Michigan.gov/sos to find a Self-Service Station near you.

Bell-ringers needed

The Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers during the holiday season. Ringing continues until Dec. 24. To volunteer at Hiller's in downtown Northville or at the Northville post office, please contact Judy Kohl at (248) 348-2678 or by email at fakoh@aol.com.

Movies at Marquis sponsors needed

The Northville Downtown Development Authority has six confirmed sponsors for its Movies at the Marquis series that starts next month but still needs five more.

Businesses that would like to be a ticket sponsor for this event should let the DDA staff know as soon as possible. Ticket sponsors have the opportunity to have customers come into their store or place of business to purchase tickets along with their logo and business name on the DDA website, tickets, table tents, posters and more.



Yarn dolls

Girl Scout Cadettes from Meads Mill Middle School made and donated 130 yarn dolls to patients at Children's Hospital, Detroit. Pictured with the dolls are girls from Cadette Troops 40010, 41583, 40336, 40737 and 40844.

Interested? Call Catherine Woods at (248) 349-0345 or e-mail her at cwoodsdda@comcast.net.

Swearing-in ceremony

Several local elected officials will be sworn in to office during a ceremony at the Novi Civic Center on Monday, Dec. 20.

Wendy Potts, Oakland County Circuit Court judge, will conduct the proceedings for 38th District Michigan State Representative Hugh Crawford; his wife, 9th District Oakland County Commissioner Kathy Crawford; Mike Kowall, 15th

District State Senator Mike Kowall; and his wife, 44th District State Representative Eileen Kowall.

"Hugh and I feel that our swearing-in should be in the heart of the City we represent rather than Lansing or Pontiac," said Kathy Crawford, "and we gladly welcome everyone to attend."

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center atrium followed by the swearing-in at 6:30 in the council chamber.

Intern for Kowall

State Senator-elect Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) is offering several internship

positions effective Jan. 1. The positions are for his Senate office in Lansing.

Interns will provide assistance to Senator-Elect Kowall and the people of the 15th State Senate district. Responsibilities will include but are not limited to: answering phones, drafting written correspondence to groups and individuals, monitoring legislation, attending meetings, and conducting research. Additional responsibilities may be assigned, as warranted.

Candidates for these positions should possess excellent communications skills, specifically writing and telephone

skills. Legislative experience and a basic understanding of computer office programs, such as Microsoft Word and Excel, are helpful.

This is an unpaid position. Hours are negotiable and school credit can be arranged.

"This is an excellent opportunity for a young person to get an 'insiders' understanding of the Legislature and the legislative process," Kowall said.

Interested individuals are encouraged to send a resume and writing sample to: State Senator-elect Mike Kowall; Attn: Mike Murray, Chief of Staff; P.O. Box 30076; Lansing, MI 48909; or b email to contact@murrecomm.net

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OUR VIEWS

Generosity It's a gift worth giving in holiday time, all year

This is the season to be merry, but for many people being merry may mean a hot meal at the local soup kitchen or a warm place to sleep on a cold winter's night. For many, it's a fine line that separates them from being a have and a have not. They are struggling to make ends meet. There is no wiggle room in their household budget for a big holiday celebration. They must rely on the kindness of strangers.

We have more than once urged our readers to open their hearts and their wallets to help those less fortunate. It's a message worth repeating. Human service agencies and grassroots nonprofits cannot continue to help those in need without our support both financially and in donations of food and clothing.

If you can't find room under your Christmas tree for that present, think about giving it to the Goodfellows or the Salvation Army. Instead of dropping \$10-\$20 on a quick dinner out, drop it in a Red Kettle or send it to the Goodfellows. If you see a good deal at the grocery store, buy a few extra cans and donate them.

Consider volunteering — and while at it, have your children do their part. Instead of you dropping the money in the kettle, let them. Have them help make the deliveries to the Goodfellows. It's an important lesson that they will keep for life. The gift is the generosity of spirit, a life skill that needs to be learned as a child. It is taught through example and experience.

So when you head out to the stores for some last-minute shopping, make an extra purchase for those less fortunate. It isn't shiny and bright, but generosity is a gift worth giving.



Salvation Army bell ringers are a familiar sight.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your favorite Christmas song?



"It would have to be 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.'"

Michelle Pollock
Hartland



"Either 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree' or 'Jingle Bells.' They remind me of dancing around when I was little."

Marc Lipke
Northville Township



"'Jingle Bells.' It's just a classic tune and one I most associate with Christmas."

Colleen Trola
Livonia



"'The Christmas Song' (sung) by Andy Williams. It just encompasses everything the Christmas season is supposed to be about."

Tracy Tashman
Northville Township

LETTERS

New super should not be same old

I see that the search for the new super-intendent is coming to a close, so I would like to say that I vote "no" when it comes to Mary Kay Gallagher. She represents everything that is wrong with the school system today. She is more concerned with how the teachers and administrators are doing than the kids. I think Northville needs a fresh face — hopefully, someone who is open to new ways of doing things and is not just more of the same old same old.

I hate the fact that the high school is for all intensive purposes on lock-down. I hate that Northville has anti-bullying programs that are unproven. Unproven because there is no scientific or verifiable evidence that what they have in place actually works. We just have to take their word for it. Would they lie? You better believe it! I hate that as a parent I cannot just go into the school to see what is going on without being watched by the staff, or asking permission to enter.

All of these things make me, as a parent, feel that I am not in control of the system I pay for. I feel I have no "real" say unless I want to mount an all out campaign to make changes. As a matter of fact, it seems that making changes in

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the current system is like trying to turn the Titanic around. I guess I am saying that my experience with NPS has shown me that they do not listen to the needs of the kids and parents, unless you have an in somewhere or there is threat of a lawsuit. They will do things their way, and if you don't like it you can hit the highway. Really, is that how our school system should be run?

Cecilia Bruck
Northville

Six-period school days

Novi High School's daily schedule changed this year, eliminating a seminar period. This period allowed students to seek extra help, make up a quiz or finish homework.

I recently did a survey to see if any students prefer the six-period changes, and it came out that only one or two of my peers liked it all. The other students agreed that it was causing them to have more work to do. They also did not like that we no longer have a seminar or enrichment period. This in turn has removed one of our opportunities to get help from teachers.

Also, last year the late bus was taken away, thus removing one more chance of getting help from our teachers.

If we were to get the late bus schedule back or get our seminar back, many of the students said that their overall school performance would greatly improve. The Novi High School administration needs to rework the six-period days to accommodate all of the high school students' needs.

Ed Roney
Novi High School 10th-grade student

GUEST COLUMN

Preparing for the Great China Export: higher ed students

China is exporting more than cheap "stuff" to America. The Chinese are sending us their most prized possession: their children.

According to a study by the Institute for International Education, China recently became the largest source of foreign students in U.S. universities.

This is the fourth wave of Chinese immigration, which began in the 19th century with Chinese laborers in search of the "Golden Mountain" during the California gold rush.

Through the years, Chinese labor and intellect have helped build our country.

In the words of Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader following Mao, China was to "bide its time and hide its capabilities." Clearly, the Chinese are no longer hiding their capabilities by sending some of their best and brightest to the West to be educated.

With creative and innovative thinking from our state leaders, the

continual wave of Chinese students (and other international students) to our shores can become another building block to revitalize Michigan's economy.

It is reported that a record high 690,923 international students came to the United States last year. More than 18 percent, or nearly 130,000, are from China.

Michigan can become an angel state for Chinese immigrants. And like millions of immigrants before them, they will add value and richness to our great state.

We should work hard to make sure we don't repeat unwelcoming policies like those that began in 1862 with the forbidding of American ships from transporting Chinese immigrants to this country. Later, Congress passed the blatantly discriminatory Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which prohibited the immigration of laborers for 10 years.

The negative, anti-China rhetoric during the past two governors' elections, and exported this fall to other states' campaigns, needs to cease.

We do not want to become Angel Island, the western U.S. entry point for 175,000 early Chinese immigrants. Due to blatant discrimina-

tion against the Chinese, many were detained and mistreated for years on Angel Island and left to languish in limbo.

Michigan needs to be a welcoming peninsula, not an inhospitable island.

Chinese students coming to America are, to a great extent, from a pampered class of "little princes and princesses," products of the "one child" policy and raised to excel by the 1-2-4 formula: one child, two parents and four doting grandparents.

The Chinese view a quality Western education as the passage to economic security, English-speaking skills and a good life.

An entire family's energies and resources are usually dedicated to the single cause of obtaining a quality education for their Chinese offspring. These students, in turn, channel all their energies to being successful academically.

These students are not only bright, ambitious, and driven, they typically come from the connected — including politically connected — and wealthy families of China.

The Chinese economy has been on steroids, growing at an annual rate of 10 percent the past two decades. With its 267 million children under

the age of 14 (approaching the size of America's entire population), China has a near-endless supply of students to educate, as well as limited educational slots at home to accommodate them.

Michigan should ride the China wave by marketing our state as the "brain bank" of the world, aggressively recruiting the best students to our state and helping them stay to build a new life and new opportunities.

Chinese high school seniors spend two grueling days taking the Chinese university entrance exam. This exam is the ultimate sorter, rather like a national game of musical chairs.

There are more students seeking that ticket to success — a coveted seat at a prestigious university — than there are seats available. The top test-takers go to the top universities until seats are filled, and then students tumble down to the lesser institutions until all the slots are filled. This process leaves many qualified students without a seat.

Historically, immigrants and students put down roots where they first land. Michigan must develop a thoughtful, deliberate strategic plan that nurtures and encourages Chinese students (and all interna-

tional students), along with their families, to establish roots in the land of opportunity: Michigan.

Our state has a head start with our reputation for a quality higher education. We also benefit from leaders at our top universities who are committed to developing the "guanxi," or special relationships, with their Chinese counterparts, especially through the four Confucius Institutes established at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

Forward-looking community colleges and K-12 school districts also are tapping this rich vein and developing student and teacher exchanges with China.

As the great Chinese philosopher Lao Tsu once said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." The Chinese students and the opportunities they represent for Michigan are coming — we need to step it up and be ready.

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Law enforcement putting drunken drivers on the naughty list

Crackdown starts today

Motorists who want to stay off the naughty list – and out of jail – this festive season need to find a sober ride home after holiday gatherings. More than 200 law enforcement agencies are putting extra officers out on the road to look for and arrest drunken drivers Dec. 16-Jan. 2.

Law enforcement officers in 35 counties, including Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne, will be conducting drunk driving enforcement paid for through federal traffic safety funds administered by the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

"The holidays are a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "Help keep this festive season safe by not drinking and driving or planning ahead by designating a sober driver."

During last year's Christmas and New Year's holiday periods, 10 people died in traffic crashes. Four

'The holidays are a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate. Help keep this festive season safe by not drinking and driving or planning ahead by designating a sober driver.'

MICHAEL L. PRINCE, OHSP director

of those deaths were alcohol-related. In 2009, there were 299 alcohol-related traffic deaths, a decrease of 5.7 percent from 2008. Although the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths declined last year, crashes involving alcohol are eight times more likely to be fatal.

In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or higher, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer feels they are impaired. As of Oct. 31, motorists face enhanced penalties if arrested with a .17 BAC or higher.

A motorist convicted of

drunk driving can expect to face serious consequences including:

- Up to 93 days in jail
 - Up to a \$500 fine
 - Up to 360 hours of community service
 - 180 days driving suspension
 - Six points on a driver's licenses
- If convicted under Michigan's new high BAC law, in addition to points on their driver's license and community service, enhanced penalties for first-time drivers include:
- Up to 180 days in jail
 - Up to a \$700 fine
 - One year license suspension

sion with restrictions permitted after 45 days

- One year mandatory alcohol treatment program or self-help program

Motorists who wish to have limited driving privileges following a 45-day license suspension may do so only after a breath alcohol ignition interlock device is installed on their vehicle. Installation and monthly fees are the responsibility of the driver. An ignition interlock requires a driver to blow into the device and prevents a vehicle from starting if it measures a BAC of .025 or above. The device also requires periodic retests

when driving longer periods.

In addition, all convicted drunk drivers are subject to a \$1,000 fee for two consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional costs. Anyone who refuses a breath

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For a listing of planned enforcement times, dates, and locations, visit www.michigan.gov/ohsp.

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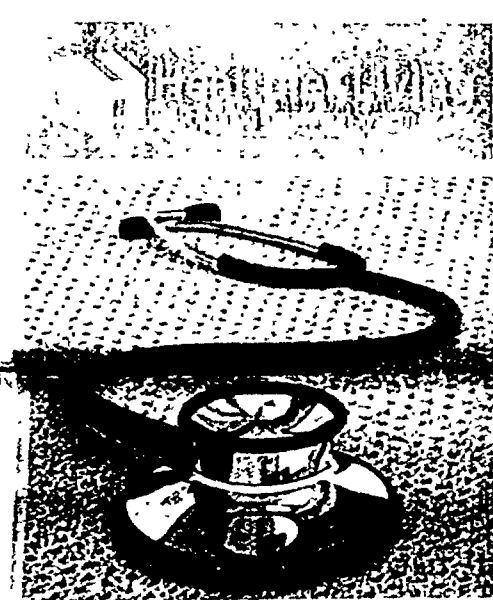


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LOCAL

Nick Beaudrie

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Dec. 18

Location: Solid Grounds Coffee House, 133 W. Main Street, Suite 222, Northville

Details: Tate Music Group artist Nick Beaudrie will be performing songs from his Christian folk rock album, *A Night To Remember*.

Contact: Kortney Shepherd at (888) 361-9473 or kortney@tatepublishing.com

Lecture "The Solution for Tomorrow"

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Dec. 19

Location: Art & Ideas Gallery, 15095 Northville Road

Details: Creativity coach Shaq Kalaj speaks and leads a discussion on issues raised in the book "A Whole

New Mind" by Daniel Pink. This free event will appeal to adults and teens who have been considering future career decisions. Kalaj will explain how we're moving from the "information age" to the "conceptual age," and the next generation of creative doers are the ones who will succeed, especially if they pursue six specific actions covered in the talk.

Contact: (734) 420-0775 to RSVP; see also www.artandideasgallery.com.

"Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs"

Time/Dates: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 18; Jan. 18, 19 and 22; Sundays, Dec. 19 and 26; Jan. 2, 9, 16 and 23; Mondays-Thursdays, Dec. 27-30.

Location: Marquis Theatre, 135 East Main, Northville
Details: Snow White befriends seven lovable and comical dwarfs, survives the Evil Queen, and meets her Prince Charming. Come see this fun, musical with lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all public performances are \$8.50. Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. Please, no children under the age of 3.
Contact: (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Live nativity scene

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18

Location: downtown Northville, under the pavilion (across from the Marquis Theater and Sizzling Sticks)
Details: Presented by Lighthouse International Church -- Come experience a reenactment of the birth of Christ this Christmas season, complete with live animals. Bring the whole family out for a special evening that will enhance your holiday spirit. Hot chocolate and treats will be available for the kids.

December Garden Club Meeting

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. (social hour) Monday, Jan. 10

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street

Details: "Caring for Roses" with Beth Liskiewicz from Steinkopf Nursery

Contact: Visit gardenersnorthville-novi.org or call Fran Gunderson at (248) 349-6457

Christmas Tea

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Dec. 20

Location: Greenmead, Alexander Blue House, Livonia

Details: Bring one dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies with several copies of the recipe to share. Bring one of your treasured Christmas Ornaments and be ready to tell what it means to you. Committee: Nancy Couch Nowak, Sue Daniel, Grace Collier.

Contact: (248) 477-7375

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Family New Year's Eve Party

Time/Date: 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

Details: Happy New Year! Join us for our Luau theme and hula into 2011. Spend your New Year's Eve celebrating with the community and your friends. Enjoy activities like crafts, face-painting, huge inflatable games, and much more. Northville Rotary Club will be selling hot dogs. Make sure you stay until 8 p.m. because you can't miss the New Year's Eve countdown! Early registration (on or before Dec. 23) is \$2 for 12 year olds; \$10 for 3-17 year olds; \$5 for 18 and older.

Guys On Ice

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31

Location: Tipping Point Theatre

Details: Life, love and the one that got away highlight this bold, fresh and unique musical comedy about ice-fishing buddies from Wisconsin who share a love of good bail, cold beer and the Green Bay Packers. Afterglow party with appetizers provided by Rocky's of Northville; beer, wine and a toast close to midnight. After-show entertainment with guitarist Jarrett Cogswell. Tickets are \$75 and include the chance to win something shiny from Orin Jewelers; \$45 for season pass holders; \$30 of ticket price is tax-deductible.

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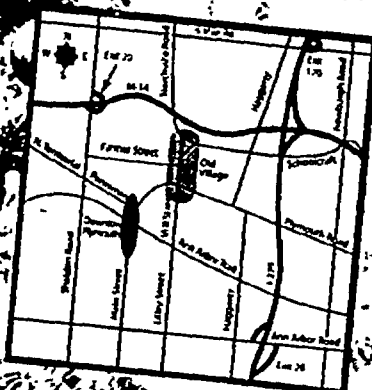
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NEWSMAKERS

Pack joins WSU

Wayne State University Physician Group Department of Orthopaedic Surgery announced the welcoming of Larry Pack, M.D.

Pack is an orthopaedic surgeon who has office locations in Novi and Dearborn. He has over 25 years of experience and specializes in adult and pediatric orthopaedics, with an emphasis on arthritis, arthroscopic surgery, deformity, joint replacement, sports medicine and trauma.

Pack

Pack received his medical degree and completed his

residency at Wayne State University. He is board-certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and has previously served on the Academy's Board of Councilors.

Office locations for Wayne State University Physician Group - Department of Orthopaedic Surgery include 44000 W. 12 Mile Rd., Suite 205, Novi and 18100 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 300, Dearborn.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call the Dearborn office location at (313) 429-7977.

St. Mary Mercy welcomes Mangat

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia announced a new medical staff member.

Ramneet Mangat, MD, obstetrics and gynecology, received her degree from Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab, India. She completed

pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology residencies at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

Mangat is the newest physician at St. Mary Mercy's Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology. The Westside OB/Gyn physicians include Karin Dimon, MD; Michael Gatt, MD; Timothy Johnson, MD; Karol Otteman, DO; and Catherine Winslow, MD. They care for women of all ages and specialize in women's health, including pregnancy, infertility, perimenopause, menopause, urologic gynecology, and gynecologic surgery. They also provide minimally invasive procedures for gynecological disorders including pelvic relaxation and pelvic pain.

Watkins receives Upton Sinclair Award

Tom Watkins, of Northville, has been selected as the winner of the Upton Sinclair Award, produced by EducationNews.org Editor Jimmy Kilpatrick. It is an innovative search for the unsung heroes of American and International education.

Watkins, who writes a regular guest column for the Northville Record, is a business and education consultant in the U.S. and China. He served the citizens of Michigan as the state superintendent of schools, 2001-2005 and was the president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996-2001. Watkins is a lifelong leader of educational innovative ideas for schools not only in Michigan, his home state, but internationally.

His international focus has been China. He served as China's business and education consultant to WWJ-TV's breakthrough special TV series "Building Bridges: From the Great Lakes to the Great Wall." He regularly appears on local radio and television programs talking about business and education issues. He is a prolific writer whose work appears in numerous newspapers and national education journals.

Each year, EdNews.org reflects back on a number of individuals who have made significant contributions to education.

Some of these leaders were "muckrakers" in the spirit of Upton Sinclair. Others have led grassroots movements; others have been writers, scholars, researchers; and some have made contributions to policy.

Watkins' work is centered around what can be accomplished for the children and youth of his home state, as well as the nation.

According to EdNews.org, his statement, "We need to promote the new 3 R's of Education: Restructure, Reform and Reinvent," shows his incites and ongoing lifelong interest in education both for now and into the coming years. "His idea that any new money invested in our schools without restructuring, reform and

reinvention is nothing short of "providing a lubricant to protect the status quo" should be noted on a national scale. His ideas, his constant vigil and commitment for schools regarding what is best for the children and youth of America and abroad is admirable and should be a consideration for all of the 15,000 school districts across the USA. Mr. Watkins is An Upton Sinclair watchdog personified."

The award focus is always about "who is doing what" for the children and youth of America and around the world. Past honorees include education authors, doctors, athletes, reading czars, media stars and more -- all of whom have contributed to children and youth in some significant way.

Shalley chairs IIM

Northville's Amy Shalley,

Michigan legislative liaison, State Farm Insurance, was recently elected chair of the Insurance Institute of Michigan (IIM).

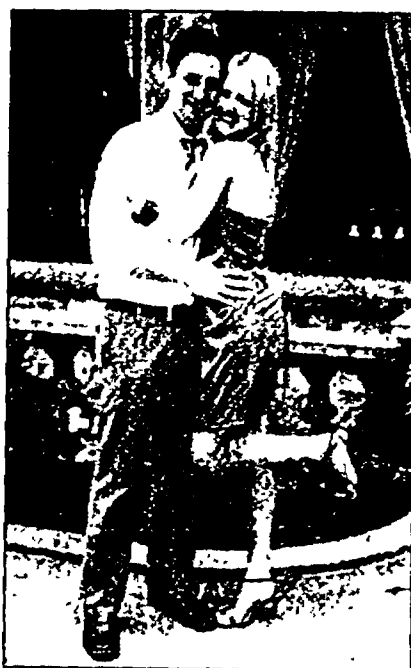
The elections were held at the Association's recent Annual Meeting held in Lansing.

Cobb joins Coldwell Banker

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM) has recently welcomed a number of new agents to the rapidly growing company, including Mark Cobb, Northville/Novi.

"We are very pleased to welcome these agents to our team," said Kelly Sweeney, CBWM CEO. "They bring with them diverse business skills and experience, and will make great additions to our company."

ENGAGEMENT



Loacano & Kandah
Cassandra Loacano and Ryan Kandah announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Marilyn Loacano of Garden City and Michael Loacano of Dearborn, attended Wayne State University and is employed by Community Links in Novi.

Her fiancé, son of Dr. Domian and Carol Kandah of Northville, attended Walsh College and is employed by Northern Trust in Chicago, Ill.

A May 2011 wedding is planned in Livonia.

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Kid's crafts

Children at the Northville Public Library enjoyed a Kid's Holiday Crafts Event, held Dec. 11 to collect books for underprivileged children in the metro-Detroit area. Kids ages 3 to 13 brought in a new or gently used book/s or made a small cash donation for the purchase of books. In exchange, children made holiday crafts and gifts to bring home. Another collection for this project was held at Northville High School during the SADD (Student's Against Distractive Behaviors) Holiday Event on Dec. 9. In total over 200 books were collected for donation. Shown, Lia Busse of Northville (center, age 15) helps Lily Wagel (left, age 8) and her brother Owen (age 4) make holiday surprises.

Listings: Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; Class Reunions; Golf Outings; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site (hometownlife.com) to view the complete listing.

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

MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Old Village School

City of Northville

CITY COUNCIL

Date: First and third Monday of the month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.

DOWNTOWN Development

AUTHORITY MEETING

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.

Contact: downtown@northville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: First and third Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall

HOUSING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall

ARTS COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: First Monday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.

Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B

Northville Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Third Thursday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date: Third Wednesday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Date: Third Monday of month

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Township Hall

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Date: Second Tuesday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center

Location: 303 W. Main St.

Contact: (248) 349-4140

THURSDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m. TOPS: Massage by appt.

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11 a.m.: Cribbage

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

11 a.m.: Poker

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

1 p.m.: Movie

MONDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg

10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance;

Oxycise

11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

TUESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

10:30 a.m.: Yoga

11:30 a.m.: Walking Club

Noon: Walking Club

12:30 p.m. Pinochle

WEDNESDAY

8 a.m.: Walking Club

9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.

10 a.m.: Oxycise

11 a.m.: Strength Training

12:30 p.m. Walking Club

Noon: Bridge; Walking Club

1 p.m.: Cribbage

7 p.m.: Bridge

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VOLLEYBALL

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

Wednesday, Friday

Location: Recreation Center at Hillside

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

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

HEALTH WALKING

Date: Monday-Friday

Time: 8-10 a.m.

Location: Senior Community Center,

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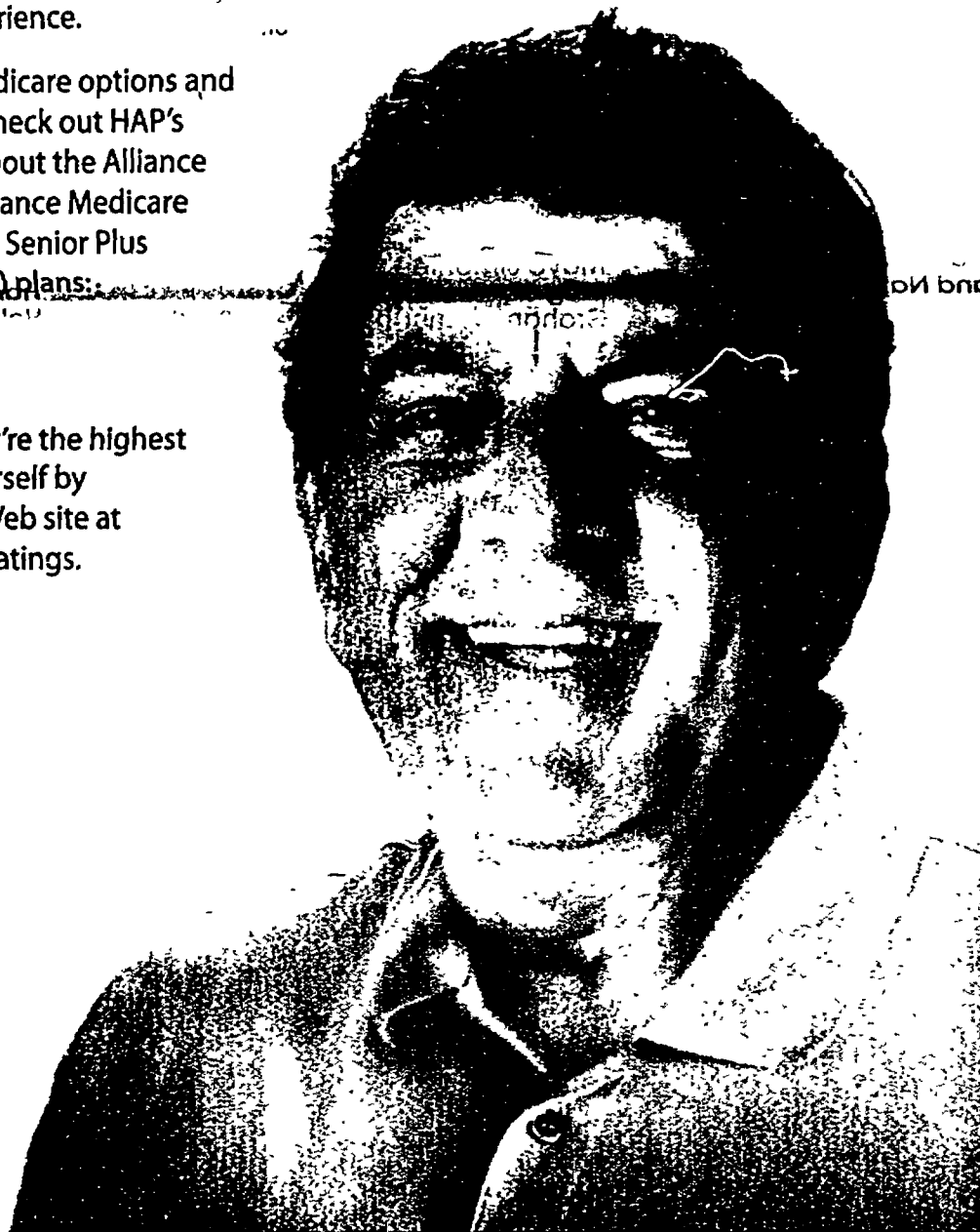
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Mothers' Club of Northville would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those that helped to illuminate Northville by making a donation in honor or memory of someone special. Warmest gratitude is also given to those who chose to donate anonymously.

Mothers' Club of Northville is a nonprofit organization that has been working to support Northville school children since 1935. Through its fundraising last year, Mothers' Club was able to donate more than \$30,000 to Northville schools for student enrichment programs and outreach activities.

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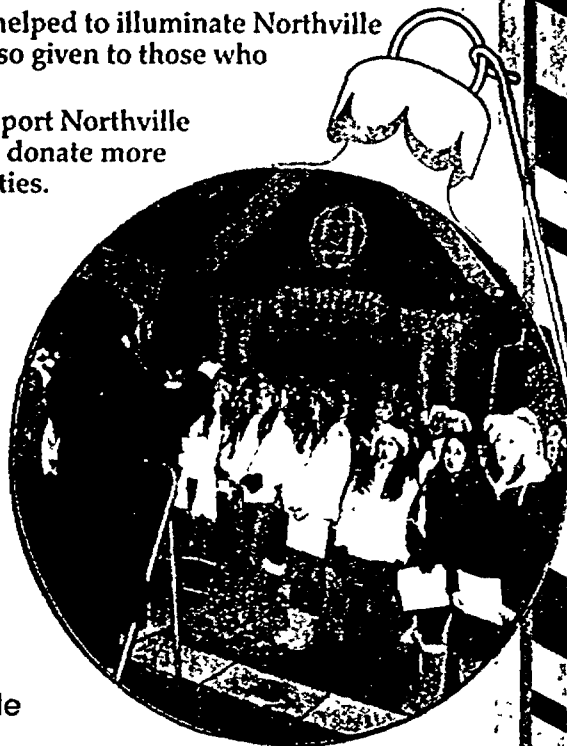
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'Stangs stung by Wildcat icers

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Three goals in the first seven minutes was a quick recipe for dissolving the intensity in a usually high-charged baseline rivalry contest.

Novi (5-2-0, 3-2-0 Kensington) defeated Northville 8-1 Dec. 8 at Novi Ice Arena after the Wildcats burst out with an early lead in the first period and never looked back as the Mustangs fell to 3-2-1 (0-1-0 Kensington).

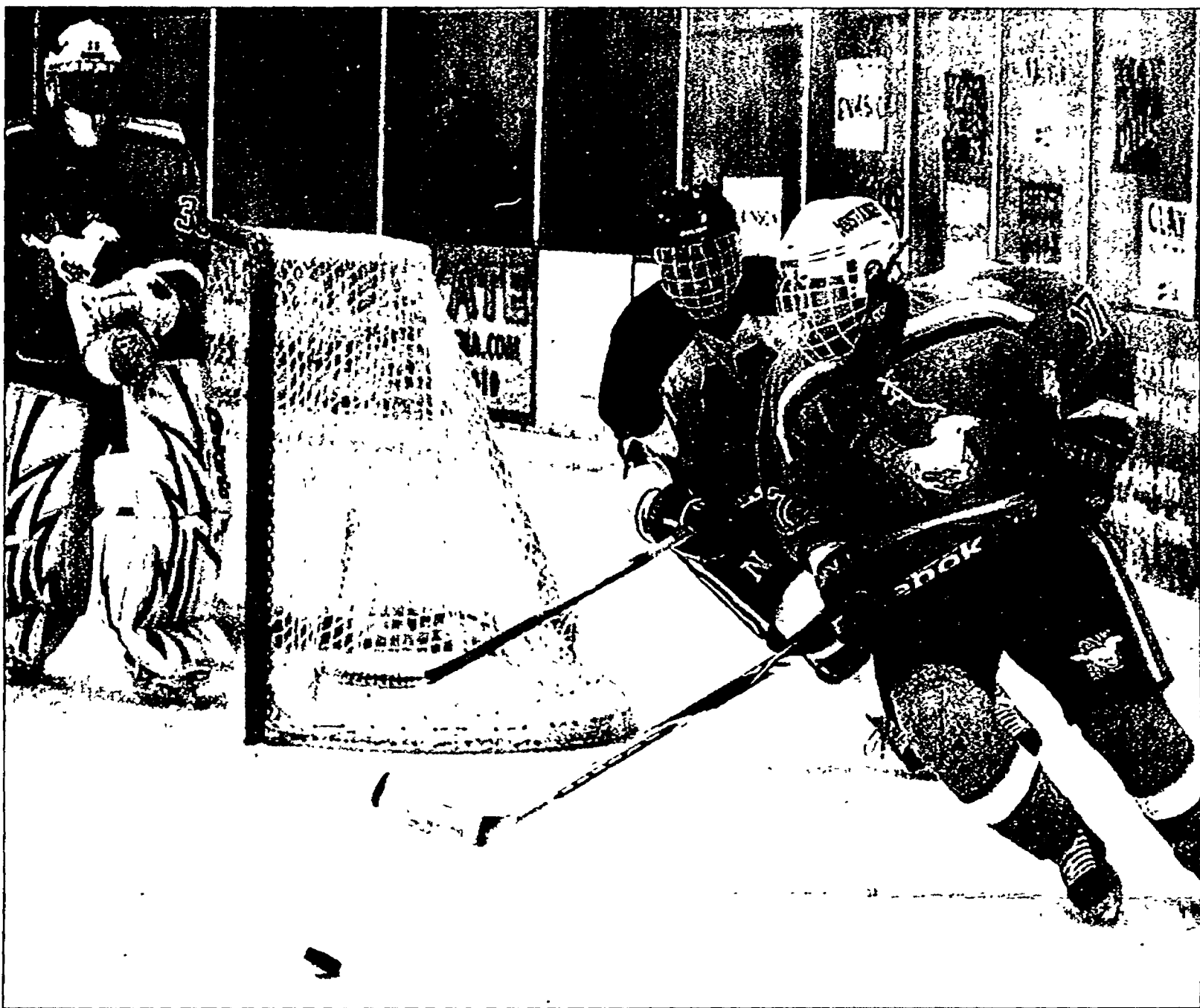
"We had a strong start and played our style of game. The two losses against Salem and Stevenson gave us a wake up call," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "My first three years coaching [against Northville], we were 0-4-2 and now we're 3-0-0 the last two years, so I'm still under .500."

It took 3:35 of action for senior Joey Ferriss to knock in a point blank rebound in front of the net. Seniors Taylor Howell and Michael Kruse assisted on the play, which began behind the Mustangs' net.

Seniors Nolan Valleau and Michael Kruse added to the scoreboard with power play scores from the blue line just five and 15 seconds into two separate man advantages to give Novi a 3-0 lead with 10:34 left in the first period. Ferriss assisted on both goals, and sophomore Jon Mencer got an assist on the Kruse goal.

"Novi played really well. We didn't," Northville coach Jeff Hatley said. "I think our guys were a little nervous at the beginning."

Ferriss paced the Wildcats, hitting the post with 1:42 remaining in the first, but



CHRIS JACKETT

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Novi senior Taylor Howell chases down Northville senior Mike Comben (right) behind the net as Mustang senior netminder David Ketelhut looks on.

Mustangs drop opener to Knights

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team is learning lessons the hard way right out of the gate this year, something they'll no doubt be looking to end as soon as possible.

The basketball team, coached by Todd Sander, took a tough 57-48 loss against the Walled Lake Northern Knights last week to open their season.

"We played like it was the first game," said Sander. "I thought we were too hyped up and never could get a rhythm. Credit some of this to first game jitters, but also to Walled Lake Northern. They made us play faster than we normally like to."

Northville trailed by just two, 18-16, at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind by six by the end of the half, 26-20. At one point in the third, they fell behind by 10 before coming back

to lead, 40-37, early in the fourth quarter.

"I was proud of the way we kept fighting," Sander said.

Northville took the lead with a 15-2 run, but Walled Lake Northern answered with a 20-8 run to end the game with many of the points being free throws.

Northville's fate, however, was in the form of turnovers, which totaled 22 by the end of the game, including 16 in the first half.

The Mustangs were led by Drew Baldwin, who poured in 16 points, while Bryce Groshek added 13. Levi Perry, coming off an All-State selection during football season, added six points and 13 rebounds.

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

Northville girls dominate first game

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team made a statement with their opening game of the season: they are here to win.

The girls, coached by Todd Gudith, put up a convincing 40-18 victory over the Walled Lake Northern Knights to start the year. They did so behind 10 points, including two three-point baskets,

by sophomore Kendra Brenner and 10 points from junior Alex Moynes.

"I thought for our first game we played pretty well, especially on defense," said Gudith. "We wanted to pressure Northern and take them out of their offense and our girls did that."

It took a couple of minutes for Northville to warm up and though

they had plenty of scoring opportunities early, the ball could not find the bottom of the basket.

"We were rushing things a bit on offense and taking really quick shots. You would've thought we were playing with a shot clock," Gudith said. "Part of that was just us playing in our first game. You can try to simulate that kind of speed and intensity at practice, but it's just not

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Dance team secures two first-place finishes

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

While most people were warm at home during Sunday's snow storm, the Northville High School dance team was forging through slippery roads to Birmingham to compete their hearts out, and they came home well-rewarded for the effort.

The team brought home two first place trophies from the National

Dance Alliance's Motor City Spirit Championship, held at Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

Northville was awarded the highest score in the large varsity hip hop category with a routine called "Egyptian Lover." The other first-place win came in the large varsity jazz division, with a routine to "Fame." The Northville girls tied for first place with Regina High School in that category.

Coach Tracy Kielb said she was pleased with the team's energy and precision during their award-winning performances.

"Their execution was very clean and polished, which is what we've been working towards all season," said Kielb.

Besides the two individual category wins, the team also took top

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Mustangs eye top-four finish at state finals

Northville will have to train hard to reach goals

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

This year, the Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team will be repeating a mantra day in and day out: Hard work pays off.

The squad, coached by Rich Bennetts, will have to put in some major training days if they hope to accomplish their season goals. Northville is currently eyeing a repeat as champions in the Central Division as well as in the KLAA confer-

ence meet and they hope, said Bennetts, to finish in the top four at the state finals.

"We have to understand how to train hard, work hard every single day," said Bennetts. "It is a learning process, but we will have to pick it up quickly if we want to succeed."

The team will be looking to their solid dive team to lead the way in points in the early part of the season while the swim team will be looking to do some intense workouts in order to shore up some weaknesses.

"If the swimmers can catch up to the divers, we will be OK," said Bennetts.

Members of this year's team are: Cameron Albrant, Akbar Ariswala, Kevin Bain, Phillip Bondy, Sam Boyea, Daniel Brown, Steven Collareno, Adam Curry, Josh

ON TAP

Coach: Rich Bennetts
Last Year: 10-1 record with Central Division and KLAA championships and third place finish at Division I state finals

Key Returners: Kevin Bain, Will Price, Will Greenlee, Bofang Zhang, Ryan Winkler, Alex Miller and Tim Shea.

Biggest Challenge: Replacing

Dufrense, Nick Dufrense, Patrick Dunn, Tom Franchi, William Greenlee, Nick Hayes, Johannes Hendriksson, Austin Hunt, Alex Joslin, Chris Kim, Dennis Kim, Spencer Kobinski, Dawson Laabs, Alec Latta, Josh Liu, Alex Miller, Mike Miller, Spencer Miller, Ryan Moore, Spiro Morris,

seniors from last year—not only the points they scored but the quality leadership that they provided.

Quote: "We have to understand how to train hard, work hard every single day. It is a learning process, but we will have to pick it up quickly if we want to succeed." Rich Bennetts, head coach

Sergio Reyes, Greg Putnam, Will Price, Alan Ruan, Tim Shea, Matt Smelt, Zach Taylor, Danny Teng, Anton Travis, Glenn Vargo, Scott Wang, Andrew Westphal, Ryan Winkler, Christian Yap, Aaron Zalewski, Bofang Zhang, Frank Zhang and Kevin Zhang.

Northville's opening meet

against Brother Rice didn't go as well as they would have hoped last week as they lost, 103-83.

The squad did have several first-place finishes, however, with the 200 medley relay of Ryan Winkler, Bofang Zhang, Dawson Laabs and Spencer Miller taking the top spot.

In the 50 freestyle, Will Greenlee captured first, while Kevin Bain won the diving competition. In the 100 freestyle, it was Winkler taking first, while Zhang snatched the top place in the 100 breaststroke.

"First, you have to give Brother Rice credit," said Bennetts. "Their kids did an outstanding job of competing and gave our boys a good old fashion butt-kicking. There was absolutely no doubt who

the better team was tonight."

However, the outcome of the meet wasn't something Bennetts was expecting. He saw a team that didn't have the drive necessary to compete at the level Northville is known for.

"From our standpoint, our unwillingness to compete and put in the necessary effort in our races has me very concerned," he said. "Practices will be changed, there will be accountability starting with the head coach and going right on down the line. We did not deserve to put on the Northville warm-ups tonight and it's my job to fix it and fix it quick."

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Please contact Darlene Bolden, chair, The Mustang Spirit Club, at (248) 819-1299 or boldendj@hotmail.com for more information

Northville bowling teams looking strong

Girls likely as tough as last year while boys could be better

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs girls and boys varsity bowling teams are coming into this season with the same goals they have had every year: They want to represent their school, earn respect and show sportsmanship all while building their season to make the journey to the state finals.

The girls team, which was division, conference and KLAA champions last year, returns Brittany Browsers, Maggie Stewart, Kristen Muzzillo and Rachel Beger and the co-captains this year are Lisa Rice and Haley Ferrarrior. Moving up from last year's junior varsity team, which also won the divi-

sion and conference titles, will be Sara Ramsey and Allison Sugiyama. Also on the team are Jaclyn Bell and Nicole Stoner.

The boys team will be led by co-captains Ryan Benoit and junior varsity state runner-up Jon Johnson. Making up the rest of the varsity team are senior Brad Currier, juniors Adam Zimmer and Darren Meredith and sophomores Emmett Zimmer, Mitchell Weist, Colton Ma-Wu and Daniel Jacobi.

"Our biggest challenges are to keep the kids mentally in the game and to learn key adjustments on different lane conditions," said Jerry Harris, the head coach of the Mustangs teams. "Our keys will be to develop better spare conversion rates and to keep focused on the metal decisions such as making the right adjustments when needed."

The two teams have also set the goal to develop a few individuals into state qualifiers in the singles category and the girls have added the goal of three-peating as conference and asso-

ciation champions.

The teams recently competed in the Early Bird Tournament, which the varsity girls team earned a victory in. The squad fell behind Royal Oak in the individual game competition and was behind by seven pins going into the third and final game.


Royal Oak completed their game about five minutes ahead of Northville, allowing the Mustang girls to see what they needed to do to win. The final two bowlers, Rachel Beger and Brittany Browsers, sealed the victory with a double and a clutch spare for a four-pin victory.

Nicole Stone shot a strong 222 and Browsers was named to the All-Tournament team.


The boys team finished in the middle of the pack for the final scores, though they came back from a slow start to have a solid showing. Darren Meredith had a 243 game.

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

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Catholic Central ski team looks to continue excellence

Program gets top-10
pre-season ranking

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central ski team is no stranger to being successful. The squad, coached by Tom Gable, knows the key to that is hard work.

Thankfully, the ski team is ready to put in plenty of work to make sure they reach their always-lofty goals.

"The team and coaching staff have set their sights on repeating as region three champs and carrying that momentum into the state finals at Marquette Mountain," said Gable. "Along the way we hope to recapture the CHSL championship from Brother Rice and again ski well enough to challenge Birmingham United and Okemos for the top honors in the Mt. Brighton League."

The Shamrocks have the talent and the experience to make that happen. The team returns Jim Herzog, Damon Rottermond, Ian Pierce, Erik Kurcz, John Dooley, Evan Hicks, Alex Tokarz and Derek Schira from last year when they won Region 3, took second in the CHSL and eighth in the state finals.

Rottermond is going to be key this year as he looks to do better than his third-place finish in the state finals as a sophomore. He also competed as a freshman in the state finals, finishing in the top 10 in the slalom.

"Our one through three flights are strong and building the support to fill out the team

ON TAP

Coach: Tom Gable

Last Year: Eighth in state, region champions and second-place finish in Catholic High School League

Key Returning Players: Jim Herzog, Damon Rottermond, Ian Pierce, Erik Kurcz, John Dooley, Evan Hicks, Alex Tokarz and Derek Schira

Biggest Challenge: Repeating as region champions and reclaiming CHSL title

Quote: "This is a young team that already has proven it can compete at the highest level and is committed to improving each and every race day." Tom Gable, head coach

from younger talent will set the dynamics for this year's success," said Gable. "Our returning varsity skiers make up the core strength of this team bringing with them experience and commitment. Their leadership will produce strong racing fundamentals among the up and coming skiers."

Catholic Central's ability is already being noted by the rest of the state as the Shamrocks were ranked seventh in the state in a preseason poll. Ranked first was Traverse City Central, followed by Grand Blanc, Traverse City West, Birmingham United, Marquette and Okemos.

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HOCKEY

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couldn't capitalize again.

Novi held their three-goal lead until 4:15 into the second period when Northville senior Brady Marotta tipped a puck through Wildcat senior netminder Michael Pesendorfer's legs during a five-on-three power play. Senior Joey Close and junior Matt Giordano assisted on the goal, which cut Novi's lead to 3-1 while two of their top three defenders — Kruse and junior Brock Krygier — were in the penalty box.

"It was 3-1 and they had a chance to turn it around and had a turnover and Ferriss scored," Todd Krygier said. "We don't take anything for granted."

It took the Wildcats 1:41 to respond and regain a three-goal lead when Ferriss took the puck in alone for a shorthanded goal. Just 1:11 after that, Novi junior Kent Burnett put in a rebound, as Kruse and Howell assisted, to put Novi up 5-1.

Valleau and junior Dylan Shepard added two goals 39 seconds apart to put the Cats up 7-1 with 5:48 left in the second period. Valleau's came six seconds after killing a penalty, while Shepard's was 24 seconds into a power play. Senior Zach Mohr assisted on both goals, with Burnett tallying an assist on Valleau's and junior Curtis Herzog tallying one on Shepard's goal.

"If we're possessing the puck, we're going to be on offense more than we're on defense," Todd Krygier said. "We seem to play well against orange uniforms and not so good against black uniforms."

A one-timer in front of the net by Shepard off a pass from Herzog, who was behind the goal, put the Wildcats ahead 8-1 just 1:51 into the third period, at which point the third and fourth lines took over and held the Mustangs scoreless for the final 15 minutes of play. It also got Pesendorfer (26 saves) some more work, as the Wildcats kept play primarily on the Mustangs' side of the ice throughout the first two periods.

"It gave me an opportunity to get my third and fourth line guys some more ice time in the third period. We weren't worried about the mercy," Todd Krygier said. "I think Michael did good in goal. He made a couple key saves. He's getting back on track. At this point, I've got to get Michael back on track because he's coming off his (offseason) injury."

Northville senior goalkeeper David Ketelhut withstood the Wildcats' onslaught, making 29 saves despite allowing eight goals.

"I want to be done with this game and put it in the rearview mirror. I take responsibility. It's on me," Hatley said. "David's a tough kid. He'll come back from this one. All good goalkeepers do that."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

HOOPS

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quite like a real game.

Thankfully, the Mustangs didn't need to rely on their offense as much as may have been expected thanks to the play of their defense. Northville harassed Northern's young guards all night, forcing 35 turnovers to keep the Knights from getting into a rhythm.

By the end of the first quarter, the Mustangs led 12-4, a lead they expanded on to make it a 22-9 game at the end of the first half.

The defense continued to shine in the second half as they held the Knights to just nine more points while the offense was able to score 18 to maintain the dominating lead and secure the victory.

DANCE

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honors overall, receiving the NDA Grand Champion banner, which is awarded to the highest-scoring team in the competition.

Kielb attributed the high scores in part to the team members' spirit and camaraderie, which she said is showing through in competition.

"The chemistry on this team is great and it's really coming through in their performances," said Kielb.

Eight other Detroit-area schools attended the championship and competed in small, medium and large varsity categories, as well as a youth category. Hip hop, jazz and pom styles rounded out the categories.

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The purpose of this public hearing will be to solicit public comment on the request for a proposed rezoning to Planned Unit Development as submitted by NRG Holdings LLC (Northville Restaurant Group), 40485 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. The proposed PUD would modify the existing building for the proposed Garage Restaurant to be located at 202 W. Main Street (the former Gardenview site), Northville, Michigan, 48167. The current zoning is General Commercial District (GCD).

Proposed development plans for this project are available for review at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments concerning this development will also be accepted by the City at the above address.

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Fisette resigns after 19 seasons

Novi volleyball coach to spend more time with family

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

After 19 seasons at the helm, Novi varsity volleyball coach Julie Fisette is stepping down from the position so she can spend more time with her family.

"The decision didn't come lightly. I've been thinking of this day for a long time," Fisette said. "I have three kids. With them getting older and getting involved in things, it's getting harder."

A wife and mother of three, the South Lyon resident and her family have always had Novi volleyball on the mind.

A defender on the Mishawaka High School (Ind.) team, near South Bend, Fisette graduated in 1988 and spent several years coaching Parks and Recreation volleyball and basketball for the City of Lafayette while attending Purdue University, where she graduated in 1992.

She got her first high school coaching job at as Benton Central's (Ind.) freshman coach, but there ended up being no team, so she coached seventh grade and was a varsity assistant before moving to Michigan in August 1992. She took over Novi's team in 1993, at age 23, and has since amassed a 491-199 record (.712) over 19 seasons/18 years.

"I came from a very volleyball-oriented city. As it comes with aging, you learn something new every season," said Fisette, now 40. "I couldn't have asked for a better team to end my career on. They were just really unselfish. It was just a lot of fun."

The Wildcats finished their season 43-5-1 last month

after a close five-set loss to Farmington Hills Mercy in the Sweet 16 and regional championship match. The team won division, conference, association and district titles this season, as well.

"Every season there's always been something that's been the greatest memory. Every year they just accomplish something else they didn't accomplish," Fisette said. "I think the program will continue. We have a ton of great kids still in the program."

The past few seasons have been some of Fisette's most successful, as her Novi teams have collected six league, six district and one regional title in addition to 19-straight team awards for Academic All-State. In 2007, the team made it to the Class A Final Four before losing to eventual champion Bloomfield Hills Marian in five sets.

Fifteen Novi players have gone on to play college volleyball under Fisette, including three last year and one (Laura Subject) this year. Three others from the fall (Erica Robb, Erin Hoomaia, Savannah Green) are still deciding which collegiate offer to accept and could push Fisette's total to 18.

Subject was recently named second-team All-State and Robb was third-team All-State, the Wildcats' first two All-Staters since Stephanie Cripps of the 2007 Final Four team.

"I will always remember every single kid that's graduated from my program. It's been a lot of fun," Fisette said, who is also a teacher at Northville High School.

Along with her coaching role, Fisette relinquished her

winter athletic aide position, which typically featured her working at Novi basketball games, so she could continue coaching the St. Joseph varsity CYO volleyball team in South Lyon, which one of her daughters play on.

"They've all been a huge part of Novi volleyball. I can't say enough about the atmosphere and family Novi's let me have around," Fisette said. "My kids have really enjoyed it. She wears blue and gold, but I bet if you cut her, she'd bleed green and white."

Fisette's oldest daughter, Bailey, who turns 15 this month, played on South Lyon's freshman team in the fall.

"I wasn't able to watch my daughter play her freshman year over at South Lyon," Fisette said. "It's time for me to be mom and watch them play."

Her other two daughters, 13-year-old Mackenzie and 9-year-old Gabriella, both play volleyball as well, while Mackenzie also is a gymnast. With the available time, she can attend their athletic events with her husband Nick.

"I think it's for the best for everyone, for my family," Fisette said. "Who knows, I might be back on the scene one day."

Fisette said she used to always sign her letters with the word "yes" instead of "sincerely" or "thanks," so it only seems appropriate that yes, she could coach again when all her kids are in college.

But, for now, there's only one answer for whether she's ready to spend more time with her family. Yes.

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Local golf standout making his way as Hollywood actor

Harris plays role of fraternity leader in "Glory Daze"

BY CHRIS JACKETT
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The Harris family has been rooted in golf for years, but one family member is now making a name on the television screen.

Debra Harris - who coaches Novi's girls golf team in the fall and helps coach the boys golf team in the spring - raised a golf star of her own in son Jeff Callard Harris. Known as Jeff in his hometown of Hartland and as Callard everywhere else, he was named to the 1998 Michigan Golf Super Team and helped the Eagles win the Class A state championship in 1997 before graduating in 2000 with a golf scholarship to Eastern Michigan University.

That's about the time Callard Harris decided he wasn't sure what he wanted to do with his life. He moved to Miami for six months, New York City briefly and Tokyo for 10 months before deciding to pursue acting in Los Angeles, where he moved in 2003.

"After leaving EMU and traveling to Miami and New York, I ended up in Japan doing commercial and print work. While living there, I composed a couple glorified home movies I'd like to call documentaries," Harris said. "It was the strengths and weaknesses of these docs



Actors (left to right) Ken Lucky, Callard Harris, Eric Nenninger, Billy Snow and James Earl pose for a photo following the Mud Bowl on the set of "Glory Daze" earlier this year. The episode was expected to air last night on TBS.

which inspired me to live in the movie-making world. Every element of motion picture making is amazing to me; acting, storytelling, cinematography, sound design, color correction, editing, etc."

Although Harris is on TV weekly, he still doesn't feel like he's "hit it big." He broke onto the scene in 2005 with a lead role in "Intermedio" alongside Edward Furlong ("Terminator 2," "American History X").

"I knew the movie was not going to be great by any means, but I thought simply being in a film, with a lot of screen time, aside an actor from these mega-hit movies, must mean something, right?" Harris said. "I was paid virtually nothing to be in the movie and went into debt while shooting because I couldn't work my other jobs, who fired me because of the

time off needed to film the movie."

After filming wrapped on "Intermedio," Harris was in Hollywood working a combined 70 hours per week between a diner, grocery store and gadget store in a mall.

"Still not making enough money to survive the LA cost of living," Harris said. "So, if my first big role in a movie is the definition of 'my first big break,' then mine was an extraordinary experience."

Harris has been earning roles in television shows more and more steadily in recent years. He appeared in single episodes of "Scrubs," "CSI: Miami" and "The Mentalist," among others, while also appearing in multiple episodes of "Roommates," "Sons of Anarchy" and his latest show, "Glory Daze."

Based on a group of college



Jeff Callard Harris is a fraternity leader in the TBS series "Glory Daze."

freshmen who just joined a fraternity in the late 1980s, Harris plays the role of Mike Reno, who acts as the fraternity vice president in "Glory Daze."

"I enjoy hiding Mike's intelligence," Harris said. "To me, he is the smartest guy in the room. He may choose nonsensical prose to carve out his words of wisdom; nonetheless, they are chosen very strategically."

Harris is in all 10 episodes of "Glory Daze" that were filmed, with the fifth scheduled to air Tuesday.

"My character, Mike Reno from 'Glory Daze,' differs from my roles of the past

in his outgoing extrinsic nature," Harris said. "I've played a bunch of different dark troubled characters such as those from 'CSI: Miami,' 'The Mentalist' and 'Women's Murder Club,' but also socially and morally torn Irish Republican Army soldier selling guns to the 'Sons of Anarchy' who, I believe, was inherently good, but born into a lifestyle he didn't know how to escape."

"I've had more fun with Reno than any other character to date, which is also attributed to the creators of 'Glory Daze,' whom have allowed us an incredible amount of freedom to create."

Although Harris said he doesn't have any other roles in the making right now, he's keeping a head up and continuing to work through his time in LA.

"My advice for young actors would be to make sure you are acting for the right reasons and, if you are keep knocking, the door will open," Harris said. "I have had over 20 different employers in six years, including serving in several restaurants and bars, which I finally surrendered into doing (after three or four years). Those jobs are the stereotype for good reason, being the late hours leave

your days open for auditions and the money can be ridiculously good in the right situation."

Among other things, Harris said a mixture of attributes is necessary for success in Hollywood, but none more so than representation.

"I like to think it is a unique blend of personality and looks that have steadily gotten me in the door, but honestly this business is so fickle, who really knows," Harris said. "Good representation is vital to getting the most opportunities. The industry is structured like any other; name brands make the world go round. A name brand agency representing you or, even better, a name brand agent is going to open a hundred more doors than a player with a smaller market share. It's odd how every door I break through ends up being a barrier I'm grateful for after the fact."

To see clips of Harris in action, visit www.callardharris.com, his Facebook fan page or watch "Glory Daze" 10 p.m. Tuesdays on TBS. The show also has a Website at www.tbs.com/shows/glorydaze.

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Grand opening

State of Mind Art Gallery, a new store that features the art of over 30 Michigan Artists under one roof, celebrated the grand opening of their new location, at 120 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, on Dec. 4. The day-long event featured an artist meet-and-greet and hourly door prizes. State of Mind is located approximately half a block East of Center Street on the South side of Main and will be open daily.

Oakland County offers December workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in December 2010 offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, seminars are held at Oakland County Executive Office

Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford.

For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road

map to success. Workshop participants will learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources will be provided. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds. Thursday, Dec. 16, 6-9 p.m.

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS BRIEFS

DDA approves winter cycle of Business Assistance Program

Northville's Downtown Development Authority Board has approved \$45,000 for the current cycle of the Business Assistance Program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

The program was created in 2007 to assist property owners and their tenants interested in making physical improvements to their commercial building and/or for technical assistance.

Since its inception in December 2007, more than \$131,000 has been approved for Commercial Improvement Grants and \$5,000 for Technical Assistance Grants.

The Northville DDA believes that by providing incentives to spur revitalization and reinvestment in structures within the DDA district, a more attractive downtown will be created.

Two programs are available:

Technical Assistance Grant - A Technical Assistance Grant provides a 50-50 matching grant (not to exceed \$500) for businesses interested in developing a marketing plan, utilizing new window display techniques, or making architectural design changes to their building. This grant is intended to assist a business owner in identifying a professional resource and with the cost of the initial consultation.

Commercial Improvement Grant - The Commercial Improvement Grant provides a 50-50 matching grant up to \$5,000 for front and side facades and up to \$2,500 for rear facades. Examples of physical improvements include, but are not limited to, redesign of storefront, window replacement or repair, door replacement or repair, masonry cleaning and repair, facade repair, paint, awning, signage, lighting, roof repair/replacement, and hardscapes.

These competitive grant programs are set up as matching grants, where the business or building owner will spend \$1 and the DDA will match it with \$1 up to one half of the project expenditure or the limit of the program. Both programs reimburse the applicants after the project or consultation is successfully completed. Either the property owner or business owner may apply. But if the business owner is the applicant, the property owner's signature is required on the application.

Applications for winter cycle of the Business Assistance Program are now available, and complete applications will be due Feb. 4. If you have additional questions about the program, please contact the DDA office for assistance at 248-349-0345.

Winter 2011 Schedule

Dec. 1 - Letters sent to downtown Northville property owners and tenants notifying them of the current Business Assistance Program (BAP) guidelines.

Feb. 4 - Applications and all required materials are due in the DDA office by 4 p.m.

Week of Feb. 7 - Applications reviewed by the Business Assistance Program Advisory Committee

Feb. 15 - DDA Board review of BAP Advisory Committee recommendations

Feb. 21 - City Council review of DDA Board recommendations

Starfish Family Services awarded \$10k grant

Inkster-based Starfish Family Services (Starfish), a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating brighter futures for the children of at-risk families in metropolitan Detroit, recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Metro Health Foundation. Starfish Chief Executive Officer Ann Kalass made the announcement.

The grant was awarded to Starfish for the purchase of new vision and hearing testing equipment to screen underprivileged children, ages 0-5, attending Starfish Head Start programs in western Wayne County.

"The physical well-being of our children is a key ingredient of school readiness. So, we are extremely grateful for the wonderful and generous support of the Metro Health Foundation," said Kalass. "As more children and families reach out to us for help, the need for added resources from organizations like Metro Health Foundation become a vital part of our continued success."

Metro Health Foundation, a 22-year-old foundation, makes grants available to community initiatives and organizations specializing in the needs of vulnerable urban families and children.

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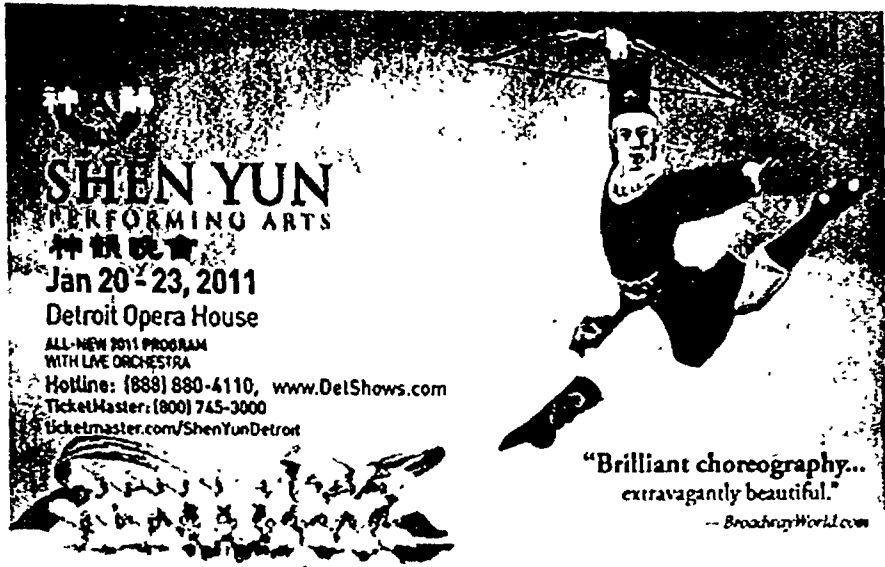
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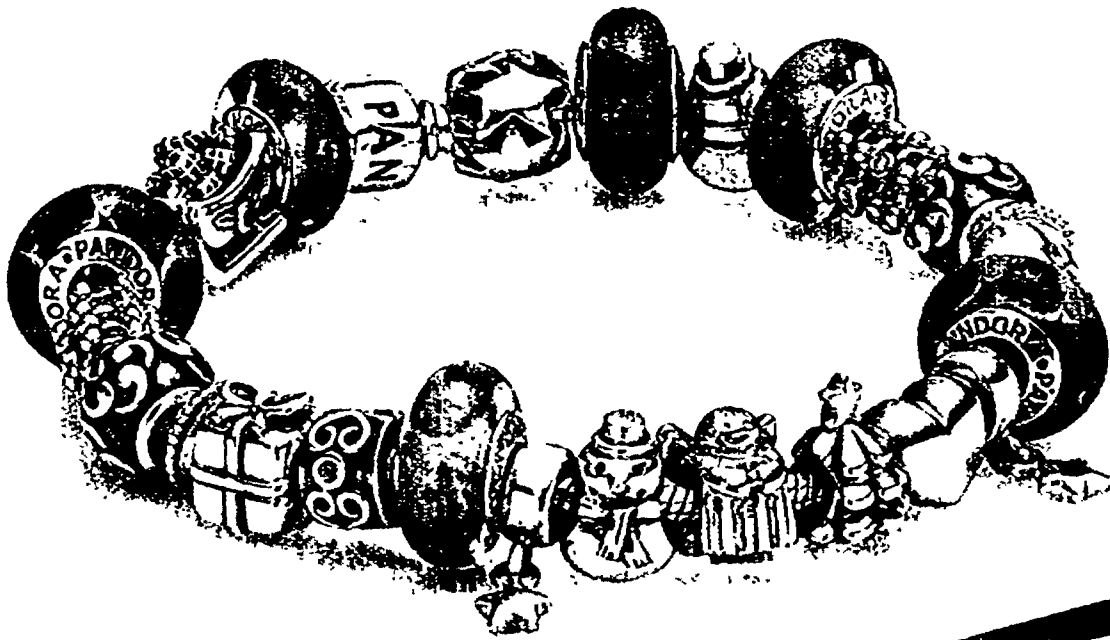
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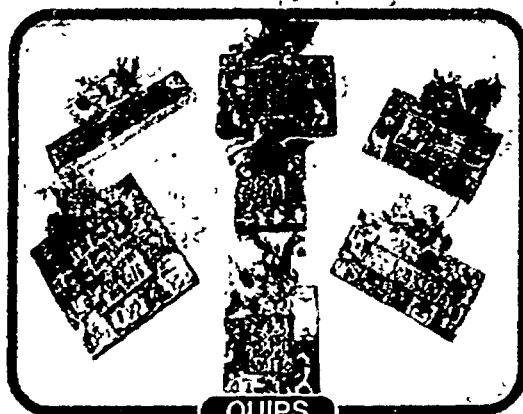


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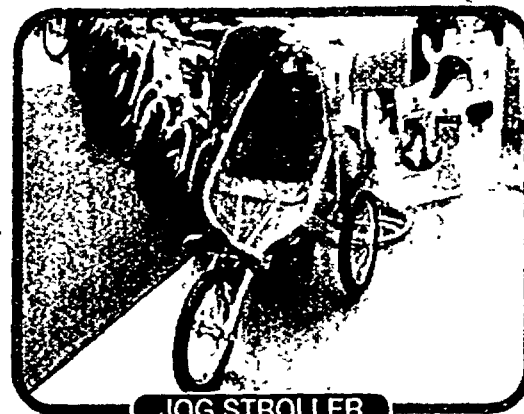
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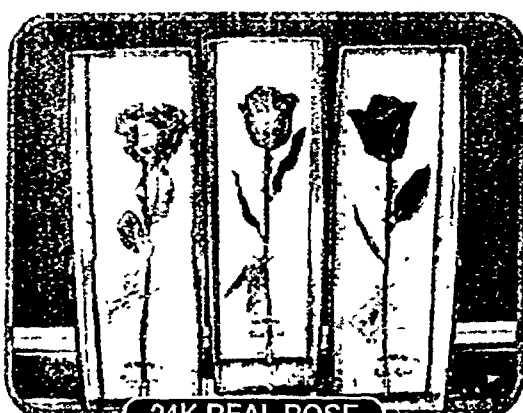
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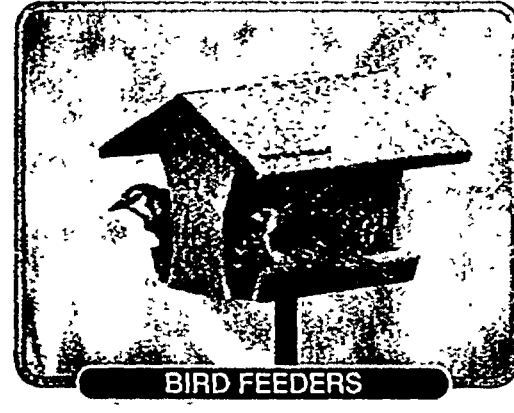
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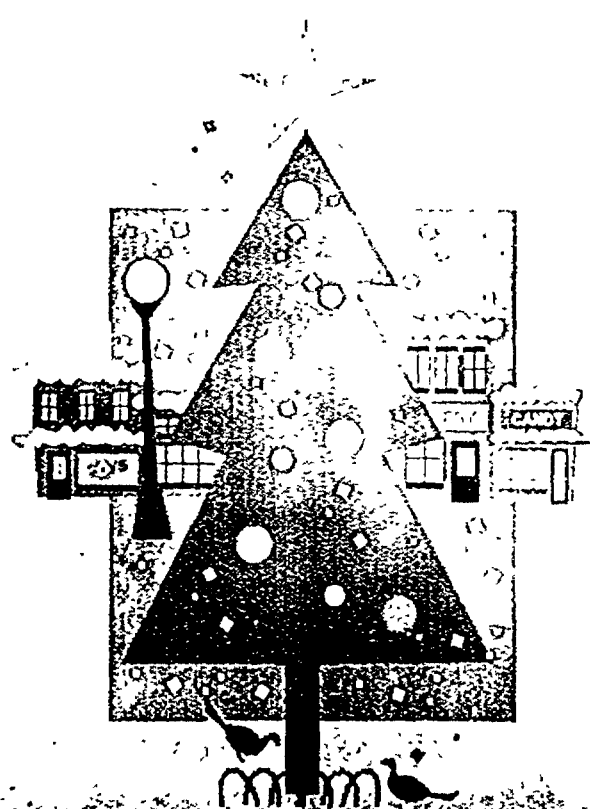
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I'm Experiencing Job-search Burnout

How to handle the frustration of a long-term job hunt

Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder Writer

If life were a movie and you had just been laid off, you would buy a one-way ticket to some serene location and spend weeks or even months relaxing. You would unwind and examine your personal goals and return when you want. You might spend your days eating, praying and loving.

For most of us, getting laid off or quitting a job is immediately followed by a fast-paced job hunt. Even workers who are fortunate enough to have savings accounts to live off of for a while don't have enough money to pretend like unemployment is a vacation. Instead, most job seekers attack their job searches aggressively and don't relent until they hear the words, "We'd like to offer you the position."

The problem with such a steadfast approach is that you can grow frustrated quickly. After a few weeks of constantly browsing job postings, writing cover letters, sending them off, and repeating, your don't have the energy to keep going. You can't stop, however, because you do need a job. So how do you avoid getting burnt out? And if you realize you're in the midst of a job-search burnout, how should you get over it?

We asked people who have been there themselves or who have helped others get through it. Here's how they suggest job seekers handle burnout:

"Rejection is humbling and much of our self-worth has been defined by our income. To avoid burnout:

- Date your next job application and interview. See it as distinct and different from all the rest, a new opportunity. You only need one job success.
- Keep up energy levels with exercise.

You will shed stress and release endorphins. Your focus will improve.

- Socialize with friends and talk about other things. Have fun and laugh!
- Learn from failed interviews to tweak your resume, presentation and skills. Hone up on what you are lacking."

- Debbie Mandel, author of "Addicted to Stress"

"Burnout is subtle, and can strike at lots of stages of the job hunt. Here are a few ways I advise my clients to avoid that low down burnout experience:

1. Regard your job hunt as a job and organize your job hunt day like any other business. Set a goal of the number of calls you'll make, and resumes you'll send out each day, and be sure to reach that.
2. Create a job hunt team or group with whom you keep in contact on a regular basis. This can help in many ways to give encouragement, and even job leads.
3. Make sure to network through alumni, colleagues, professional associations, online groups, and even relative and friends.
4. Be sure to maintain a routine of physical fitness and exercise. At least a brisk walk every day can supply exercise and sunshine necessary to keep your mood elevated.
5. Get up, get dressed and go to your office every day, just like you would if you were employed. - Sandra Lamb, career,

lifestyle and etiquette expert

"I always say you get more than you give with volunteering and job seekers definitely do. This is a great way to keep your skills sharp (think teamwork, client relations, fundraising, etc) and your mind energized. I have to remind all job seekers

that volunteering is a fun and easy way to network which makes it a win-win-win. You're networking, helping out an organization and avoiding burn-out."

- Adriana Llamas, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways to Win the Job Search Game"

"I've been looking for a job since about February or March.

I just landed a part-time, telecommuting job, and as busy as I've been I know I'm not as fast or productive as I once was because of how long it took me to find a job. I was sending out résumés, interviewing, networking, applying online to the high heavens. Sitting at home while everyone else was finding a job I started feeling unproductive, and, frankly, like a loser. But things are looking up, and to anyone who starts to feel the same way I did, I'd tell them to just pull through it. Sometimes just taking a walk or a day at the park can help your mood a lot."

- Akua Harris

"There are several things we suggest when a person has stayed active in a job search, and nothing seems to be happening:

1. Take a few days off: Think of something you enjoy doing that doesn't

cost any money and go and enjoy.

Sometimes just a few days off is enough to refresh a person.

2. Get physical: When a person exercises for at least 20 minutes, endorphins are released that make the person feel good. Exercise several times in a day if possible. If [you are] a runner, then run for 30 minutes longer than usual. Do something physical -- paint a room, wash the car, clean the garage. Then energy can return.

3. Our experience is people get burned out when all they are doing is answering want ads or Internet listings. We project a 2-4 percent response on mailing out résumés or following up on Internet postings -- that's not a very good response. Instead, we ask our job-seeking clients to take a more pro-active approach: Contact the decision-maker (usually the person who supervises the position, not HR) and ask what the job involves and be ready to talk about one's experiences and accomplishment, [and] research the organization to see if it's one a person would like to work in. Continue researching the position; if you want the job contact the decision-maker again and say, "I've thought a lot about what we've talked about, and what you need doing involves some of the things I do best -- and I want to be your top candidate." (You don't want to be anything other than their top candidate, do you?) Ask the decision-maker what you can bring to her or him to help the person make a decision. And then do it."

- Richard S. Deems, co-author of "Make Job Loss Work For You," with Terri A. Deems
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FTC works to rein in mortgage relief service scams

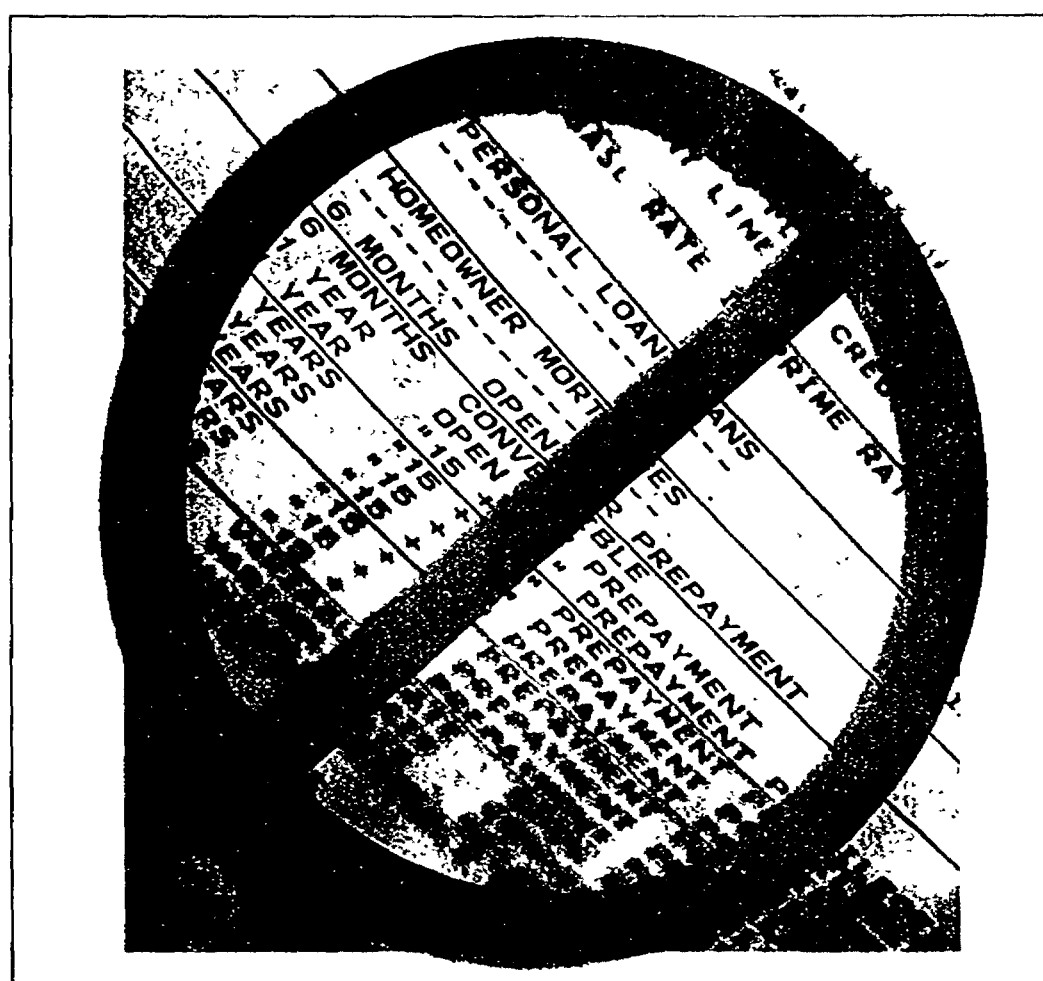
As the U.S. mortgage crisis continues to affect thousands of American homeowners, the Federal Trade Commission is working to cease numerous mortgage relief service scams that prey on consumers behind in their mortgage payments or facing foreclosure. Bogus operations falsely claim that, for a fee, they will negotiate with the consumer's mortgage lender or servicer to obtain a loan modification, a short sale or other relief from foreclosure. The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan warns consumers who are struggling with the financial responsibilities of owning a home to take careful precautions with regards to mortgage relief services in order to avoid becoming a victim of the prevalent deceptive practices.

To illustrate the high demand for mortgage relief services, BBB reports that thousands of homeowners in distress from across the country have contacted BBB for information on a Maryland-based mortgage relief business called Residential Relief Foundation. However, BBB processed a total of 62 complaints about Residential Relief Foundation in the last year. The FTC announced Nov. 26 that a federal court has shut down the company's operations and seized its assets, ending what it alleges were deceptive practices designed to mock government mortgage assistance programs. A copy of the federal court order against the company can be found online through the BBB.

To further protect distressed homeowners from the rising number of mortgage relief scams, the FTC also announced recently that it is issuing a new rule titled the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services (MARS) Rule. The new rule bans providers of mortgage foreclosure rescue and loan modification services from collecting fees until homeowners have a written offer from their lender or servicer that they decide is acceptable. The rule will go into effect on Dec. 29, 2010.

BBB offers the following tips for homeowners seeking mortgage relief service:

- Consider up-front fees as a red flag. The new FTC rule will ban up-front fees effective Dec. 29, 2010.
- Do not be fooled by clever marketing ploys or seals designed to make the company or its services



look like it is part of a government program.

- Try to work out a foreclosure rescue scenario yourself by talking directly with your lender. Explain your situation and ask for a revised repayment schedule.
- Do not sign away the title of your home and make

sure you have your own attorney review a contract before you sign.

- Before you endorse a contract to a mortgage rescue company, visit www.bbb.org for an indication about the company's history, record of performance and business practices.

Don't dismiss FHA standard

Q. I am retired and I live in a condominium project comprised mostly of senior citizens. I have been hearing people talk lately about how important it is for condominium projects to obtain FHA certification. Why would a project such as mine need to obtain FHA certification when most of the units are mortgage free?

A. The Fair Housing Administration is the only



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entity insuring reverse mortgages, which are mortgages wherein a qualified senior may exchange equity in their home

for income. Consequently, you may not be able to obtain a reverse mortgage or your options in that regard may be severely limited if the project is not FHA certified. An attorney knowledgeable in condominium law should be able to assist your condominium association's board of directors in determining whether your project is eligible to seek FHA certification.

Q. What are the requirements for a condominium project to obtain certification from the Fair Housing Administration, which I understand may make the units more marketable?

A. There are several requirements a condominium project must meet in order to obtain FHA certification. For example, no more than 50 percent of the units can be rented at one time. No more than 15 percent of the units can be more than 30 days delinquent in payment of assessments. The overall number of condominium units with FHA-insured mortgages cannot exceed 30 percent. The association's budget must meet FHA adequacy standards. The association must have adequate insurance to cover certain risks. The condominium documents must be in compliance with HUD regulations and all other laws. No more than 25 percent of overall floor space of the project may be delineated for commercial use and the commercial use must be homogenous with residential use. The number of units owned by one person or entity may not exceed 10 percent of the total number of units. You should consult with a knowledgeable condominium attorney with regard to your condominium project.

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. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 30 to Sept. 3, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

Canton		31755 Elmwood St	\$60,000	18547 Westbrook Cr	\$163,000	1015 Union St	\$120,000
		31765 Sheridan St	\$92,000	18938 Bella Vista Ct	\$200,000	655 Simpson St	\$195,000
		33244 Sheridan St	\$98,000	18938 Bella Vista Ct	\$150,000	9950 Terryson Dr	\$282,000
		14651 Auburn Rd	\$139,000	17062 Birchwood Dr	\$265,000	47171 Tinsbrook Dr	\$365,000
		28701 Bayberry Park Dr	\$139,000	18160 Blue Heron Pointe Dr	\$325,000	15509 Centralia	\$65,000
		28573 Cleveland St	\$75,000	19554 Cardene Way	\$140,000	15530 Centralia	\$24,000
		17254 Dolores St	\$120,000	18357 Clairmont Cir W	\$460,000	12710 Columbia	\$55,000
		15960 Doris St	\$110,000	16758 Dunswood Rd	\$245,000	14301 Dine	\$50,000
		35041 Elmira St	\$125,000	16301 Forest Lake Dr	\$192,000	11370 Hazleton	\$25,000
		16388 Fairway St	\$160,000	113 High St	\$280,000	9052 Lenore	\$85,000
		14076 Fox St	\$141,000	43949 Medinah Ct	\$100,000	15995 Lexington	\$68,000
		14383 Houghton St	\$125,000	43988 Medinah Ct	\$100,000	27075 Lyndon	\$103,000
		15081 Houghton St	\$170,000	16064 Morningstar	\$100,000	12273 Na'hahine	\$68,000
		20436 Louise St	\$83,000	49472 N Glacier	\$193,000	16503 Panchana	\$28,000
		18332 Melvin St	\$100,000	19587 Northridge Dr	\$51,000	14148 Winton	\$105,000
		16591 Middlebelt Rd	\$16,000	41837 Rayburn Dr	\$425,000	15870 Woodworth	\$38,000
		16597 Middlebelt Rd	\$127,000	49046 Running Trout Ln	\$185,000	541 Bedford Dr	\$129,000
		34318 Munger St	\$188,000	49657 S Glacier	\$128,000	31037 Birchwood St	\$105,000
		36876 Munger St	\$175,000	39641 Springwater Dr	\$120,000	33210 Creston St	\$80,000
		28014 N Clements Cir	\$139,000	18850 Stonewater Blvd	\$80,000	36018 Gladys Ave	\$107,000
		15509 Norman St	\$100,000	17228 Summit Dr	\$200,000	32720 Glen St	\$170,000
		34450 Pinetree St	\$80,000	1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$20,000	33523 Grandview Ave	\$77,000
		36536 Rayburn Dr	\$84,000	9445 Brookline Ave	\$120,000	33574 Melton St	\$68,000
		31753 Rochland St	\$130,000	9264 Corinne St	\$59,000	35241 Melton St	\$25,000
		20074 Southampton Dr	\$175,000	49277 Fox Dr S	\$135,000	82311 Wayne Rd	\$14,000
		15969 Stamford St	\$135,000	13381 Lathrop Dr	\$182,000	30608 Wustl Ct	\$44,000
		18669 Stamford St	\$189,000	9282 Mayflower Dr	\$188,000	5495 Hubbard St	\$104,000
		11512 Stamwich St	\$101,000	40137 Newport Dr	\$69,000	1644 Shumaker Dr	\$40,000
		29600 Trancrest St	\$125,000	40518 Newport Dr	\$57,000	7550 Woodview St	\$19,000

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Beverly Hills		3086 Devon Brook Dr	\$16,000	28741 Aranel St	\$16,000	22483 Alton Ct	\$238,000
		1745 Heron Ridge Dr	\$390,000	21433 Archwood Cir	\$125,000	32691 Ardmore Ct	\$68,000
		302 Marlborough Dr	\$15,000	37280 Aspen Dr	\$298,000	24577 Bashan Dr	\$60,000
		4136 Meadowlane Dr	\$165,000	34625 Bridgeman St	\$70,000	24532 Blamewood Dr	\$272,000
		1578 N Cranbrook Rd	\$950,000	32223 Farmersville Rd	\$75,000	23595 Elm Road	\$80,000
		426 Nearbrook Rd	\$499,000	29728 Foxgrove Rd	\$210,000	45475 Fox Rd	\$315,000
		3975 Oakland Dr	\$1,200,000	224 1/2 Haynes Ave	\$2,000	45583 Irvine Dr	\$995,000
		1345 Oxford Rd	\$645,000	29435 Laurel Dr	\$96,000	22844 Mordean Dr	\$382,000
		2945 Rambling Way	\$218,000	21665 Mayfield St	\$93,000	4181 Northumberland St	\$575,000
		1741 S Hill Blvd	\$103,000	29747 Monterey Cir	\$155,000	24752 Ode Orchard St	\$34,000
		6820 S Hill Blvd	\$95,000	28873 Oak Point Dr	\$270,000	24827 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$355,000
		3658 Sedgewick Dr	\$118,000	30414 Orchard Lake Pk	\$40,000	24560 Thatcher Dr	\$100,000
		5770 Snowshoe Dr	\$950,000	37613 Russell Dr	\$142,000	40609 Timber Trl	\$265,000
		4297 Sunningdale Dr	\$440,000	29719 Serra Point Cir	\$15,000	40403 W 10 Mile Rd	\$104,000
		2152 Tottenham Rd	\$1,700,000	35590 Spring Hill Rd	\$220,000	283 S W 11th St	\$89,000
		2125 Canal St	\$270,000	37803 Tinsbury Ct	\$425,000	23502 Woodbridge Ct	\$51,000
		1622 Commerce Shrs	\$190,000	30535 W 14 Mile Rd	\$31,000	23733 Woodcreek Dr	\$336,000
		5493 Leaewood Dr	\$230,000	31356 W 14 Mile Rd	\$47,000	54243 Birchwood Dr	\$165,000
		2155 Winston Dr	\$275,000	31918 Weyburn St	\$120,000	54425 Indianwood	\$130,000
		33988 Glenview Dr	\$79,000	29892 Woodstock St	\$90,000	24023 Prescott Ct	\$64,000
		32718 Grand River Ave	\$38,000	18825 Rainbow Dr	\$45,000	23766 Sky Class Pl	\$325,000
		36630 Heatherlton Dr	\$169,000	1015 Canal St	\$125,000	21458 Eight And Ha T Mte	\$27,000
		22906 Lakeway St	\$48,000	1995 Charles Ct	\$10,000	21260 Wadsworth Ave	\$14,000
		19918 Lamar Dr	\$123,000	920 Hill Hollow Ln	\$425,000	29330 Southgate Dr	\$44,000
		22620 Power Rd	\$130,000	971 Panorama Dr	\$16,000	520 Woodstone Ct	\$28,000
		35973 Smithfield Rd	\$148,000	777 Sweetbriar	\$121,000		
		23076 Warner St	\$107,000	645 Woodside Dr	\$103,000		
		22641 A'Don Ave	\$57,000				

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New agents

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has recently welcomed a number of new agents to the company. They are: Richard Carter, Robert Gay, Michael Jones, Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti; Mark Cobb, Northville/Novi; Ronald Yurgo, Rochester.

"We are very pleased to welcome these agents to our team," said Kelly Sweeney, CBWM CEO. "They bring with them diverse business skills and experience, and will make great additions to our company."

Founded in 1950, Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel is a Birmingham, Mich.-based real estate broker with 11 offices

and more than 400 real estate agents in southeastern Michigan. For more information, visit www.cbweirmanuel.com.

Career Seminar

A Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laello@kw.com.

Home photos

Visible Homes, a real estate brokerage, announced that all of their listings will be marketed with free professional

photos.

The goal of including professional photos is to improve the first impression amongst buyers and increase the number of showings and overall interest in the property.

Recent data shows that homes listed with professional photos sell for a much higher price than homes listed without. "Visible Homes constantly researches buyer characteristics, so it was no surprise to learn that homes marketed with professional photos sold for a higher price," said Wes McCaig, owner/broker of Visible Homes. "Over 90 percent of buyers search for homes online and 97 percent of these buyers rate photos amongst the most useful

features. We acknowledge that visibility and first impressions are the key ingredients to selling real estate in today's technology driven world."

Visible Homes listings are visible on many real estate websites. Sellers looking to begin the home selling process can go to <http://www.visiblehomes.com/sell>.

Visible Homes, LLC is a full service real estate brokerage which combines traditional real estate services along with today's most innovative technologies. Visible Homes is part of the National Association of Realtors, the Michigan Association of Realtors, and the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

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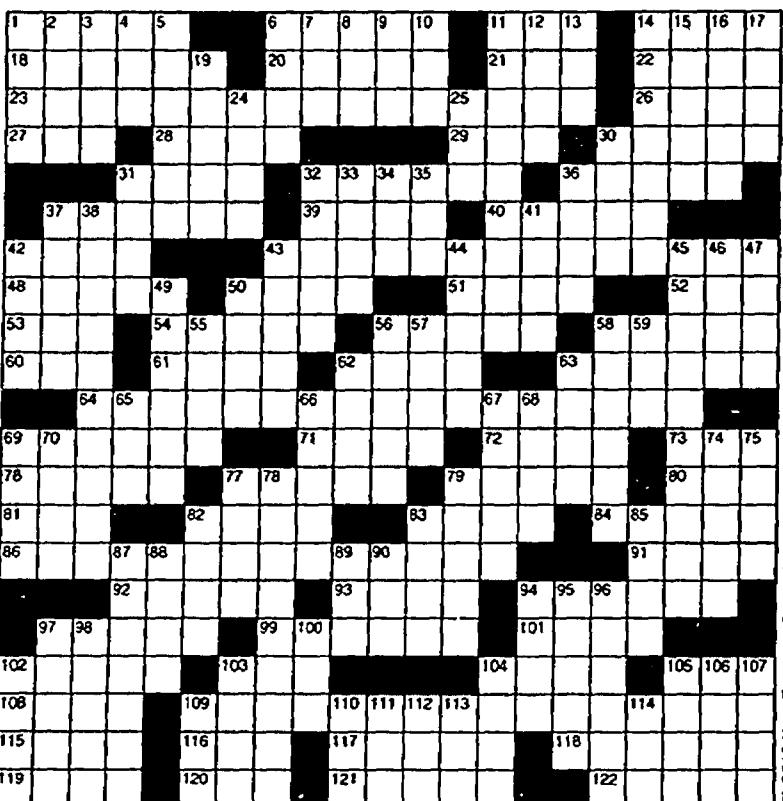
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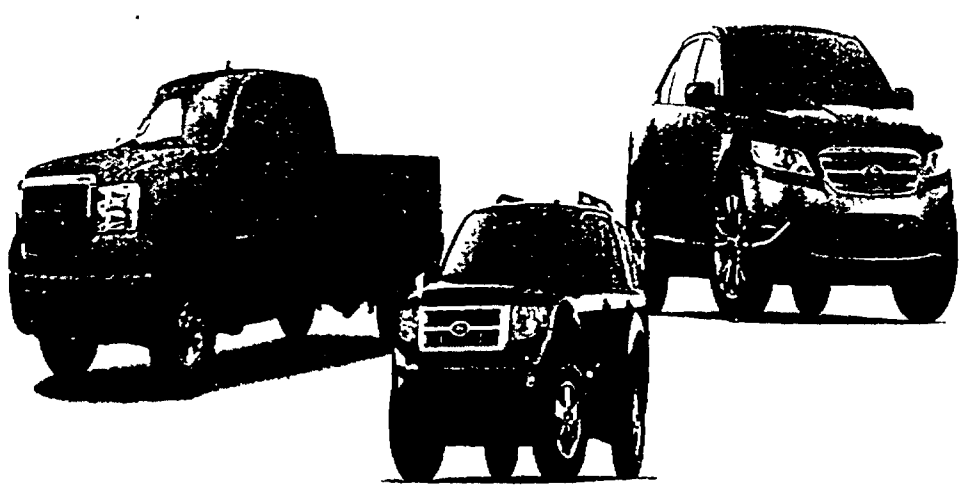
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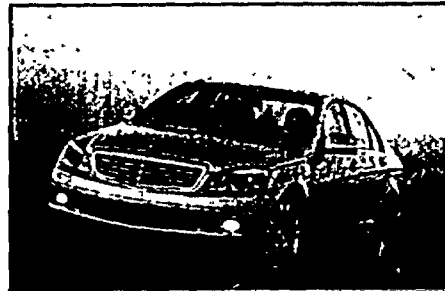
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And in a way, some of the best end-of-the-year drama in the car business for 2010 is occurring in the luxury segment. Two of the major brands are fighting to the wire to wear the segment crown for the year. And another major brand has created its own suspense with a vow to re-enter Super Bowl TV advertising in July.

In the great battle of 2010 for king of the luxury segment, Lexus lost some ground when November sales were posted. But it's still too early to declare Mercedes-Benz the winner of the luxury-car battle for the year.

Heading into November's reports, through October's reported sales, the Toyota luxury brand trailed the German upscale leader by only about 1,000 cars and had been closing the gap steadily since earlier in the year.

But for November, Mercedes-Benz posted a 13-percent increase in sales, its best November since 2007, while Lexus sales in November slumped by nearly 6 percent compared with a year earlier.

So as of the end of November, here was the tally: Mercedes-Benz

203,468; Lexus 201,769.

December will be interesting. While momentum doesn't favor Lexus, mathematically it's still well within striking distance of Mercedes-Benz. The biggest problem for Lexus might be that the company's mojo overall has become a drag: Toyota was the only one of the major U.S. automakers to post a sales decline for November.

Traditionally, December is a strong sales month, in part driven by automakers' penchant for bringing out the big incentive guns to make for a good finish to the year. And both Mercedes-Benz and Lexus have their snow-covered holiday-savings promotions well underway. Given the increased importance of the last week of the year in the U.S. auto-sales picture these days, their battle well could go down to the wire.

In a broader sense, the Lexus-Mercedes-Benz battle reflects one of the growing number of positives for a U.S. auto market that should finish the year with around 12 million in sales, or about a 10-percent improvement over last year.

"Luxury buyers have more confidence and clarity on their situation," said Ben Poore, head of Nissan's Infiniti luxury brand. "The improving stock market has put real gains back in the pockets of the

Lexus is counting on its popular RX 350 to help it cross the finish line in first.

luxury customers and that makes them want to get back into the market."

BMW is the brand that has said it's willing to take a flyer on the Super Bowl again.

Obviously, marketing executives of BMW have seen what a strong commitment to Super Bowl advertising can accomplish for automotive brands lately. Reference this year's sales and market-share surges by two of the most notable advertisers in the last game: Hyundai and — especially relevant to the German luxury segment — Audi.

So BMW has announced that it will be returning to Super Bowl advertising on February 6, with the telecast of Super Bowl XLV from Dallas, after a 10-year hiatus from the game.

More than 60 percent of BMW's inventory in the U.S. will be new vehicles next year, a factor the company said prompted its decision. "We're in the window of our biggest launch period in history and the Super Bowl gives us the stage to make that big impact," Stacy Morris, BMW marketing communications manager, told Advertising Age magazine.

Among the vehicles BMW will launch next year is the ActiveE, an electric car to bow next summer. Given the buzz arising now around electric cars with the imminent introductions of the Chevrolet Volt and Nissan Leaf — and the unparalleled reach and impact of Super Bowl advertisements — it's not much of a leap to expect BMW to use the game as a stage for touting ActiveE.

Playing the green card may be especially tempting to BMW given what Audi accomplished with its Super Bowl initiative last year. Not yet known as a "green" automaker, Audi used the 2010 Super Bowl to launch its humorous "Green Police" commercial that helped establish the company's environmental chops around its Turbo Direct Injection diesel powertrains. TDI-equipped cars have gone on to power Audi's remarkable sales and market-share gains in the U.S. this year.

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