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## ON THE RECORD

Improv returns  
to Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre presents  
The Return of Improv at the Point,  
hosted by actor, Dave Davies, on  
Sunday, Jan. 9. Back by popular  
demand,



Davies

this evening  
of off-the-  
cuff comedy  
in the style  
of the  
television  
show Whose  
Line is it  
Anyway?

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tions to be spun into comedy  
gold, live on stage, by a cast of  
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Davies has been an improviser  
for as long as he can remember.  
His entire life has been a series  
of unscripted situations that he  
simply "ad-libs" his way through.  
Even though he has done com-  
mercials for television and radio  
in addition to always being busy  
with corporate business shows  
from Las Vegas to Puerto Rico,  
every Monday night still finds  
him hammering it up with his fellow  
performers at the Planet Art  
Theatre, or sitting at home typing  
run-on sentences.

"I have been planning for  
years to write a bio on just how 'in  
the moment' I can be," he said. "I  
guess this is it."

Tickets for this one-night-only  
fundraiser are \$15 and are on sale  
now at the TPT box office. The  
show will begin at 7 p.m. and all  
seats are reserved. The theater  
is located at 361 E. Cady Street,  
Northville. The box office phone is  
(248) 347-0003.

## Colbeck to head subcommittee

Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-  
Canton) will chair the Senate  
Appropriations Subcommittee  
on State Police & Military Affairs  
during his first term, which began  
Jan. 1. Colbeck has also been  
appointed by Senate Majority  
Leader-elect Randy Richardville  
to serve as vice chair of the  
Senate Reforms, Restructuring,  
and Reinventing Committee  
and vice chair of the Senate  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Transportation.

"The primary role of govern-  
ment is to secure the rights of the  
governed. Without the honorable  
services of our state police and  
military, we would not be able to  
effectively secure these rights,"  
Colbeck said.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jack's Barber Shop in Northville will team up with the VFW on South Main Street on Jan. 16 to give haircuts in order to raise funds for cancer aid and research. From left are barbers John Yahasz, Sarie Dermanelian and Dave Rouse. Seated is customer Paul Schilinsky. The \$12 haircuts on the 16th will be offered from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Northville VFW Auxiliary plans its 6th annual Haircut Day for Cancer

Event scheduled  
all day on Jan. 16

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

The holiday decorations are now  
put away, and it's back to business  
as usual.

But, there's an upcoming event  
to keep area residents in the giving  
spirit — the sixth annual Haircut  
Day for Cancer.

The fund-raiser will take place  
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 16 at  
the Northville Veterans of Foreign  
Wars Post 4012 on 438 S. Main St.  
on the west side of the street just  
north of Northville Road.

Betty Burkacki, chair of the  
event run by the Northville VFW  
4012 Ladies Auxiliary each year,  
encourages men, women and chil-  
dren to come get their hair cut for  
a good cause on this day.

Coffee and doughnuts will be  
available for purchase in the  
morning, and Jimmy John's  
submarine sandwich shop will  
provide sandwiches that can be  
bought, with proceeds going to

### HOW EVENT BEGAN

Burkacki said six years ago she and Dave  
Rouse, a Northville barber who is a mem-  
ber of the post, were trying to think of a  
different way to raise money for cancer  
patients and research.

"We wanted something besides the typi-  
cal spaghetti dinner," she said.

Rouse volunteered to take on the task,  
working by himself the first year.

"He cut 55 heads of hair," Burkacki said.

"He was tired by the end of the day."  
After that, he decided he'd better enlist  
the help of other local barbers.

"It's kind of blossomed," Burkacki said.

"Now we usually have six-seven bar-  
bers."

the event. Soup may also be avail-  
able at the event.

"We're still working on the final  
details," Burkacki said on Monday.  
The VFW Post will also have bev-  
erages available to purchase to go  
with the sandwiches.

Donation for each haircut is  
\$12, and raffle tickets for baskets  
will also be available. Ticket prices  
will be one ticket for \$1, three

tickets for \$2 or 10 tickets for \$5.

"We will have buckets in front of  
the raffle baskets. So, let's say you  
buy 10 tickets — you can put all of  
the tickets in one bucket or divide  
them up," Burkacki said.

The event is open to the pub-  
lic, with volunteer barbers hail-  
ing from Jack's Barber Shop (111  
E. Dunlap St. in Old Church  
Square west of Center Street) and  
Northville Barbers (545 W. Seven  
Mile Road west of South Main  
Street and just around the corner  
from the Northville VFW Post).

The only requirement is that  
patrons please come to the event  
with clean hair, as shampooing  
services will not be available.

"They do trim beards, too,"  
Burkacki said.

Owners of the Northville Car  
Wash at 470 S. Main St. are also  
getting involved in the cancer fund-  
raiser. The business will have \$25  
gift cards for sale at the event, with  
40 percent of each card sold going  
toward the cancer fundraiser.

No appointments are neces-  
sary. For more information, call  
Burkacki at (734) 891-3921.

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## New year, new leader

Snyder takes over  
as state's governor

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Former state senator and  
Novi resident Nancy Cassis  
acknowledged that Gov. Rick  
Snyder and his camp have  
already set the bar high.

But she also knows that if he  
is going to achieve his goals, he  
will need a strong team support-  
ing him.

(Former Gov. Jennifer)

Granholm was  
dealt a tough  
hand of cards  
but she didn't  
surround her-  
self with the  
kind of exper-  
tise that would  
have been help-  
ful," she said.  
"(Rick) needs  
to surround

himself with the best expertise  
in a variety of offices, and look  
to others in the Legislature and  
meet with both sides to have  
open dialogue."

She also offered up another  
simple statement of advice:  
"Don't get too full of yourself  
and keep your nose to the grind-  
stone."

Snyder took the oath of office  
Jan. 1, ushering in a new era for  
Michigan. The career business-  
man replaced the term-limited  
Democrat Granholm.

"I really  
think the busi-  
ness climate  
will improve  
with the new  
governor," said  
Northville  
resident Daniel  
Beetler. "I don't  
think it will  
be dramatic

because there are a lot of judg-  
ments that have to be made and

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## Grant pushes Miracle League baseball field closer to reality

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A \$250,000 grant from the State of  
Michigan has pushed the Miracle League of  
Plymouth to within \$100,000 of the money  
it needs to build a baseball field in Plymouth  
for children with mental and physical special  
needs.

State Rep. Marc Coriveau, D-Northville,  
whose district includes Plymouth, Canton and  
Northville, helped the Miracle League through

the grant process and presented the check at a  
ceremony at the site of the park behind Central  
Middle School Dec. 28.

"From an economic standpoint, the last four  
years have been tough," said Coriveau, who  
presented the check on his last day on the job.  
"To be able to end on such a personal high note  
for me is incredibly gratifying."

The ballpark will be constructed behind  
Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth

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# First Friday features work of artist-teacher from Detroit college

For tomorrow's First Friday Art and Fashion Walk, the Northville Art House staff is proud to present the work of artist-teacher Erik Olson in his exhibit "An Outside View."

Olson's works are oil portraits of homes and structures in various stages of repair. Some large, some quite small, the paintings reflect our culture and society and how the structures we erect accommodate our desires but rarely account for consequences.

Olson received his bachelor's degree from Art Center College of Design in 1987 and freelanced in illustration until 2001. He received his master's degree in fine arts in painting from Wayne State University in Detroit in 2010. He has exhibited his paintings in various group shows, including the Williamson Gallery in Pasadena and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Detroit. Olson is currently a full-time associate professor at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

The show will open in the upper gallery with an artist reception tomorrow from 6-9 p.m. The show will continue through Jan. 29 during the Art House Gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.). For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org). The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the



"Our Way of Life" by Erik Olson.

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## GUITARIST AT VAN DAM'S

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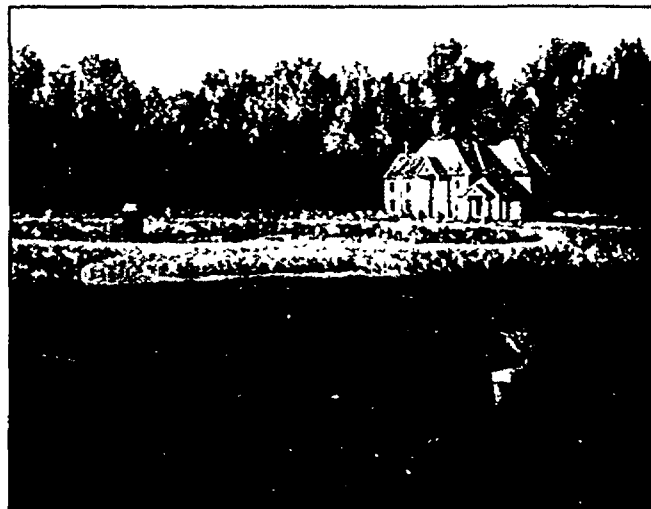
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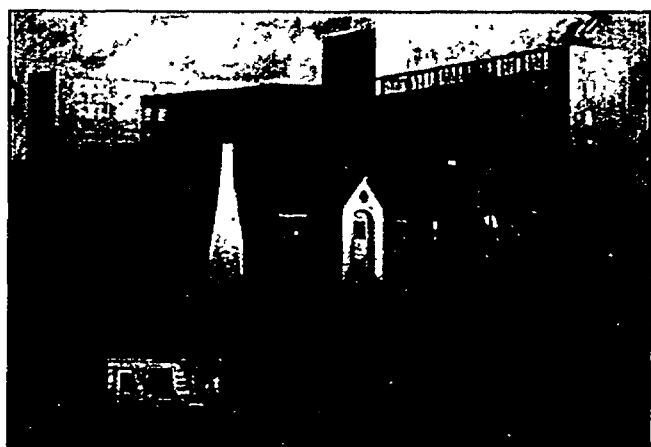
## STARRING "THE GALLERY"

Starring "The Gallery" at 118 W. Main Street will feature its after-Christmas sale during tomorrow's First Friday event.

The rush of the holidays is now behind us. Enjoy a relaxing night out when you experience Starring "The Gallery" during downtown Northville's First Friday Art Walk.



"Nowhere to Be Found" by Erik Olson.



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# 2010: Year in Review

Following last week's first part of the 2010 Year in Review issue, here are highlights of the news in Northville from July through December. Summaries of the top stories from each issue were prepared by staff writer Pam Fleming; photos are by staff photographer John Heider.

## July

The city of Northville is maintaining a conservative investment portfolio, according to a report to the council on June 21. About 51 percent of the portfolio is in municipal bonds.

Greg Prost and Tal Gunn from Ambassador Capital explained that these short-term investments make sense for municipalities because the risk is so low.

Following two formal complaints made by parents of special education students in Northville, some changes are being made at Old Village School on West Main Street and Cooke School on Taft Road this year.

After a committee met several times earlier in the year, the city and township of Northville are now saving about \$8,000 a year in the senior transportation program.

The August primary election is less than three weeks away, and Northville Township officials are stepping up their efforts with the hope that voters will approve a four-year millage.

Transporting prisoners to Wayne County courts or jail takes time and money. Now Wayne County is proposing to eliminate this budget item, forcing local municipalities to absorb the cost. John Wierth, director of public safety for Northville Township, is concerned that this proposed change will take needed police officers away from their work in the township.

Northville Township firefighters are now trained to provide ambulance transport to patients. The advanced life support service began on June 25.

Northville Township trustees unanimously approved the expenditure of \$5,000 from money gleaned from a salvage operation to clean up trails on the Seven Mile Property last Thursday night.

It may have cost Northville Township something to bring it in, but the township has so far netted about \$144,000 on a salvage operation at the Seven Mile Road property it owns.

Earlier this month, Northville City Council members appointed members of a new Citizens Budget Committee, with names still being accepted. The group will meet on a regular basis, with feedback expected to be presented to the council sometime in October.

To avoid further cuts in materials and services, the Northville District Library Board of Trustees voted July 22 to request a millage increase for five years on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

The request will be for a .2 mill increase. If the millage increase passes, the cost to a homeowner



With hands on hearts, Kevin Wilson and son Seth, 1, listen as the National Anthem is sung before the beginning of Northville's Fourth of July Parade on Saturday, July 3.

with a \$200,000 home (\$100,000 taxable value) would be about \$20 a year.

Northville-area residents will be able to visit a new indoor/outdoor market in the next 18 months or so at the location of the former McDonald Ford dealership at Seven Mile and Northville roads.

## August

By a 2-1 margin, Northville Township voters chose to approve a 5.57 millage renewal for public safety, parks, recreation, senior and youth services and general operating expenses for four years.

Michiganders are all about supporting their state and local economy. And, organizers of the Buy Michigan Now are preparing for the schedule of events for the second annual Buy Michigan Now Festival being held in downtown Northville.

The Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services has dismissed three counts outlined in a formal complaint against Northville Public Schools because the alleged incidents haven't occurred yet.

Tom Hughes, the Northville Township resi-

dent who lives next door to the former adult foster care home The Ranch, run by Dr. Timothy Broe of Northville, recently filed suit against Broe's company, Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc.

Although Broe voluntarily turned in his license on the home last month before the state planned to revoke the license, this lawsuit stems from previous problems Hughes and his family have had with the homes' previous residents.

One of the most beautiful spots in the city of Northville is Mill Pond and its corresponding Mill Pond Dam, formerly called the Yerkes Pond Dam. Members of the City Council plan to make improvements to the dam and have approved \$20,000 in the fiscal year 2011 budget for professional services for experts to look at and see what may be necessary to improve Mill Pond Dam. The state requires periodic inspection.

The Northville Township clerk reported that election results came in slowly for Tuesday's August primary election for several reasons. The results were not available until 12:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

Mayor Chris Johnson said many of the financial problems Michigan cities are facing are partly to blame because of a state constitution that was written in the early 1960s. He urges voters to vote "yes" on the ballot proposal for a constitutional convention.

With absentee ballots in the 2010 general election going out in about five weeks, members of the Committee To Support the Northville Library Millage feel they have their work but out for them. Absentee ballots are scheduled to arrive at Northville Township Hall and Northville City Hall around Sept. 20, with mailing expected about a week later.

After 35 years of service to Northville Public Schools, Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski will retire at the end of the 2010-11 school year. Rezmierski made the announcement at the Aug. 10 Board of Education Meeting.

Northville's Citizens Budget Committee members met for the first time Aug. 9, learning that declining residential property values are the biggest factor affecting the city's financial problems.

The city of Northville was lucky enough to receive a \$685,880 federal transportation grant for its downtown sidewalk improvement program. Now, city leaders have the much-envied talk of trying to decide how to spend extra money since \$2 million worth of bonds have been sold for the project.

The city of Northville will help the Detroit Institute of Arts celebrate its 125th anniversary this year by displaying some of its artwork. The DIA is producing 40 works of art from its permanent collection for outdoor installation in various Southeast Michigan communities.

## September

Members of the Northville District Library Board approved the 2011 operating budget after a public hearing on Aug. 26.

However, the board has an alternate budget already developed if a millage of .2 (two-tenths) of a mill passes in November's general election.

After two fiscal years, many meetings, lots of paperwork and hard work, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, Northville Township staff and Wayne County staff have succeeded in making an educational trailway in the Bennett Arboretum a reality. The trailway will provide increased awareness of the Rouge Watershed and will become a motorized connection between the pathway system of the city of Northville and Northville Township.

Because of a \$685,880 grant, the Northville Downtown Development Authority has the enviable job of deciding how to spend some leftover bond funding. On Sept. 9, DDA board members had a special meeting to decide what projects they would like to recommend to the City Council.

The 22nd annual Victorian Festival brings the World Famous Flying Wallendas performing their aerial act at Ford Field. The trapeze artists performed at the festival years ago.

Northville Township staff members are working with a local company to apply for a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assist with the cleanup of the Seven Mile Road Property.

The Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation still want to donate \$140,000 to build a spray park in Northville, with the preferred location now changed to Community Park at Five Mile and Beck.

Township trustees, however, are being cautious about approving the plan, however, for fear they will not be able to afford the operating budget.

Although it's not "rolling in the dough," so to speak, Northville Township will operate on a balanced budget next year, with no layoffs or furlough days.

## October

The Northville Public Schools district is one of approximately 50 Michigan districts aggressively seeking a new superintendent between now and the end of the school year.

City Council members unanimously approved another \$30,000 Monday night for this year's Street Improvement Program. The money will be used to complete the resurfacing of Mary

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## REVIEW

FROM PAGE A3

Alexander Court this year. Members of the Northville Citizens Budget Committee met again on Sept. 27, this time looking at ways to increase revenue for the general fund.

Creating a vision for the future of Northville is one of the goals the Citizens Budget Committee must keep in mind when making suggestions. On Monday night, the group took 30 minutes to ponder just that and came up with a few facets of life in Northville the majority feels are important. The No. 1 priority is that it remain a safe city.

Members of the Northville Chamber of Commerce have selected Dave Jerome as the 2010 Citizen of the Year. Jerome is a Northville attorney.

Judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit on Sept. 27 failed to overturn a federal district court ruling that affects Northville Downs race track.

Phillip Maxwell, the Oxford, Mich., attorney for the local race track and two other plaintiffs said one of the central claims made in the lawsuit was challenging the vote on Proposal 1. This proposal, which passed in 2004, requires a statewide vote and a local vote for any change in Michigan gaming laws. Race track owners believe they are at an unfair disadvantage by not being able to offer slot machines and other alternative types of gambling.

Suzie Johnson of Novi has been named the new director of the Northville Community Senior Center.

After many weeks of discussion and number crunching,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reinaldo Key votes at Northville's precinct 9 on Nov. 2. Locally, one of the biggest victory went to Kurt Heise, State House of Representatives 20th District.

the Northville Citizens Budget Committee's work is finally done.

The group met Monday night to review their final proposal that will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Northville Community Senior Center. The committee was facing with coming up with solutions for a projected cumulative general fund shortfall of \$1.3 million by 2014.

### November

Republican Kurt Heise on Tuesday handily defeated Democrat Joan Wadsworth in the 20th District race for the Michigan House of Representatives.

Republican Patrick Colbeck of Canton had a convincing win in the race for the 7th state Senate seat, replacing term-limited state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, announced in January that he would be leaving his position as state repre-

sentative for the 20th District to seek Patterson's 7th District seat. However, he decided to pull out of the race in May, citing personal, professional and financial reasons.

Voters in the city of Northville and Charter Township of Northville voted "yes" on a five-year millage proposal that will bring about \$400,000 to the Northville District Library the first year that the tax will be levied.

Thaddeus McCotter expects the first order of business for him and the now Republican-controlled U.S. Congress will be "jobs, jobs, jobs" and an extension of the Bush tax cuts.

The Republican from Livonia was re-elected to Congress for his fifth term.

Mike Kowall rode the Republican wave to earn a seat in the state Senate on Tuesday, easily defeating Democrat Pam Jackson of Commerce Township. Kowall, 59, who is currently the supervisor of White Lake Township, will represent the 15th District in the Senate.

Hugh Crawford upended Democratic candidate Jeff Gedeon to reclaim his seat as

the Michigan state representative serving the 38th District.

His wife, Kathy Crawford, won an Oakland County Board of Commissioners seat in the 9th District, defeating Democrat Karen Zyczynski.

Proposal 2 passed, which amended the state's constitution by forbidding anyone convicted of crimes that betrayed the public's trust from holding office or certain public jobs for 20 years after conviction.

Seeing not much light at the end of the tunnel, Northville's budget committee members are recommending a millage increase. Members of the 24-person Citizens Budget Committee presented their final recommendations to the City Council at the Northville Community Senior Center Monday night.

Although the midterm election showed a respectable voter turnout in the city of Northville, it was still lower than in some previous elections. In Northville Township, voter turnout this year was comparable to the 2002 election, with more people in the township voting in the 2006 election.

Northville City Council members discussed the recent Northville Citizens Budget Committee recommendations Monday, deciding that a special millage election in February makes the most sense.

After months of discussion, meetings and the City Council's approval, it looks like the Northville downtown walkway project is still a go.

Its fate was questioned after members of the Citizens Budget Committee suggested in their Nov. 1 final report that city council reallocate part of all of the \$250,000 planned for the project to the general fund over a two-year period. But city leaders seem to think an alternative source of funding can be found for the walkway.

Northville Parks and Recreation Commissioners on

Nov. 17 approved with conditions what's now being called a "sprayscape" — a 2,000-square-foot structure east of the picnic and rest room shelter at Community Park off of Five Mile.

### December

A five-member committee is interviewing candidates this week after a Request for Qualifications was extended for master planning and engineering services for the Seven Mile Road property.

Allen Terrace, Northville's senior apartment complex, will benefit from almost \$40,000 in funding from two local counties for needed improvements.

The search for a new public school superintendent is almost over. The Northville school board has narrowed its list of 17 candidates down to two. Shawn Lewis-Laken and Mary Kay Gallagher were selected as the final candidates.

Northville City Council members announced Monday night that they will make use of the city's unlevied millage next year to help deal with the budget shortfall. Pat Sullivan, city manager, said that because property values are not supposed to decrease as much as expected, city administration and council have decided that a Headlee Amendment override will not be necessary.

The administration can levy 0.8824 mill without having a special election.

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 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.

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

Yet another historic 1840s barn in downtown Northville is attracting the attention of residents who want it preserved.

Neighbors of a residence at 413 Randolph St. showed up at the Dec. 15 Historic District Commission meeting to say they would like it not to be torn down. The commission is asking the architect to find a city-approved structural engineer to give a second opinion on the barn.


Employees at Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America Inc. in Northville Township are spreading good cheer this holiday season by helping others. Cheryl Crawford, human resources supervisor, serves as president of the company's philanthropic committee called PEACE that stands for Proving Excellence And Caring Exist. Throughout the year, the firm has many different fundraising events.

This month, PEACE committee members provided food and gifts for special needs children at Cooke School in Northville and students who are part of the oral program for those with hearing impairments at Redford Union Schools.

Northville High School senior Robert Hsu of Novi had the opportunity to meet with first lady Michelle Obama and Newark, N.J., Mayor Corey Booker on Nov. 18 at Maple Avenue Elementary School in Newark to discuss childhood obesity and school nutrition.

Hsu was invited to a health forum at the school as a member of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Youth Advisory Board. His goal is to improve the nutrition of school meals and the overall health of students and staff at his school. Northville trustees have named Mary Kay Gallagher as the new superintendent of Northville public schools. The board voted Dec. 22 at a special meeting.

Nancy Cassis wouldn't say her career in politics is finished when she spoke earlier this month at the unveiling of the Suburban Collection Showplace. But, because of term limits, it is done ... for now. Cassis, of Novi, who has represented the state Senate 15th District the last eight years, called her 25 years as a politician a "wonderful journey" and kept the option open that it may still continue. A portion of Northville is located in the Michigan state Senate District 15.



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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider a request for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, 17000 Northville Road, (Sign Variance). Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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### ON CAMPUS

#### Sen. Stabenow nominates 34 Michigan students to service academies

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) has nominated 34 Michigan students, including three locals, for placement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, M.D., the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, C.O., and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

United States Military Academy: Joonmo Chung of Novi

United States Naval Academy: Sean Carrigan of Commerce Township

United States Merchant Marine Academy: Cameron Albrant of Northville

"I am proud that so many exceptional students from our state are willing to serve our country through military service," said Senator Stabenow. "These individuals have demonstrated their excellence in and out of the classroom,

and I am confident that they will represent Michigan well."

Students seeking appointment to a service academy must first obtain the nomination of their U.S. Senator, their U.S. Representative or the President. Students nominated by Senator Stabenow's office went through a competitive application process that included interviews by community leaders. Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for admission by the academy to which they have applied.

#### Moody Bible institute

Scott Krus, son of Alvin and Shirley Krus of Pekin, Ill., was granted a certificate in biblical studies on Dec. 17. He currently serves as manager of network development for Moody Radio. The certificate is a 30-hour academic program focused on biblical, theological and ministry studies.

### NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### 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](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs) under "Latest News" click on "Senior All-Night Party Forms"

Parents, you can help make this evening a special one to remember by volunteering your time, many types of opportunities are available.

#### Looking for a few good parents

The Northville High School Administrative team is inviting you to partner through volunteerism. Standard IV of the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs is Volunteering.

Research shows when families, schools, and communities work together, student achievement improves, teacher morale rises, communication increases, and family, school, and community connections multiply.

Please contact Monty Shambleau at the high school for more information or stop by the main office during Parent-Teacher Conferences for a Parent Partnership Program Volunteer Application.



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#### Book fair

Ridge Wood student Zach Jurcisin writes down some book titles he'd like during the Nov. 17 Scholastic Book Fair at the school.



MARSHA VALENTI

#### Amerman chores

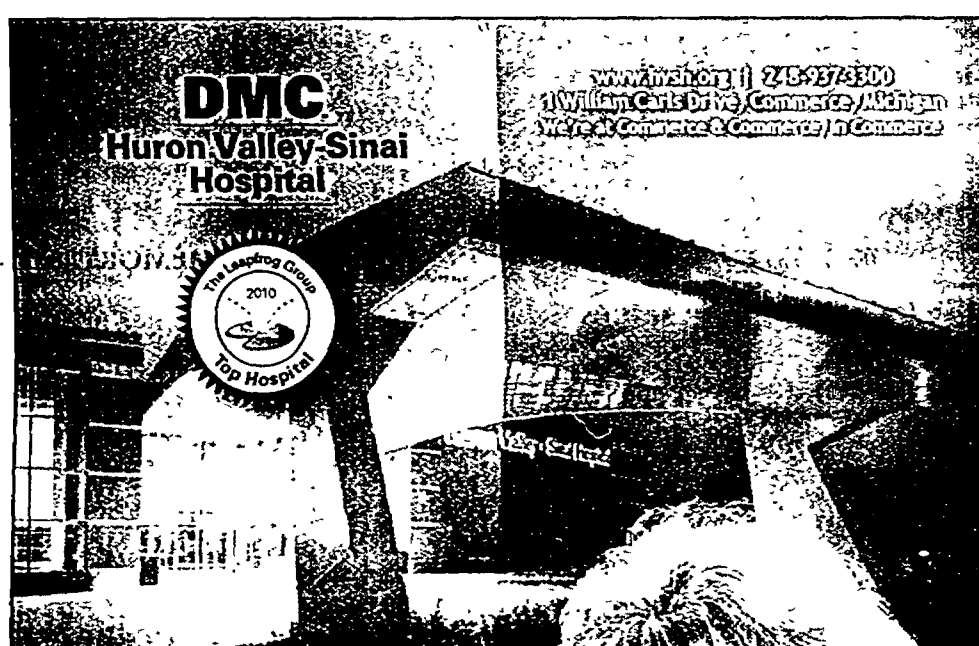
More than 100 volunteers showed up to rake leaves, trim tree branches and do other chores on Nov. 7 at a fall cleanup day at Amerman Elementary School in Northville. The school is located on the northwest corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street.



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#### Turkey craft

Lise Lindenmeyer watches as her daughter Natali, 4, works on completing a Thanksgiving-themed craft at the Northville District Library on Nov. 16. The kids were making turkey door-hangers that day. For more information on what's going on at the library, go to <http://northville.lib.mi.us/>.



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CHARLES JOSEPH "CHUCK" BRADY

Died December 31, 2010. Born in Brighton, Michigan on March 20, 1923 to Haidee F. (Judson) and Joseph A. Brady. Chuck began playing "proving grounds" in his backyard at the age of four. Working with his father at J. A. Brady's Market on Main Street, Chuck often accompanied his father on deliveries to the nearby General Motors Proving Grounds. Chuck graduated as Valedictorian from Brighton High School in 1941; after which he began summer employment at the proving grounds and entered Michigan State University in the autumn of 1941. When the United States entered World War II, Chuck left MSU and enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served until 1945. While stationed predominantly in England with the Eighth Air Force, 457th Bombardment Group, he served as a specialist in the top secret Norton Bombsight project. Chuck returned to the U.S. in 1945 to retrain in B-29 bombers, achieving the rank of Lieutenant. Following the war, Chuck achieved the rank of Captain in the United States Army Force Reserve. Chuck married Mary Kathryn Trollman in 1948, his beloved wife for 59 years. They shared a wonderful life together, full of friends, family, and happiness up until her death in 2007. After the war, Chuck returned to MSU, graduated in 1945 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and immediately began his full-time career with General Motors. Chuck retired from General Motors in 1988, after 42 years of service. He rose from the engineering staff to manage the Desert Proving Grounds in Mesa, Arizona until 1965, when he returned to Michigan to manage the Milford Proving Grounds. In 1972, Chuck became the Director of worldwide proving ground operations, including facilities in Australia and Europe. In 1984 he was elected Vice President of Current Engineering and Manufacturing Staff, widening his responsibilities to include GM's air fleet and Argonaut Realty, while maintaining oversight on the worldwide proving ground operations. He took great pride in watching the platform models evolve into production brands and carry GM forward. Under his tenure, the Desert Proving Grounds developed into a fully equipped vehicle development and testing operation used by all automobile and truck divisions of GM. As Director of the Milford Proving Grounds, Chuck spearheaded safety and performance criteria for radial tires, as well as the introduction of radial tires across all GM product lines. In 1985 Chuck was named a Fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) in recognition of his Tire Performance and Safety Criteria development work. He received the Claude R. Erickson Distinguished Alumnus Award from the MSU College of Engineering in 2008, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to vehicle safety development and lifelong support of the Engineering College. When giving the commencement speech to the 2008 MSU graduation class, he impressed upon them the importance of integrity and honesty; having taken part in the evolution of the auto industry, he understood the need for trust and a solid foundation. In addition to the College of Engineering, Chuck was also an ardent supporter of Michigan State University athletics, and a member of the John A. Hannah Society. Throughout his life, and especially following his retirement from General Motors, Chuck enjoyed life with Mary K. at their homes in Brighton, Michigan, Naples, Florida, and on Torch Lake, Michigan. He was an avid golfer, both in Florida and Michigan, and continued investing and believing in good companies and good people. He relished teaching his grandchildren all he could, including bicycle riding and boating, and traveled the world with Mary K. Regardless of where he might be, he could always be found rooting for his number one football team, the MSU Spartans. Chuck was a proud outdoorsman and always had time for his family. He will be greatly missed and forever loved by both family and friends alike. A true gentleman, an incredible father, and a wonderful grandfather, there will never be another like him. So as he would always say, "Not bad for a short guy." Chuck and Mary K. are survived by three children: Robert (Cindy) Brady (Singapore), Lynn Strong (Brighton), and Kathleen (Tony) Flippo (Singapore), and six grandchildren: Aidan and Evan Brady, Rebecca (Matt) Kurta and Sarah Strong, and Nigel and Dylan Flippo. Chuck is survived by his sisters Patricia (Edward) Convery and Judy Wirth. His sisters Mary Ann (Pete) Leitz and Phyllis (John) Wenzel, and son-in-law Michael Strong predeceased him. He is survived by his dear friend and companion, Esther Jarvis.

KAREN SIMPSON BEARD

Age 45, passed away January 2, 2011 at home after a long, courageous battle. She was born on February 28, 1965, in Howell, to Frederick and Judith (Williams) Simpson. She was a lifelong resident of South Lyon. Karen is survived by her husband Jeffrey of 24 years; adoring children: Justin, Cody (Keri), Jessica; loving parents, Fred and Judy Simpson; her devoted brother and sister: Frederick and Kelly; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 5th, from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on January 6th at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Contributions in memory of Karen may be made payable to Jeff Beard for Jessica's college education. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LUKE A. BEAUCHEMIN

Age 23, December 20, 2010. Loving son of Greg and Janine. Dear brother of Nicholas. Grandson of Donald and June Beauchemin of Port Huron, MI. Also survived by numerous aunts and uncles. Funeral services were held at St James Church, Novi. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JAMES ESBROOK

Age 92, of South Lyon, passed away December 29, 2010. He was born December 10, 1918 in Gibbs City, Michigan to George W. and Hannah (Lindquist) Esbrook. He proudly served in the US Army during World War II. His infantry landed at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. He received a Purple Heart for his injuries sustained during battle. James obtained his Bachelor of Forestry in 1949 from the University of Michigan. On June 16, 1951 he married the love of his life Dorothy R. Ketchum. He was a Forester with the City of Detroit from 1949-1982. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, and hunting. James was very devoted to his family and loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a great storyteller; which helped keep the grandchildren entertained. He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy; his children, Mary Gabbert, James (Rachael) Esbrook, and Elaine (James) Trevaunt; 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and 7 brothers and sisters. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, January 8, 2011 from 10am-11am with a Memorial Service beginning at 11am at the First Presbyterian Church, 205 East Lake Street, South Lyon. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon or West Iron County Schools.



CYRUS "CY" FLOWERS

of Highland died Sunday, January 2, 2011. He was 54 years old. He is survived by his beloved wife Michele; sons, Kyle; daughter, Theresa (Jeremy) Shebby; granddaughters, Violet Shebby; and extended family members, dear friends and colleagues. Memorial Celebration of Life was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Wednesday, January 5th at 5PM. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

NORMA J. GOMEZ

Age 43, of South Lyon, passed away January 1, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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EDWARD A. GRUDZIE

Age 89, passed away December 27, 2010. He was born on October 5, 1921, in Hamtramck, son of the late Adam & Stephanie Grudzien. Ed was a WWII veteran, serving in the Army Air Corp. His hobby in life was spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife Yvonne of 60 years; his children: Stewart (Marcy), Steven (Jean), Nanette (Ken) Barthlow, Scott (Nancy), Norma (Jeff) Rye; his grandchildren: Graham, Amy, Adrienne, Billie, Becky, Wesley, Adam, Amanda, Ryan, Kaitlyn & Patrick; 7 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Ed was preceded in death by his sister Lillian. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 2nd from 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, January 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



DALE J. LAMOREAUX

Age 70, passed away December 28, 2010. He was born on September 28, 1940, in West Branch, son of the late Phil and Mary Lamoreaux. Dale is survived by his beloved wife Linda of 42 1/2 years; his children: Alissa (Patrick) Pello, Jill (Dennis) Farmer and Phillip (Dee Dee). He is also survived by his grandchildren: Lynnette, Alexa, Ryan, Megan, Gavin and Jacob. Memorial service was held on Friday, December 31, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or Immanuel Lutheran Church in memory of Dale. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



GEORGE OSWALD

Age 65, of Northville, passed away peacefully January 1, 2011. He was born December 19, 1945 in New York, New York to George and Johanna (Walakovits) Oswald. He proudly served his country with the United States Army as a Military Police Guard during the Vietnam War. George received an undergraduate degree and Masters in Consumer Behavior from Ohio State University. He was united in marriage to Ann E. Branch on March 24, 1973, and they spent 38 loving years together until his death. Mr. Oswald, a resident of Northville since 1978, retired as a Marketing Research Manager with Ford Motor Company. He was a big fan of Ohio State University football. George enjoyed woodworking and constructed some of the tables in his home. He was an avid watcher of MSNBC and the stock market; he also enjoyed reading the Wall Street Journal and Investor Business Daily. He immensely enjoyed the Ford Marketing Research Alum lunches. He is survived by his beloved wife Ann E. Oswald; his mother Johanna Oswald; his sister Barbara (Stephen) Cutter; his loving caregiver Teresa Parrom; and his nieces and nephews. His two favorite pets, toy poodles Audi and Lacey, will miss him greatly, as we all will. He was preceded in death by his father and older brother Carl Oswald. Private family services were held. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor; Attn Physical Medicine and Rehab Center, American Heart Association, or Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. (248) 349-0611

THOMAS N. PALINKAS

Of Whitmore Lake, MI. His Legacy... Age 54, died January 2, 2011 at Arbor Hospice Residence. He was born November 19, 1956 in Detroit, MI the son of Elmer and Lucille (Kules) Palinkas. On May 16, 1981 at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Whitmore Lake, Tom married his loving wife of 29 years Susan (Evans) Palinkas. He was employed as a factory tech with Atrium and a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

His Family... Loving husband of Susan, beloved father of Melissa of South Lyon and Sascha of Whitmore Lake, dear brother of Tim (Kathy) of Howell and Karen Hahn of Boise, ID and uncle of Matt of Chicago and Shayna and Kyndra of Howell. His mother Lucille and brother David preceded him in death.

His Farewell... The family will gather with friends on Wednesday from 5-8 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farewell will be held 11 AM Thursday, January 6, 2011 at Borek Jennings with Rev. Frederick Hatfield officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family for future designation. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Tom's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com

WILLIAM S. PINK

Age 57 and a long time resident of Milford, died on December 26, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores, in 2007 and his mother, Mildred Pink. He is survived by his step-son, Bernard (Angie) Thornton; grandsons, Tanner & Will; his father, William B. (Patricia) Pink of Clarkston; and sisters, Kathleen (Richard) McIsaac of Milford and Krista (Mark) Murtha of Ohio. A funeral service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6PM with Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Friends may visit Thursday 3PM until time of service. Memorials may be made in his name to a charity of your choice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

GRACE M. ROSS

Age 85, of Novi, passed away peacefully Dec. 30, 2010. A funeral service was held Jan. 2, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to the Michigan Humane Society or St. Andrew's Society of Detroit appreciated.

GLENN CURTIS ROBBINS-STORCH

Age 49, of Commerce, January 1, 2011. A funeral liturgy will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 East Commerce, Milford, on Thursday, Jan. 6 at 11 AM. For further info. call 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

FRANK TURCHAN

Age 85, of Northville, passed away Dec. 31, 2010. A service was held Jan. 3, 2011 at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Contributions to Humane Society of Huron Valley appreciated. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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Northville resident Mark Klutchko holds his largest tortoise, "Thor", a 70-pound sulcata from Africa's southwest Sahara region. This particular tortoise can attain sizes of near 1,000 pounds, given a long life span.

# Northville resident has loved turtles since he was boy

## Helping educate young children

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Saying that Northville's Mark Klutchko likes turtles and tortoises is an understatement.

He loves the reptiles, and, at last count, he has 57 in his basement on East Street just west of Center Street.

He lives in the house with his wife, Marlene, and their three children, Samantha, 15; Alexandra, 13; and Josh, 8. They used to live in Livonia, and he used to do construction work before he injured his back.

Klutchko now works part time at the Island Lake Shopping Range.

He passes some of the reptiles on to other people and charges a small fee to show them to local classrooms and teach children about them. He's gone to schools in Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Ann Arbor.

### WANTS TO DO MORE

"I've been trying to expand to different schools, but, unfortunately, schools have cut their budgets," Klutchko said.

"It's kind of like an informal rescue operation," at their home he said, as he takes in reptiles that have been abused or neglected.

He grew up in New Jersey, and there was a fish hatchery behind their home. "A lot of the ponds that they didn't use for raising trout were taken over by turtles and snakes and frogs," he said. "We used to go turtle and frog hunting all the time. He didn't eat them, just caught them and released them."

Klutchko's been keeping reptiles in his basement for about six years now. He's only lived in Northville a couple of years.

"We got one tortoise, and then it just kind of snowballed," he said. They have 28 tortoises and 29 different turtles.

### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO

A turtle is a reptile that lives in a shell. Turtles are usually thinner and have broader, flat shells, webbed feet, and live on water and land.

A tortoise lives mainly on land. They are mostly from Africa or places like the Galapagos Islands. Turtles are mainly meat eaters. They eat bugs, worms, fish, some vegetation. Snapping turtles eat fish, other turtles and small animals and birds.

When Klutchko lived in New Jersey, a 7-year-old boy was killed by a 4-foot-long alligator snapping turtle.

He said he spends a couple of hours a day tending to the reptiles, plus the family has 14 guinea pigs in the basement as well. He estimates his electric bill to be \$300 a month since the reptiles must have special UVB lights that simulate the sun's rays.

The girls help dad take care of the reptiles and guinea pigs.

### INTELLIGENT REPTILES

Klutchko said turtles and tortoises may be slow, but they are surprisingly intelligent.

"They respond to their names," he said. "Our big guy, Thor, (who is 70 pounds) will follow me like a little puppy around the yard." Another male, Caesar, loves attention and will climb up in his lap if you're sitting on the grass.

Some of the reptiles' names are Smiley, Shelly, Flower, Piggy, Saphira, Sonny and Cher, Ziggy, Bupha, Twiggy and Hope.

He's trying to breed spider tortoises, that are really small, because they're critically endangered. "They're almost extinct," Klutchko said. "We want to keep the species going."

He has a network of contacts through the Internet.

The children enjoy raising the reptiles, and Samantha wants to become a veterinarian that specializes in exotic animals. They also have a Uromastix, which is a spiny-tailed lizard, and a frog.

"We love them a lot," Samantha said.

# Northville girls enjoy deer hunting

## Eight between two

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Even though they are only 15 and 13, Samantha and Alexandra Klutchko have already nabbed five deer between the two of them this year and eight total.

Thanks to training from their father, Mark, and a local youth hunter safety program, the Northville teenagers now feel comfortable in a deer blind waiting for the perfect shot.

Samantha is a sophomore at Northville High School, and Alexandra is an eighth-grader at Hillside Middle School.

### WENT DURING GUN SEASON

The girls shot their last deer on

Nov. 15 during firearm season. In September, a two-day youth hunt takes place in Rose City north of Saginaw that the girls attend.

"It's just kids," Mark said. "No adults can hunt, but an adult has to be with them." That's when the girls got their first two deer. Then, they both shot a deer on opening day. On the second day, Samantha shot another.

Samantha has been hunting since she was 12. Alexandra started last year, but she didn't shoot a deer her first year.

### FIRST YEAR OUT

The first year in the woods, Samantha shot a doe. When she was 13, she didn't have any luck. Last year, at age 14, she got two

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## HUNTING

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bucks — a six-point in the youth hunt and a four-point in the regular season.

This year, she shot a doe during the youth hunt and a buck and doe in the regular season.

Hunters have to buy a special permit to shoot does, and they used to be on a lottery system. But, the deer population has been getting so huge that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been selling doe tags over the counter, Mark said.

"They just automatically give them out," he said. The Klutchkos hunt on private property up north in Port Austin at the tip of the thumb. They are allowed up to three doe tags plus two regular tags.

"Usually, we go out for opening day, and maybe we go out a second time, depending on how many deer we get."

PRACTICE ALL SUMMER



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Samantha Klutchko, 15, shows off one of the taxidermied bucks from the Northville family's basement. The sophomore at Northville High School loves shooting and hunting.

"It was real exciting, because I practiced the whole summer before," Samantha said. "The deer was only about 20 yards away. It only took one bullet, and that was it."



Alexandria Klutchko, 13, an eighth-grader at Hillside Middle School, displays a young buck that one of the family members shot on one of their hunting expeditions. She and her sister have shot eight deer total.

Last year during the youth hunt, the deer she shot was about 100 yards away. "That was the six-pointer — my biggest buck so far," she said. She shot a doe that was 175 yards away with a

rifle last year, and the four-pointer this year was about 80 yards away. The doe she shot the second day ran about 400 yards. "I've shot six deer with six bullets, so I'm happy about that," Samantha said.

The Klutchkos love venison, and one of Mark's favorite ways to prepare it is to cook it over coals on skewers. They also have steaks and ground meat.

He stresses practicing a lot before going out into the woods.

"We live at the practice range in the summer," Samantha said. "We love shooting."

Alexandria was in an elevated stand during the youth hunt when she shot at a doe but missed.

Then she shot a button buck with small, erupting horns and later got another buck that was 190 pounds.

"I was sitting there shaking," Alexandria said, because it started out about 500 yards away.

"It doesn't really matter if you get a deer or not," Samantha said. "It's just being out in the woods. My favorite place in the world is outside."

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## OUR VIEWS

### State budget woes Granholt tried but can't escape legacy

No one can blame departing Gov. Jennifer Granholm for trying to put the best possible spin on what has been a difficult eight-year term.

But spin is one thing. Outright deception is quite another. That's what the governor did, however, in end-of-year interviews where she patted herself on the back for leaving her successor a surplus.

She did no such thing. By law, the state must have a balanced budget. But the spending plan signed by the governor three months ago only met that requirement by stretching the letter of the law. The governor and the state Legislature — as they have for most of the decade — failed to deal with a structural deficit that was at least \$1.6 billion. The budget was "balanced" — if that's the term she wants to use — only because of more than \$1 billion in stimulus money that came from the federal government.

Unburdened by balanced-budget requirements, the federal government is free to spend money it doesn't have. That means the cost will be paid by greater debt and obligations passed onto future generations.

Meanwhile, the state uses federal money to disguise its budget gap. But it's still there. Michigan's revenue sources — taxes — don't provide enough money to cover the costs of state government.

That gap was brought home again Tuesday, when the state released estimates that say the budget chasm that will greet Gov. Rick Snyder has grown to \$1.85 billion. By mid-January, when state fiscal analysts meet to build a consensus budget forecast, the projected deficit will likely be as high as \$2 billion.

Faced with such dreary — but hardly surprising — news, it's almost criminal that Granholm would boast of leaving a budget surplus for the incoming governor. If she truly believes that, she is both delusional and stupid. She is neither. So, one must assume she is desperately trying to leave behind a good story when she shuts the governor's door for the last time.

The circumstances behind Michigan's falling revenue are not Granholm's fault. Michigan shed hundreds of thousands of mostly good, high-paying jobs during her time in office. That was the result of major changes in manufacturing that were independent of government policy. Further, even as the foundation for tax revenues (income, spending and property values) were at risk, the state was lowering its income tax rate. Meanwhile, because of an often worst-in-the-nation unemployment rate, the need for social services escalated.

In 2007, the state did halt the decline of the income tax rate and raise it to 4.35 percent. Even so, legislators included a provision that will lower the rate next year to 4.25 percent. For individuals, that will amount to a dollar a week in savings for every \$50,000 in taxable income. But it will cost the state \$160 million.

So, as her defenders say, Granholm was dealt a difficult hand, both in terms of a horrid state economy and because of obstinate Republican lawmakers. As a governor, though, she is defined by how she dealt with the crisis. Although there were clearly spending cuts and job reductions during her time in office, she failed to provide the leadership needed to restructure state government to be in line with new, long-term spending realities.

It appears that she preferred to believe in a fantasy world where gimmicks and one-time cash infusions were treated as budgetary prowess. But our state must function in a real world. In that world, Michigan will be facing a \$2 billion deficit. That's a legacy shared by the Legislature, but it is equally borne by Granholm. Even if she doesn't want to admit it.

This editorial originally appeared in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, a Gannett newspaper.

### Now would be a good time to kick habit

For those still addicted to tobacco, the start of a new year would be a great time to give it up.

Last year, in the latest strike against the tobacco industry, the state Legislature further restricted the places where it is illegal to smoke. Most notably, smoking is now outlawed in bars and restaurants.

Some can fairly question the motivation for the law. Was it truly for health reasons because of concerns about the effects of secondhand smoke? Or was it really a disguised movement to ban a habit that some find offensive? It's a fair question, given that the law failed to include casinos. Or should we believe that the health of casino employees and customers is unimportant?

Nonetheless, there is no doubt that smoking is a deadly disease and that the industry is despicable. Not only did company leaders consistently lie about the addictive nature of their products, but the cigarettes have become even more addictive in recent years. All the better to capture young smokers.

Michigan lawmakers wrung their hands about the evils of secondhand smoke. But they also diverted money from a tobacco lawsuit settlement away from programs designed to attack smoking health issues.

In the long run, it's not healthy to depend on lawmakers to protect your health. For those still smoking, find a way this year to finally kick the habit for good.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you have any new year's resolutions for 2011?



"To praise the Lord every day I can get out of bed and put my feet on the floor."

Madeline Crawford  
84-year Northville resident



"I am planning on trying to see my grandson Sebastian in Texas more often."

Debbie Luterek  
Northville



"I'm going to try to get through the year and not get stressed and take it as it comes."

Joanna Harris  
Northville



"I'm going to try to spend more time with my family."

Lindsey Butzin  
Belleville

## LETTERS

### Don't change Historic District

As a resident of the Historic District of Northville, I am extremely concerned about the proposed changes to the property at 413 Randolph between West and Linden, in Northville's Historic District.

Miller Building Company, which recently purchased the property, has been granted permission to subdivide the property into four separate home sites for a new, "spec" community, currently titled The Greenstone on Randolph. I am extremely concerned that this new spec development will completely destroy the feel and historic fabric of the Historic District.

The Northville Historic District was established with the express purpose of recognizing that its unique and historic architectural character was worthy of preservation. At that time ordinances were enacted to safeguard the heritage of the City of Northville by preserving a district, which reflects elements of its cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history. The historic section of Northville is one of the few unique things that sets our city apart from surrounding communities. Randolph is one of the major avenues through

Northville. How will people feel when they drive by and instead of a bucolic farmstead including one of the last historic barns in the city (which Miller is proposing to destroy), they see a planned spec community in the heart of the Historic District?

I challenge the Historic District Commission to handle this project with a very critical eye. Projects like the Greenstone on Randolph are what the Historic District Commission and Historic District was designed to prevent. They must protect the degradation of the fabric and feel of the Historic District and prevent "in vogue" architectural styles and trends from compromising the historical significance of our community. While adding new homes to the community is always welcome, it must be done in a tasteful, respectful way, keeping the historic look, scale and feel of the community intact. The renovation of the current home and possibly the addition of one additional home on the property would still conform to the historical feel and look of the area. Do we truly need four homes smashed onto just over half an acre?

As a resident of the Historic District, I take constant pride in the history of my home and the con-

tribution it makes to the community as a whole. If Miller Building Company is allowed to proceed with this proposed project as planned, an important part of this community and an irreplaceable neighborhood will be forever damaged in the name of greed and progress.

Cary Piarin  
Northville

### Garden Club kudos

Heartfelt thanks to the many Northville business owners, professionals and residents who recently supported the annual Northville Garden Club Greens Mart.

Because of your purchases of holiday wreaths and roping, we, once again, are able to sponsor high school and community college scholarships and plant and maintain flower and garden beds in the community we love.

Our deepest gratitude,  
Mimi Kibbey, Ways and Means chair  
Northville Garden Club

## GUEST COLUMN

### Michigan needs to Innovate To Educate!

This is part one of a two-part column. Look for part two in next week's edition. — Editor

Will Michigan schools be part of the reinvention of our state or will our new state leaders remain content to simply do a little dusting around the edges of the existing model and continue to make minor tweaks to an educational system in great need of a major transformation?



Tom Watkins

Would any thoughtful, rational educator replicate the existing educational system given the opportunity to begin anew?

Up to 10 percent of Michigan school districts are currently under financial distress with more following close behind. Our largest school district, Detroit Public Schools, is teetering on the edge of collapse.

We continued to pretend and spend as if nothing has changed — when everything has changed.

Are our elected leaders and educators capable of implementing change in our K-12 public school system that will move us boldly into the 21st century?

While state superintendent of Michigan schools between 2001-05 and having since left that position, I continue to see the need for our schools to lead change.

In assuming that role in state government in 2001, our team drafted a "change" document — "Thirty Ideas in 30 Days, Our Children, Our

Schools, our Future — a Call for Collaboration and Action" — that said, "... Our world is changing in dramatic ways and our system of education must embrace those changes ... or be totally engulfed by them." And, "Our future is sitting in our classrooms today. The viability of our society, the strength of our economy, the quality of our lives, the vibrancy of our democracy, and our place in the world — all depend on our system of public education." Fast forward nine years to today, and these sentiments remain true.

In 2004 I called for the governor, Legislature and state Board of Education to take action to address the unsustainable health care and pension costs and for the shared services and consolidation of school districts to drive more resources to the classroom in a report titled "Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan Schools in the 21st Century." The question was the same then as now: Would our schools exist for teaching, learning and children, or exist for power, control, politics and adults? The latter won.

Actions taken to date addressing this crisis have been anemic at best. Our state leaders have known the problems existed for years, allowing them to fester. Without addressing these issues there will never be the resources available to educate our children to world-class standards.

The need for change and reform remains. Will our new refrain be "innovate to educate" as called for by the Symposium on (Re)Design For Personalized Learning or will we continue the "contain the change" mentality that permeates the debates surrounding education

under the capitol dome?

While we worry about educated students fleeing our state after graduation, we need to be equally concerned about the uneducated and under-educated ones that stay behind. The uneducated are not the foundation required to reinvent or rebuild Michigan. We can either get smarter and wealthier economically and spiritually or we can become dumber and poorer as a state and nation — it is that simple.

The individual, city, state and nation that is educated will be the individual, city, state and nation that thrive.

How can we move into the information age/knowledge economy if our No. 1 information industry, education, remains mired in the industrial age? Holding onto the past and protecting the status quo are not prescriptions to help us thrive.

A symposium organized this past summer by the Software and Information Industry Association in collaboration with the Association of Curriculum Supervision & Development and the Council of Chief State School Officers came to the following conclusion: There is a need to fundamentally redesign our K-12 educational system around the student and is required for their and our nation's future success.

Certainly there are islands of excellence and reform sprouting up across Michigan and America that should be supported and nurtured — but we need more than islands.

One such island is WAY Program (Widening Advancement for Youth), co-founded and directed by Beth Baker and Glen Taylor. Glen

was the only Michigan educator invited to attend the national education symposium.

The WAY Program is a personalized learning experience for students who struggle with traditional high school. WAY offers an alternative approach to education; one that encourages self-esteem, independence, and the development of 21st century skills that will facilitate a college education and subsequent career paths.

This past summer, change agent educators attended a national education symposium to focus on the need to "systemically redesign of our nation's education system" joined together under a common belief "that our industrial-age, assembly-line education model based on fixed time, place, pace and curriculum, is insufficient in today's knowledge-based economy."

Recently, the U.S. Department of Education released its "2010 Technology Plan: Transforming American Education — Learning Powered by Technology." As the secretary of education says: "The plan calls for applying the advanced technologies used in our daily personal and professional lives to our entire educational system to improve student learning, accelerate and scale up adoption of effective practices, use data and information for continuous improvement."

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the U.S. and China. He helped start the first charter school in Michigan and Florida, wrote a report on e-learning, The New Education (Revolution) and served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: twatkins@aol.com.



# Visit downtown Northville for dinner and a movie

## Marquis Theatre announces 2011 Movie Series

Forget big-box theatres and flavor-of-the-month films. For a truly unique experience, make a date in downtown Northville. The Northville DDA is pleased to announce the 2011 Movies at the Marquis series "Classics through the Decades" sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford. The small-town family-owned theatre Marquis Theatre continues its beloved tradition with Saturday night screenings Jan. 15-March 19. Shop Northville's eclectic boutiques, galleries and shops, and book a dinner reservation at Table 5, LeGeorges, Poole's Tavern, Tiramì Su, Riffles, Starting Gate or Rebecca's. Then, grab some popcorn and find a seat for big-screen viewings of these great flicks that have stood the test of time:

• Jan. 15 - Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981): Directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Harrison Ford, this epic adventure introduced the world to famous archaeologist Indiana Jones. Presented by Preservation Dental  
• Jan. 22 - Funny Face (1957) A fashion classic, Audrey Hepburn plays a reluctant model swept away to Paris by a handsome photographer.



Presented by Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro

• Jan. 29 - Tootsie (1982): Dustin Hoffman leads a star-studded cast as he plays an unemployed actor who dresses as a woman to land a soap opera role. Presented by Poole's Tavern  
• Feb. 5 - Sunset Boulevard (1950): A former silent film star struggles with Hollywood obscurity in a dramatic classic starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson. Presented by Orin Jewelers.  
• Feb. 12 - It Happened One Night (1934): Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert heat up the silver screen in this romantic comedy about a spoiled heiress and the roving reporter who courts her. Presented by Long Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Kitchen & Bath Design.  
• Feb. 19 - Love Story (1970): It doesn't get more romantic than this timeless tale of star-cross

lovers played by Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal. Presented by Stampeddler

• Feb. 26 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967): A couple (Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn) confronts their preconceptions when their daughter brings home her black fiancé (Sidney Poitier). Presented by Sincerely Yours

• March 5 - West Side Story (1961): The feuding families become two warring New York City gangs - the white Jets led by Riff and the Puerto Rican Sharks, led by Bernardo. Presented by Starring the Gallery.

• March 12 - The Sting (1973): Paul Newman and Robert Redford play con men that team up to steal a fortune from a crooked banker. Presented by Urban Optiques

• March 19 - American Graffiti (1973): Ron Howard, Richard Dreyfuss, Cindy Williams and Harrison Ford got their start in this tale of high school grads cruising the strip one last time. Presented by Edward's Café & Caterers

### FIRST UP

Preservation Dental, the office of Dr. William S. Demray presents the 1981 film "Indiana Jones and

the Raiders of the Lost Ark" on Jan. 15, the first film in the 2011 Movies at the Marquis series in downtown Northville. Tickets are \$3 each and are available now at the dental office located at 371 E. Main Street, Northville.

Did you know in 2010 Indiana Jones was ranked #2 on Time Magazine's list of the greatest fictional characters of all time, surpassed only by Sherlock Holmes?

Demray has been an active supporter of Northville community events, like the Movies at the Marquis, for as long as Dr. Jones has been hanging on cliffs. When asked "Why this film?"

Demray quoted Indiana's nemesis, French archaeologist, René Belloc: "Who knows. Perhaps the Ark is still waiting in some antechamber for us to discover. Perhaps there's some vital bit of evidence... which eludes us. Perhaps..."

Showtime for all screenings is 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6:45 p.m. Tickets (\$3) will be available at merchant-sponsor locations. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street. For more information and updates on the 2011 Movies at the Marquis Series, visit [www.downtownnorthville.com](http://www.downtownnorthville.com) or call 248-349-0345.

# Andiamo Novi Theatre announces 2011 Off-Broadway Series

Theater-lovers can enjoy a year of critically-acclaimed Off-Broadway productions as the Andiamo Novi Theatre opens 2011 with an 11-show Series yesterday. Tickets for all shows in the Andiamo Novi Theatre 2011 Off-Broadway Series are now on sale.

There is something for everyone in the 2011 Off-Broadway Series as the shows bring to life such topics as the hilarity and ups-and-downs of relationships between families and men and women, and an up-close-and-personal (and humorous) look at many celebrities' memoirs. Audiences will also have mind-games played on them, taken to a galaxy far far away with one man's solo mission, and have them feeling like they were in the same room as the Godfather with another's flawless homage to Coppola's classic. The 11 shows in the Andiamo Novi Theatre's 2011 Off-Broadway Series scheduled to hit the stage January-June 2011 are:

Jan. 5-23: Steve Solomon's My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm In Therapy

Jan. 26-30: Marc Salem's Mindgames

Feb. 3-5: I Say Tomato, You Say Shut Up - A Love Story featuring Annabelle Gurwitch & Jeff Kahn

Feb. 9-20: Mike Dugan's Men Fake Foreplay

Feb. 24-26: One Man Star Wars

### DETAILS

Performance times and ticket prices for shows in the 2011 Off-Broadway Series are 8 p.m. Wednesday (\$30), Thursday (\$30) and Friday (\$35); 7 p.m. Saturday (\$35); and 5 p.m. Sunday (\$30). Dinner and show package are available for \$79.95/couple on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and \$89.95/couple on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets may be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office, by phone at (248) 348-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

March 2-20: The Godfadda Workout

March 23-April 10: I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - Male Intellect - An Oxymoron?

April 29-May 1: Celebrity... Autobiography

May 4-22: Bad Dates

May 25-June TBA: The Last Five Years

Steve Solomon's smash-hit one-man show, "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm In Therapy", kicks off the series. Performances run Wednesdays-Sundays through Jan. 23 and tickets are now on sale.

Actor Ron Tobin masterfully takes audiences through a hilarious evening with the crazy characters into his stories created by Solomon. The tales take on a life of their own as he recounts memorable moments from Solomon's past and makes witty observations on timely topics. Throughout the night, theater-goers will meet Uncle Willie, Stuttering Cousin Bob, Demented Cousin Kenny, Steve's new therapist Cousin Sal (and Sal's parole officer) and a myriad of astounding characters we know, love and tolerate from our own families. Each character is brought to life on stage by Tobin using his gift for creating voices dialects and wacky sound effects that only add to the hilarity of each story.

WOR Radio calls the show "an hour and a half of laughter, hysterically funny!" Having headlined throughout the United States and Europe for over twenty years, Solomon's stories relate to the wacky side of the human condition. Literally hundreds of thousands of people have seen this award-winning show. This is a "don't miss" evening of hilarious comedy at its very best.

Tobin is a versatile performer who has opened for and worked with some of the greats in comedy as well, including Henny Youngman, Robert Klein, Jerry Seinfeld, Gabe Kaplan, and many others. Solomon hand-picked Ron from a group of 55 comedians and actors auditioning for the show. He said, "Ron's one of the most versatile and creative comic/actors I've seen in years. He brings my material to life!"

Tobin really seems to have his finger on the pulse of contemporary comedy, as well as mainstream society. Having lived in so many different sections of the United States and even in Europe for a short period, this very affable, chameleon-like entertainer so comfortably becomes one with his surroundings. He instantly takes on the voices, dialects, characterizations and attitudes of these "real life" characters he has encountered so far throughout his wonderful life journey, even including many popular celebrities.

Performance times, individual ticket prices and dinner & show package prices for "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm In Therapy" are as follows:

Please note that performance times for the Saturday, Jan. 15 are 1 and 7 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 22 show time is 1 p.m. There will be no performance on Sunday, Jan. 16.



"I Say Tomato, You Say Shut Up - A Love Story" -- part of the Andiamo Novi Theatre's 2011 Off-Broadway Series which features 11 productions -- takes the stage Feb. 3-5.

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More. For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Submit. Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

#### LOCAL

##### Northville Women's Club

**Time/Date:** 1:30 P.M. Friday, Jan. 7  
**Location:** First Presbyterian Church  
**Details:** Start the new year in a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy Table Games. It will also be a guest day. Chairperson for the day is Karen Poulos.  
**Contact:** Virginia Martin (248) 349-3064.

##### Northville-Now Garden Club

**January Meeting**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10  
**Location:** The Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, Northville.  
**Details:** Caring for Roses, presented by

Beth Liskiewicz from Steinkopf Nursery  
**Contact:** [www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org](http://www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org)

##### Haircut Day for Cancer Aid & Research

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 16  
**Location:** VFW 4012, 438 S. Main, Northville  
**Details:** Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary VFW 4012 (438 S. Main). Raffle baskets and food; \$12 donation.  
**Contact:** Betty Burkacki at (734) 891-3921

##### "Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs"

**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 18, 19 and 22; Sundays, Jan. 9, 16 and 23; Thursday, Dec. 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. 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](http://northvillemarquistheatre.com).

## Heise calls for water department fix

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Back in the fall, when he was a candidate for the seat in the state House 20th District, Kurt Heise outlined a plan to revamp the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, giving suburban customers more input into a department that serves the water needs of some 87 communities.

While Heise, a Plymouth Township attorney who won the seat in the November general election, figured it would be early on the agenda, he never figured he'd be dealing with it before he even took office.

However, federal indictments of several city of Detroit officials, including Victor Mercardo, the former director of the DWSD, have pushed the issue front-and-center nearly a month before Heise is even sworn in.

"Whenever you've got a huge story like (the Detroit indictments) that really transforms the governmental landscape like these indictments have, your first reaction is one of shock at the scope and severity of these indictments," said Heise, the former director of the Wayne County environment department. "It almost as quickly begs the question, 'Where do we go from here? How do you stop this from happening again?'"

Heise is proposing a plan for regional control and eventual privatization of the department, a plan he said would lead to cost savings, efficiencies, greater accountability and transparency for suburban customers.

Heise plans to introduce a bill creating the Southeast Michigan Water Quality Authority that would, among other things, eliminate the Board of Water Commissioners, create an executive committee of mayors and township supervisors and hire a private company to operate the water/sewer system as a regional public utility.

"My plan would keep ownership of the system with the people of Detroit, but would transfer decision making to a regional board elected by the community customers, of which Detroit would be a member," Heise said.

Heise said a bill is being drafted now, and he and his staff are hoping to set up meetings and discussions in January, once he's taken office.

"We'd like to start, as soon as we get started, with this bill or one like it," Heise said. "We need to get buy-in from (Detroit), and expand on the theme of cooperation that (Gov.-elect Rick) Snyder is serious about."

It's not a new idea. Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he took part in similar discussions when he was a member of the state House of Representatives a few years ago.

He said a joint task force "looked at" the DWSD and produced a bill that would restructure the water authority to give the suburbs more input.

"I think there needs to be some revamping of that department," LaJoy said. "The timing now is good. There's a vacancy in the director. We were hoping there would be input from the suburbs in the selection of the director. You'd think they'd want someone trying to work with people who understand the concerns of the suburbs."

State Rep. Dian Slavens of Canton, who serves the 21st House district, said she hadn't seen Heise's plan, but said she'd be willing to work with him because "something needs to be done" about the DWSD.

"I'd have to look at what (Heise) wants to do, but absolutely something needs to be done," Slavens said. "We need to look at ways of cutting costs. Those costs keep going up, so we need to look at ways of bringing some costs down, whether it's privatizing or another solution."

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE - Chapter 170

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing to consider amendments to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance: Article 3, General Use & Operating Provisions; Article 14, Commercial Recreation District (CR); Article 15, Office, Research & Technology District (ORT); Article 16, Industrial District (I-1); Article 17, Consumer Industrial District (CI); Article 18, Schedule of Regulations; Article 19, Uses Not Otherwise Addressed; Article 20, Development Options; Article 42, Building Permits; and Article 44, Definitions. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. on January 25, 2011 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. A complete copy of the proposed changes is available at Northville Township Offices during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Robert Nix, Chair  
Planning Commission

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2011 OFFICE CLOSINGS

The administrative offices at 44405 Six Mile Road, including the water & sewer department on Beck Road, will be closed for business on the dates listed below in 2011. The Department of Public Safety (Police & Fire) will be staffed and remain open 24/7 on the dates listed below.

**Holiday Office Closings:**

Monday, January 3	New Year's Day Holiday
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday
Monday, February 21	Presidents' Day
Friday, April 22	Good Friday
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4	Independence Day Observed
Monday, September 5	Labor Day Holiday
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, December 23	Christmas Holiday
Monday, December 26	Christmas Holiday

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

At the request of the Northville Charter Township Board, Wayne County, State of Michigan and by the authority conferred on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment by Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 419, as amended, and Section 250, Public Act 380 of 1965, and Section 41, Public Act 306 of 1969, a hearing will be held in the Northville Township Office Community Room, 44405 6 Mile Road, Northville, Michigan at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 13, 2011.

At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources and Environment will gather information from the public concerning possible changes in the interest of public safety to current laws concerning hunting and the discharge of firearms in the Napier Road area, Northville Township, Wayne County.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at 248/348-5800, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments orally at the public hearing. Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may, within 30 days after the hearing, submit written comments to:

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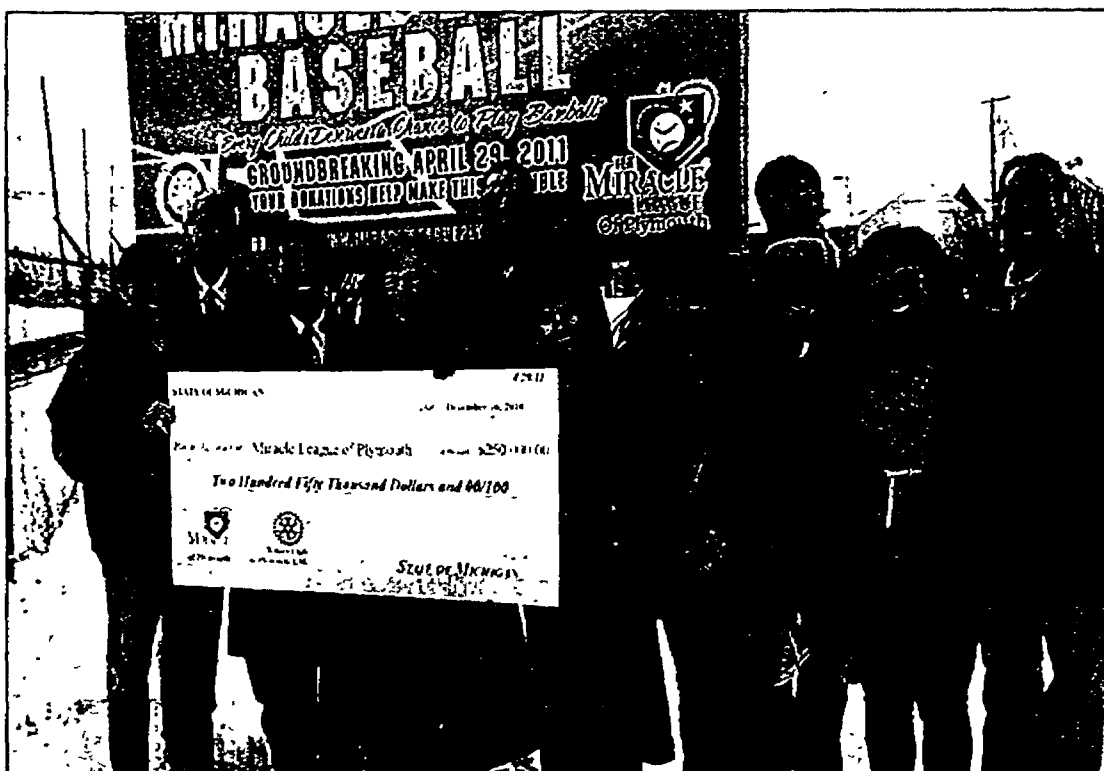
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Supporters of The Miracle League of Plymouth happily accepted a \$250,000 check from a state grant from 20th House Rep. Marc Corriveau Wednesday. Present for the event were (front, from left) Miracle League co-chair Bob Bilkie, Corriveau, co-chair Deb Madonna, Station 885 owner Joyce Costanza, Tricia Wolfe and Natalie Zazula, and (back, from left) Dick Schmidt, Ted Barker, Chris Kordick, Brian Finnerty (holding Trevor Wolfe) and Pat Olsen.

## MIRACLE

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and will include a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assistive devices, giving all children an opportunity to play baseball.

According to Deb Madonna, the director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council who is heading the Miracle League effort, the grant pushes the league to \$400,000 toward building the field (the goal is \$500,000). They're scheduled to break ground in April.

Madonna also said some \$58,000 has already been donated to the endowment for the care of the field once it's built. Donors can donate by check or credit card; details are on the league's website at [www.miracleleagueplymouth.org](http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org). Checks can be made out



State Rep. Marc Corriveau explains the state grant to supporters of The Miracle League of Plymouth at the Plymouth Cultural Center Wednesday.

to The Miracle League of Plymouth and sent to P.O. Box 5384, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Miracle League co-chair Bob Bilkie said the grant is "huge" because it brings the field

closer to reality and, he hopes, convinces potential donors the field project is a sound investment in the community.

"Hopefully, it gets fence-sitters to believe it's really going

to happen," Bilkie said. "We believe the private/public partnership is the wave of the future. We hope this is just the beginning of a lot of private-sector involvement with projects like this."

Corriveau said he learned about the Miracle League from watching an HBO special, and said the idea "moved me." When the Miracle League of Plymouth started talking about building a field in his district, Corriveau said, he felt he "wanted to do whatever I could."

"There's not a lot of money to be found, because every cupboard is bare," Corriveau said. "The state sees a real value in picking this kind of project. We hope, with the finish line in sight, people will dig as deep as they can. We're talking about building a field for children ... we want to finish this project."

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## LEADERSHIP

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they have to count expenses both statewide and nationally."

Much has been made of Snyder's business background. His resume boasts a successful career with Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers), including becoming partner in six years and becoming the 763rd employee to join Gateway before guiding the growth of the company toward becoming a Fortune 500 company with over 10,000 employees and ultimately ending up the president and chief operating officer.

Snyder left Gateway in 1997 and returned to Michigan where he raised \$200 million in venture capital funds to invest in building the startup businesses, HealthMedia, Inc., which provides internet based wellness and disease management tools.

Many argue this will be the first time the state has been run from a businessman's perspective since George Romney in 1963.



Starring

"He comes from business, so, hopefully, that will improve business," said Northville resident Mary Starring. "I don't know that the person who is in office has that much control over the business climate, but what he can affect will be from a business perspective."

Milford resident Ron Fowkes said he would be impressed if Snyder, during his first week of leadership, formed a group of the best people, regardless of political affiliation, to assess and make firm recommendations in their areas of expertise.

He said the strategic plans would need to include business taxation reform, preserving our critical and bountiful natural resources, fair and equitable school funding, restoring our state and local road and bridge infrastructure, fair and equitable Medicaid reform and rewriting legislation to make it easier for local forms of government to share services.

"This would be a good start for our new governor and provide firm and achievable goals for our new senators and house representatives," Fowkes said.

Milford Township Supervisor Don Green said he's hoping Snyder does something to straighten out the state budget.

"I'm kind of optimistic, but with the new legislature the question is how will they vote? In the past, everyone I voted for just went along with the program," he said.

Ara Topouzian, economic development director for the city of Novi, said he doesn't expect drastic changes overnight, but likes what he is hearing so far as it relates to economic development.

He said there has been some talk about giving the retention model back to local communities, and overhauling how the state looks at economic development.

"I for one am very eager to see what they do," he said. "Whenever there are new people there is a natural excitement, but what makes (Snyder) more attractive is he is a businessman and not a career politician ... he is someone with a unique background and brings some definite freshness."

Staff writers Aileen Wingblad, Pam Fleming, Victoria Mitchell and Nathan Mueller contributed to this report.

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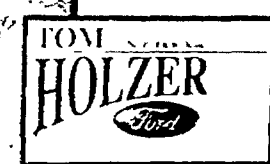
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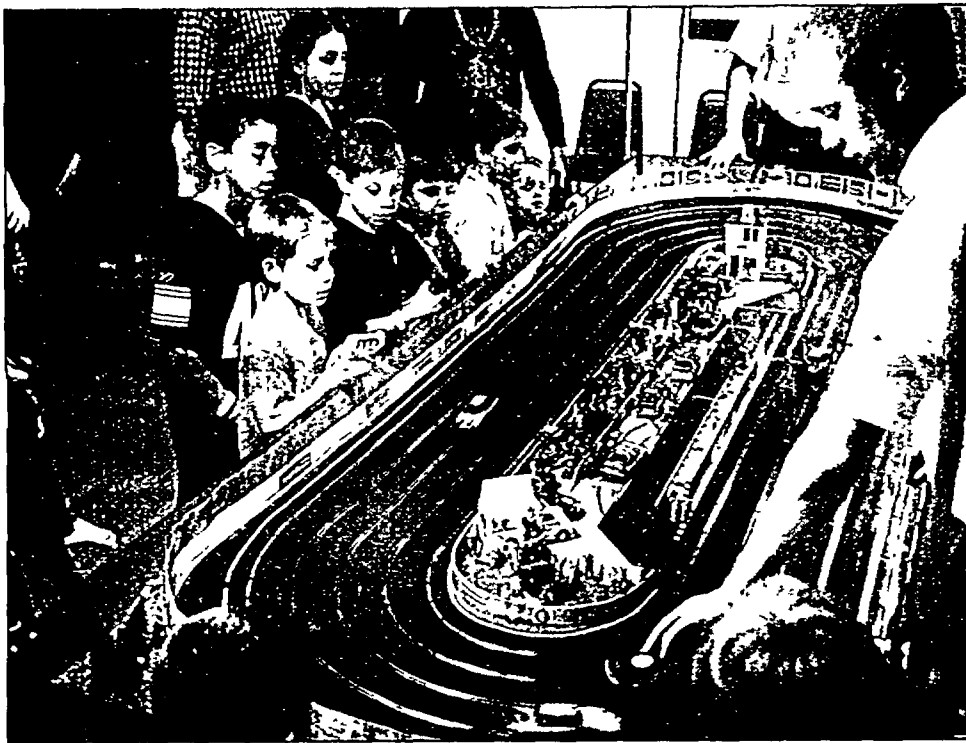
Already in his pajamas with footies, Myles Dameworth, 2, gets a push around the gym at Hillside by his grandmother Betty Williams during the Dec. 31 Northville Nite celebration.



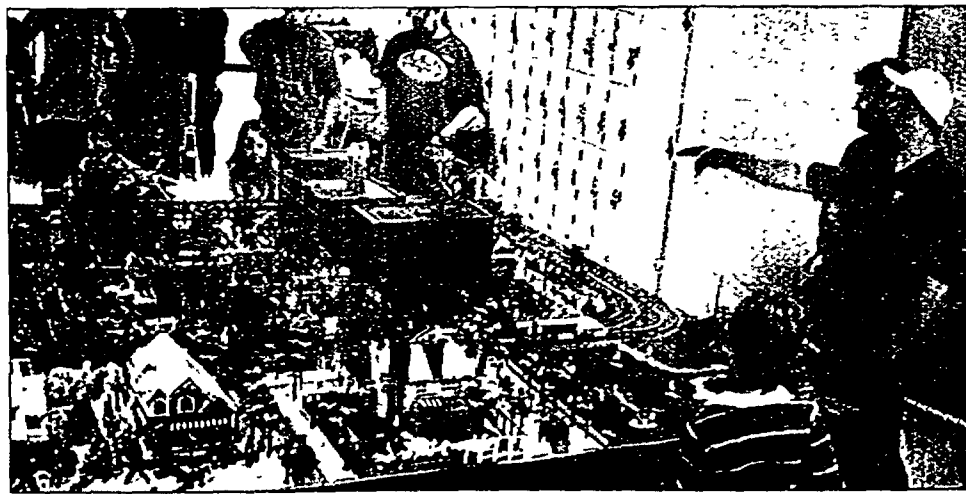
Sophia Iovan, 3, takes a swing at ping pong during the Dec. 31 Northville Nite celebration that took place at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

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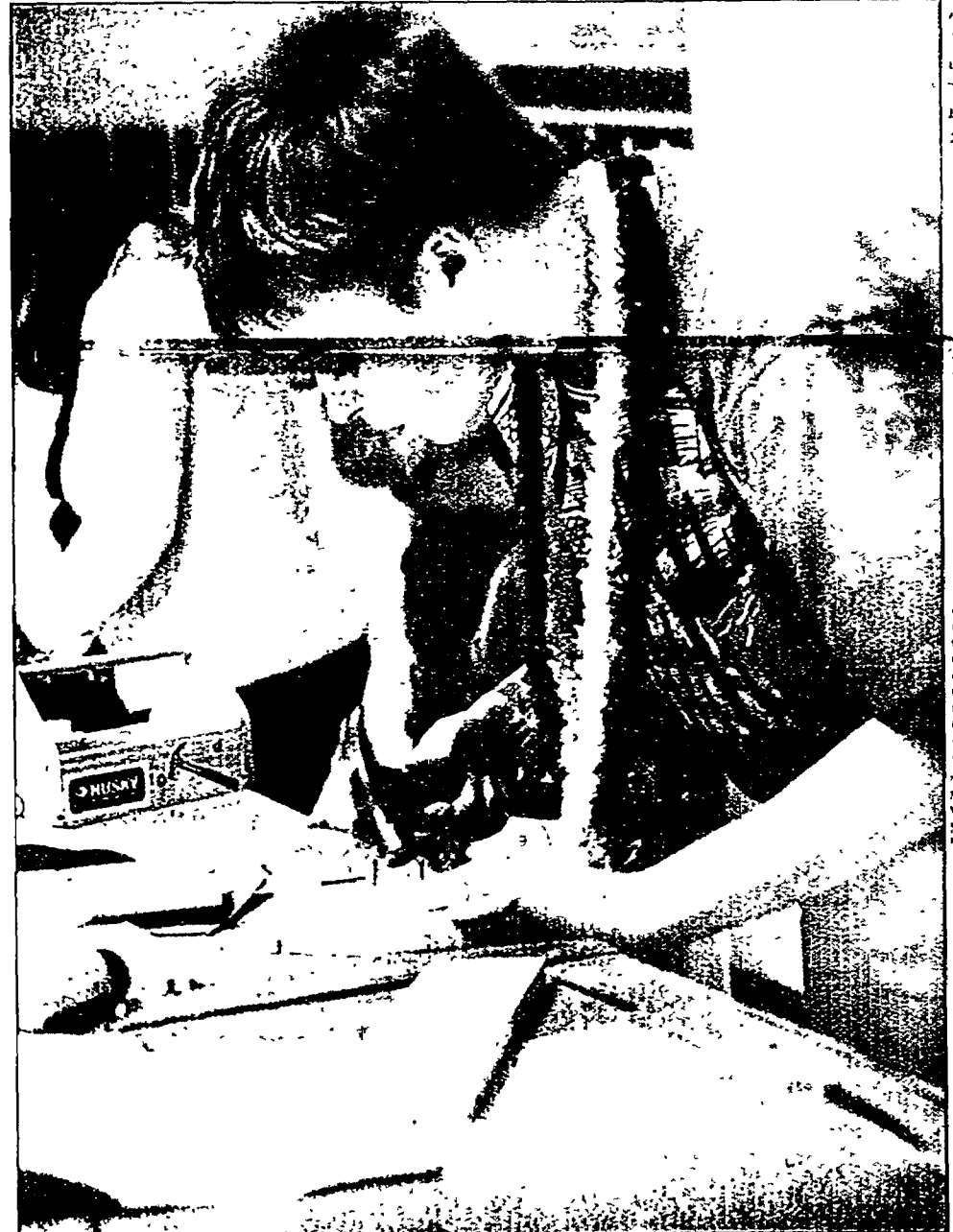
# Northville Nite celebration



Kids race cars around a track at one of the many activities provided at this year's Northville Nite.



Northville Nite-goers got to check out this Lego train set during their visit.



With a hammer in his hands, Noah Demarest, 11, works on building a tool box during the Dec. 31 Northville Nite celebration at Hillside.



The gym at the Recreation Center at Hillside is packed with parents and kids and lots of inflatable games during the Dec. 31 Northville Nite Celebration.



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### ENGAGEMENT

**Robertson & Jackett**  
Andrea Robertson and Chris Jackett announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mary and Ron Robertson of Livonia, attended Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Container and Pooling Solutions in Livonia. Her fiancé, son of Nancy and Bill Jackett of Redford, attended Michigan State University and is a freelance writer for the Novi News.

An April 2012 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



### ENGAGEMENT



#### Dreyfus & Staab

Charles and Becky Staab, of Novi, announce the engagement of their son, Charles Staab II, to Sarah Dreyfus, daughter of Rick and Cyndi Dreyfus, of Chesterfield, Mo.

The bride-to-be graduated from Parkway Central High School and United States Military Academy at West Point. She is a captain in the United States Army.

The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School and United States Military Academy at West Point. He is a captain in the United States Army.

The couple is planning a Jan. 15 wedding in Savannah, Ga.

### ENGAGEMENT



#### Poirier & Leath

Steve and Pam Poirier of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Poirier, to Dr. Justin Leath, of Macomb, son of Ian and Lenore Leath, of Fraser.

The bride-to-be earned a sales and business marketing degree from Western Michigan University, and she recently relocated back to Michigan from Chicago.

The groom-elect is a graduate of University of Michigan School of Dentistry and is currently practicing in southeast Michigan.

An October 2011 wedding in Northville is planned.



Logan Andrew Wilson was the first baby born at the St. Mary Mercy Miracle of Life Birthing Center in 2011. His parents are Matthew and Deane Wilson.

## First baby of 2011 St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Logan Andrew Wilson was the first baby born at the St. Mary Mercy Miracle of Life Birthing Center in 2011. Congratulations to proud parents Matthew and Deane Wilson.

Deane gave birth to Logan Andrew at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 1. He weighed in at a healthy six pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. He is a little brother to Kayleen, 8.

Deane is a stay-at-home mom and Matthew works for Norfolk Southern Railroad. "I'm glad that we came to St. Mary Mercy Hospital," said Deane.

### NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Northville Dems hold Town Hall on Tenure

The first of three planned Town Hall meetings scheduled by the Northville Democratic Club (NDC) will explore the "hot button" issue of changes in Michigan's Teacher Tenure Act.

Set for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, the meeting will be held at the Forum located in Hillside Middle School (Eight Mile Road and Center Street in Northville).

Leading the discussion will be the Representative Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills), chairman of the House Education Committee; and Steve Amberg, Michigan Education Association (MEA), Uniserve director for Birmingham and Bloomfield, an attorney who tried tenure cases for 20 years before joining MEA.

Further information on the Forum can be had by emailing NDC at cnich96@aol.com or phone (248) 374-3992.

#### Heise District Swearing-In Ceremony January 11

State Representative-Elect Kurt Heise will host an in-district swearing-in ceremony at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, before the start of the Plymouth Township Board meeting.

Plymouth District Court Judge Ronald Lowe will administer the Oath of Office.

The ceremony will be held at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty Road just north of Ann Arbor Road.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Heise will be officially sworn in at the Michigan State Capitol on Jan. 12 with the other members of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Heise's Lansing office will be located in Room N699 in the Anderson House Office Building. His main Lansing number will be (517) 373-3816 and his toll-free number will be 1-855-REP-KURT (1-855-737-5878).

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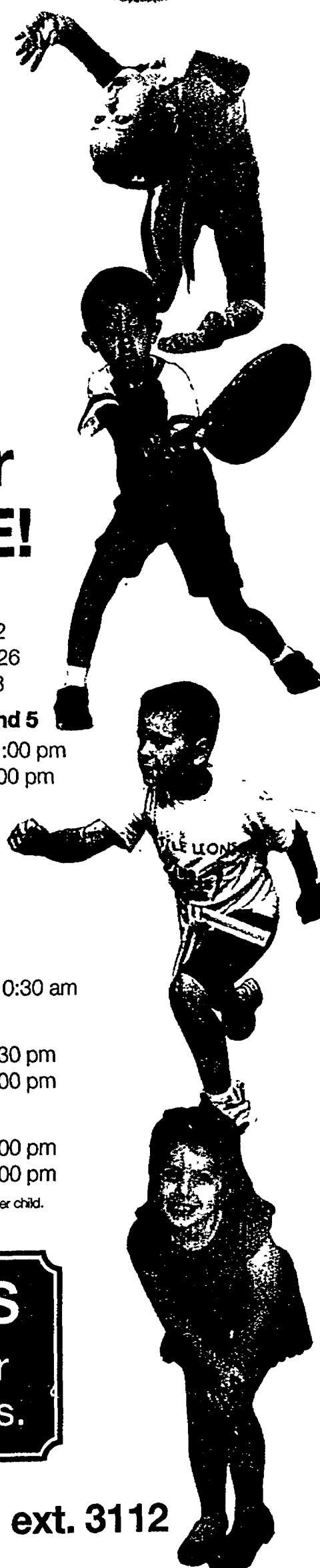
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## Tough double OT loss for Northville

Holiday tournament showcased Mustangs' determination, drive

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't all celebrations and happiness over the holiday break at Northville High School.

There were some cheers, of course, when the Northville Mustangs girls basketball team hosted the Northville Holiday Tournament, but there were some tears as well.

The girls squad, coached by Todd Gudith, earned an impressive 64-28 victory over the Ann Arbor Skyline Eagles to start off the tournament, but ended it with a heartbreaking 48-46 loss to Farmington Hills Harrison after a double-overtime clincher.

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back in action when they visit Livonia Stevenson Friday at 7 p.m. before hosting South Lyon Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"It was an entertaining game," said Gudith of the loss. "Our girls deserve a lot of credit to fight back after halftime. We kept chipping

away at the lead and made a great run in the third and top half of the fourth quarter. We had chances to win in regulation and both overtimes. Harrison just made enough plays down the stretch."

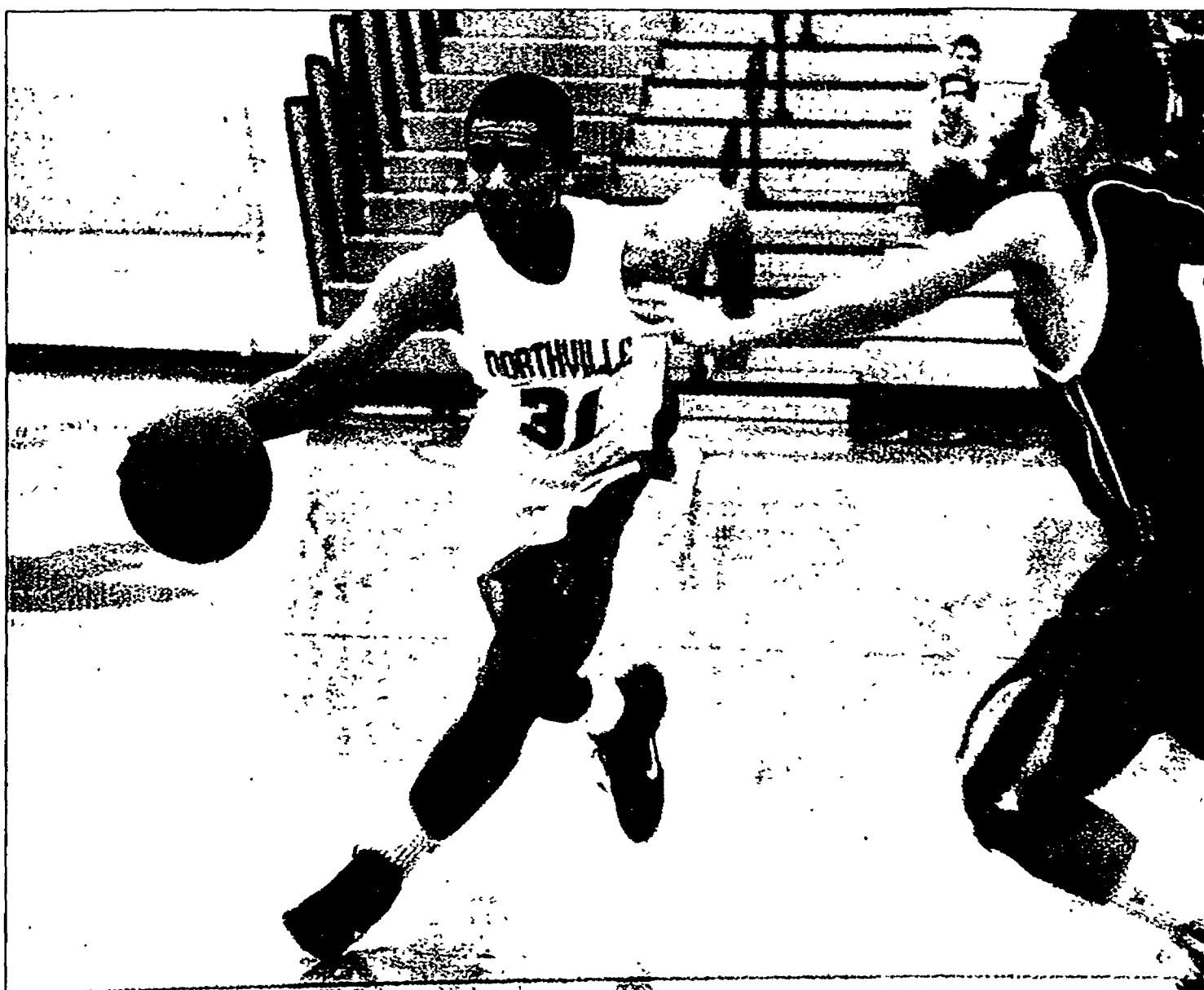
The Mustangs found themselves knotted up, 8-8, after the first quarter before suddenly falling behind in the second stanza, 21-10, as they headed into the locker room.

In the third, the Mustangs fought back to cut the lead to 23-20 before stepping up their game in the fourth when Northville cut the lead to one point on an early basket by Beth Roach. A lay-up and foul shot by Aly Bates gave the Mustangs their first lead, 25-23, since their opening basket in the beginning of the game.

The Mustangs went up by five with four minutes remaining in the game but Northville couldn't hold on as Harrison made a shot off an offensive rebound and stole the ball in their press and scored to cut into the lead.

The Hawks took advantage of some free-throws shooting to secure a three-point lead, but Northville's Meredith Williams knotted it up again with a three-pointer from the corner for a 34-34 game. Williams gave her team the lead, 36-34,

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Bryce Groshek turns the corner and heads to the hoops against Dearborn Fordson on Dec. 28.

## Northville captures holiday tourney title

Mustangs boys cagers make short work of Fordson, slip past Milford

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT



Mustang Ryan Owen tries to get inside on a Dearborn Fordson defender on Dec. 28.

It appears that the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team has quite a few players who were on Santa's good list this year.

The team, coached by Todd Sander, racked up two big wins and gift wrapped themselves the championship for the Northville Holiday Invitational basketball tournament over the Christmas break. To earn that title, the Mustangs soundly beat Dearborn Fordson, 72-43, before getting by the Milford Mavericks in the championship, 36-31.

"I thought our fast start was key tonight," said Sander. "We were able to mix it up and create some tempo."

That tempo led to a 15-5 edge after the first quarter, including six points in the first 24 seconds of the game, and a 27-12 lead heading into the locker room for halftime. Coming out in the second half was the stingy Mavericks' defense that has made them a menace to play for so long, which slowed Northville down

### ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will hit the hardwood Friday when they host the Livonia Stevenson Spartans at 7 p.m. before visiting the South Lyon Lions Tuesday with a 7 p.m. tip-off.

and kept the game interesting over the final two stanzas.

Northville held on, however, keeping a 31-25 advantage at the end of the third and holding off the Milford cagers to secure the win.

"We really had to hang together, battle through some adversity, and finish the game tonight," Sander said.

Northville had strong showings across their roster. Sophomore Nick Raad started in place of Bryce Groshek, who was out with an ankle injury. Raad scored eight points in the first quarter, including two three-point shots in the opening minute of play. Al Myers played

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## Northville prep hockey closes December on nine-game winning streak

Northville Prep Hockey had an outstanding December as the team went 10-1 improving their overall record to 15-3-1 and 13-3 in League play. Excellent goaltending and three solid lines of defense all capable of jumping into the offense or delivering powerful shots from the blue line helped keep the opponents off the scoreboard. Four unselfish lines of forwards wore down opponents, often closing out close games late in the contests. The result is Northville competing for their first-ever Great Lakes Prep Hockey League Division 1 title.

### NORTHVILLE 9, CLARKSTON 0

Northville jumped on Clarkston early Dec. 4, put the game out of reach

in the second period and coasted through the third period of play for a 9-0 domination of the Wolves. The goal-scorers were: Danny O'Malley (4), Tyler McMullin (2), Ben Bloom, Nick Stegmeyer and Alex Stuart. Leading the Broncos in assists were Eric Johnson (4), Tyler Harrigan (2) and Joe Chase (2). Jimmy McGlynn recorded 15 saves for the shutout. Joe Chase, Austin Ratts and Nick Stegmeyer were tops in +/- with +3 each.

### NORTHVILLE 0, HARTLAND 5

Northville kept pace early on Dec. 5 as the first period ended in a 0-0 tie that lasted through most of the second period until Hartland was able to pick up a loose puck during a powerplay

to give Hartland a 1-0 at the intermission. Hartland was able to blow it open during a five-minute stretch of the third by taking advantage of a couple more powerplays. Northville clearly matched Hartland's effort and Jake Pawloski kept the game close for as long as he could recording 43 saves in the contest.

### NORTHVILLE 3, S.L. COUGARS 1

On Dec. 8, Northville dominated South Lyon early, outshooting the Cougars 15-2 in the first period. Ken Kosinski got the first goal of the game by jumping on a loose puck in front of the South Lyon net and depositing it in the twine. South Lyon got the equalizer on a two-on-one break.

Neither team was able to light the lamp in the second, but consistent Northville pressure would allow the Broncos to add two goals in the third. Joe Chase got the first goal when Tyler McMullin put the puck right on the tape as Chase jumped into the slot from the blue line and let go a wrist shot before the Cougar goalie to square up. Danny O'Malley would give Northville an insurance tally with a minute to play to secure the victory.

### NORTHVILLE 7, N. FARM./HARRISON 1

The "Big Chill" hockey game on Dec. 11 took a big bite out of the Northville roster as the outdoor game between Michigan/Michigan State left the Broncos with 11 skat-

ers and 1 goalie for the matchup with North Farmington. Harrison got on the board first with a two-on-one break that resulted in a goal at the 6:00 mark of the opening period, but would not change the scoreboard again for the rest of the game. Northville answered when Eric Johnson scored at the 3:52 mark of the first on assists from Danny O'Malley and Andrew Carlone.

Northville went up 2-1 one minute into the second period this time O'Malley scoring with another assist for Carlone. Ryan Bloom scored at the 10:24 mark of the period to push the lead to 3-1. The remainder

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## GIRLS

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with two clutch free throws before Harrison tied it up to end regulation and force overtime on a put-back shot after a missed three-point attempt.

"We handled their pressure all game long but got sloppy late and turned the ball over giving us a few less possessions," said Gudith. "Part of that is not playing in a close game yet this season."

In overtime, the Mustangs and Hawks stayed neck-and-neck throughout, matching each other step for step as Sam Sergi nailed two three pointers to keep her squad in the game before Harrison was able to work the ball down with the game tied 46-46 and run the clock down before hitting a shot from Eman Hubbard to secure the victory.

"Our girls are heartbroken about this one," Gudith said. "In a way it's good to see the emotion because it shows you how much they care. We can't dwell on this, but we need to use it as motivation for later in the season."

Northville was led by Williams, who had 16 points, while Sergi added eight.

Against Ann Arbor Skyline, Northville had little trouble as they earned a 64-28 victory as eight out of the team's nine players scored.

Northville led, 23-3, after the first quarter before extending that lead to 38-6 heading into the half. After three quarters, Northville held a 47-22 lead.

This year marks Skyline's third as a high school, meaning the varsity team has just three juniors to lead them. Northville also had a height advantage over their foes, which led to domination on the boards.

"Agame like this you worry that our girls are not going to take it seriously and play down to the competition level," said Gudith. "But our girls came out on fire, making shots from everywhere and solid defense in the first half. We imposed our will on them early in the game and took them out before they had a chance to get into a flow."

Gudith said Skyline was a tough bunch of players though, never backing down from the challenge.

"They're a young program but I was impressed how they kept playing," he said. "The score didn't matter, and they'll be better off in the future."

Northville was led by Alex Moynes, a junior who had 18 points, while sophomore Kendra Brenner added 14 in the win.

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jumped out to a 22-9 lead over Fordson before commanding a 44-18 advantage at halftime. When the third quarter ended, Northville led 60-31.

Northville had balanced scoring with Drew Baldwin putting in 18 points and Jeff Hewlett adding 12 off the bench. Jeff Gertley put in eight to help secure the victory.

"I loved our energy level tonight from all 13 guys," said Sander.

Northville rotated their entire roster into the game, which led to scoring from several players and six three pointers for the contest.

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## HOCKEY

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of the second went scoreless as the Broncos killed off several penalties including two extended 5-3 powerplays for N. Farmington.

Just 21 seconds into the third period, Northville scored when O'Malley pressured a clearing pass in front of the Harrison net that ricocheted off his shin guards into the net for a 4-1 lead. Momentum clearly swung to Northville as they would add three more goals in the third to pull away: two by Jacob Strom and another for O'Malley.

Austin Ratts and Eric Johnson led the Broncos with three assists each. Jake Pawloski recorded 31 saves in Northville's net as Harrison had nine powerplay opportunities to Northville's two powerplay chances. Ben Bloom unselfishly moved back to the Blue line as Northville entered the game with just three defensemen and Todd Goebel did the same as Northville lost another defenseman for significant time due to a misconduct call.

### NORTHVILLE 2, TRENTON 1

On Dec. 12, Northville got on the board early in the first period when Dominic DiComo fired a shot from inside the right faceoff circle, grabbed his own rebound, circled around the back of the net and put the puck right on the tape of Tyler McMullin who quickly shot it past the Trenton goaltender. Tyler McMullin would score again in similar fashion in the second period when he came off the bench and down the slot. This time, Ryan Bloom found McMullin with the pass and Tyler took care of the rest to give Northville a 2-0 lead.

Northville dominated the first two periods, outshooting Trenton 36-8. Trenton would challenge though in the third, scoring at the 14:01 mark to cut the lead to 2-1. Northville didn't fade however, as they matched Trenton's effort down the stretch and again carried the play late to not give Trenton any good scoring chances.

The defense of Alex Stuart,

Ken Kosinski, Joe Chase, Joe Asciutto, KC Chaudoin and Austin Ratts along with strong back-checking the whole game by the forwards limited a previously unbeaten Trenton team to just 16 shots while Northville generated 51 of their own. Jimmy McGlynn on the win in net recording 15 saves.

### NORTHVILLE 3, CATH. CENT. 1

Northville established themselves early on Dec. 17, outshooting CC 11-5 in the first period, but settled for a 0-0 tie after one period of play. The Shamrocks broke the scoreless tie at the 10:17 mark of the second period to take a 1-0 lead, but that would end up being their only goal of the contest. Dominic DiComo got the equalizer with less than a minute remaining in the second period one-timing a Ryan Bloom pass on doorstep over the CC goalie for a 1-1 tie heading into the third period. Joe Chase also assisted on the play.

Ben Bloom gave the Broncos the lead at the 8:43 mark of the third with Ken Kosinski getting the assist. Jacob Strom scored unassisted with 3:19 left to give Northville a much needed insurance goal as a penalty against Northville and CC pulling their goalie caused the Broncos to play the final 1:30 down six on four. Though CC held possession in the Northville zone much of the final 90 seconds, solid penalty killing limited any second chance opportunities and Northville held on for a 3-1 victory. Jake Pawloski recorded 17 saves on 18 shots to get the win in Northville's net.

### NORTHVILLE 4, TRENTON 2

On Dec. 18, all the scoring in this contest was done in the second period. Northville scored first when Alex Stuart scored at the 7:43 mark, letting a slapshot go from the blue line while the Broncos screened the Trenton goalie. Trenton pulled even at 4:22. Tyler Harrigan scored on an assist from Ryan Bloom at the 2:49 mark, but Trenton immediately answered 17 seconds later to make the game 2-2. Harrigan gave Northville the lead again with just 29

seconds remaining the second period with assists from Dominic DiComo and Ryan Bloom. Northville then forced a faceoff in the offensive zone with just 7 seconds remaining in the period. Ken Kosinski got off a shot and Nick Stegmeyer put the rebound home just before the buzzer sounded to give Northville a 4-2 lead that would hold up through the final period. Jimmy McGlynn got the win in net turning away 19 of 21 shots. The defensive pairing of Ken Kosinski and Alex Stuart finished the game each with +4 ratings.

### NORTHVILLE 5, S.L. LIONS 2

Northville got out to an early 2-0 lead on Dec. 22 on goals from Nick Stegmeyer and Jacob Strom. The teams played an even 2nd period with both teams scoring twice. Todd Goebel and Dominic DiComo got the Northville goals with Ryan Bloom and Tyler Harrigan getting credits for assists. Jacob Strom got his second goal of the contest in the first minute of the third period to push the lead to 5-2 that would eventually become the final. Jake Pawloski recorded 18 saves in the Northville victory.

### NORTHVILLE 6, NOVI 0

Again on Dec. 22, Northville took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission on Jacob Strom's goal at the 5:14 mark assisted by Alex Stuart. In the second period, Northville blew the game open putting four goals on the board for a 5-0 lead after two periods of play. Ryan Bloom, Tyler Harrigan (2) and Jacob Strom were the second period finishers. Stuart, McGlynn and O'Malley added another goal unassisted in the final period as Northville coasted to victory over Novi. Alex Stuart led the team with three assists.

### NORTHVILLE 5, TRAVERSE CITY 4

On Dec. 27, Northville traveled to Traverse City over the holiday break to play the North Stars twice in two days minus seven forwards. The first game saw Northville start slow as mixed lines and a short

bench seemed to result in some inconsistent play, though the Broncos still managed a 2-2 tie after one period behind goals from Austin Ratts and Kellan Flayer. Joe Asciutto and KC Chaudoin moved from the Blue line up to Forward to give Northville 3 full lines the remainder of the game in a move that proved key as both played well at unfamiliar winger positions.

Traverse City got the only goal of the second period to take a 3-2 lead that would stand up through most of the third period as well. A Traverse City Major Unsportsmanlike penalty gave the Broncos a powerplay for the final 4:23 of the contest and Northville took full advantage using it as motivation for a comeback. Tyler Harrigan tied the game at 3-3 at the 4:01 mark. A Northville penalty evened the sides at 4 on 4 and Traverse City got the lead back at 3:49. Northville tied it back up 4-4 at the 3:23 mark on a goal from Jacob Strom. The minor penalty to Northville ended while the major penalty to the North Stars was still on the clock and the Forward line of Strom, Harrigan and Bloom intercepted a breakout attempt then spun the sole Traverse City defenseman into the ice with crisp passing resulting in the puck on Ben Bloom's stick to beat the goalie for a 5-4 game winning goal.

### NORTHVILLE 2, TRAVERSE CITY 1

Playing for the second time in less than 24 hours, both teams picked up right where game one ended. Once again, the game was tied late in the third period when the Alex Stuart, Ken Kosinski, Jacob Strom, Tyler Harrigan and Ben Bloom took the ice for an offensive zone faceoff with less than a minute remaining in a 1-1 tie. A faceoff win and constant pressure stressed the Traverse City defense and Ben Bloom was able to notch the game winning goal with only eight seconds remaining to give Northville another exciting victory over Traverse City.

— By John Stevens

## BOYS

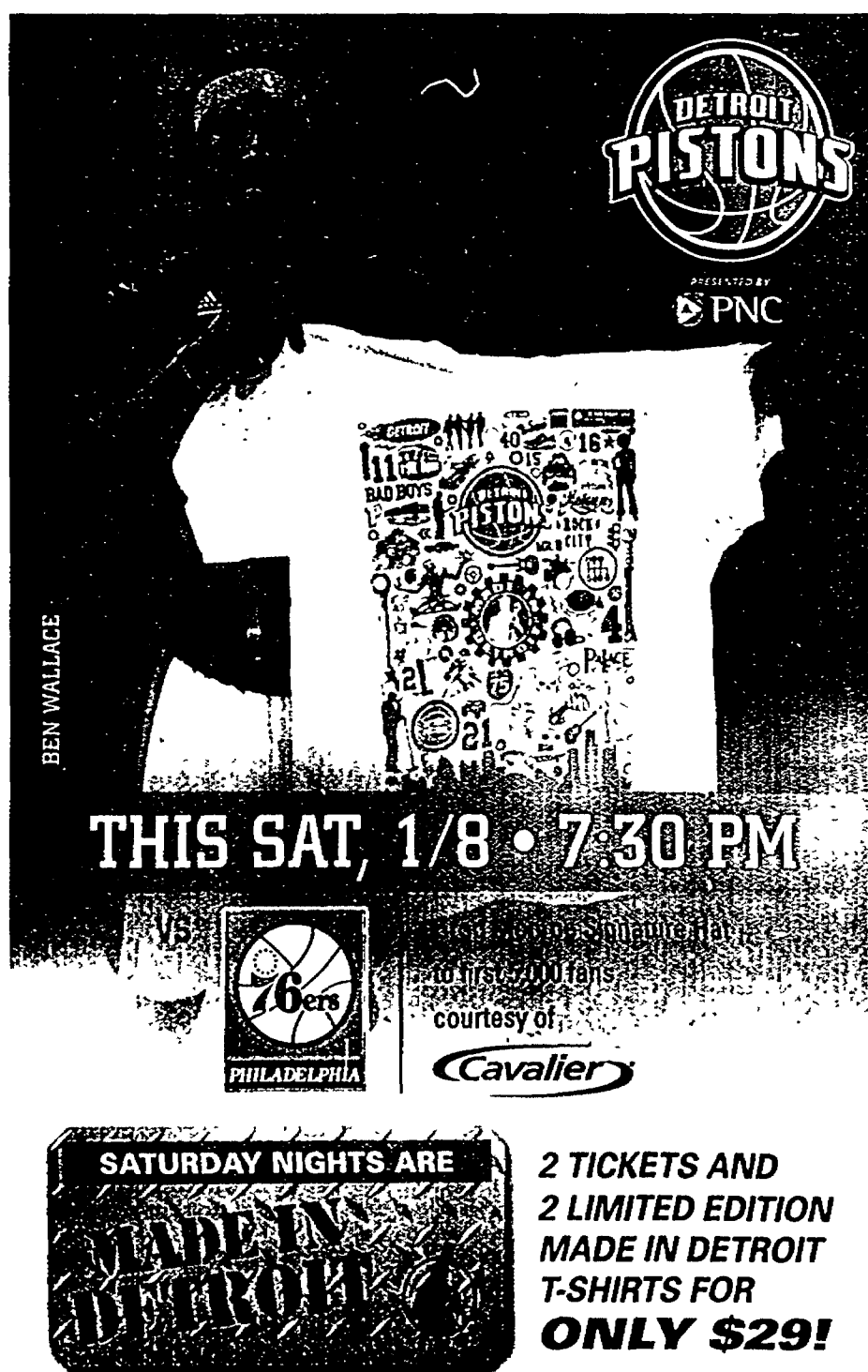
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well, too, scoring seven points, including a baseline take that essentially sealed the game late in the fourth quarter.

One player that truly stood out was Andrew Poterala, though he didn't have the offensive numbers like Raad or Myers. Instead, Poterala made his mark by keeping Milford's top shooter, Parker Millington, off his game with outstanding defensive presence.

"Pots gives our team such positive lift with his tenacity and energy," said Sander.

In the opening game of the tournament, the Mustangs had few troubles. They



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## Piles of packages

Northville's UPS Store employees - from left - Barbara Davies, Beverly Roush, and Tammy Bingham stand behind their "Mount UPS" on Dec. 14. The store usually finds that more packages are mailed out on the Monday, the week before Christmas, with their all-time high of 420 packages mailed in one day, a few years ago.



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## Don't settle for so-called leaders

An interesting remark overheard by a passerby led to an examination of the personality of leadership, in lieu of skills, behaviors and attitudes. A committee chairperson yelled to one of the members, "I am the president, so do what I say!"

At that point, the committee member turned and stared as if he was looking from the screen of a Warner Brothers cartoon at an amused audience. After he blinked, he turned away from the audience, back to the committee chairperson and said, "Excuse me?"

Needless to say, the conversation went completely downhill and after the individuals finished marking their territory, the committee president finished the meeting by mumbling to the person next to him, "I am the president and that's all that's what's important."



Lee Meadows

### IMPORTANT TO WHOM?

The general body of research on leadership is inclusive and expansive in that the probing lens opens wide enough to take into account the smallest pebble on the longest shoreline. While there has been consistent agreement for the various camps of leadership, trait, behavior, style, situation, transformational and others, the one area still left completely open to discussion and dissent is in the area of individual personality.

What is it that compels a person to want to lead? It was pointed out that the committee chairperson 'volunteered' for the job because he felt he would be the most effective at leading the committee members. While we, rarely, question the motives of someone who volunteers to lead a group of people, we tend to assume that the person who volunteers is driven by something noble and of needed value. Far too often it is revealed that the volunteer has power and control issues that can only be acted out and acted upon once they are safely tucked into a leadership role.

In conversations that took place away from the committee meeting, it was revealed and later confirmed that most of the committee members would not want to be someone who had a direct reporting relationship to the com-

mittee chairperson. Now that suggests that there had been enough independent interactions with the committee chairperson to have formulated a collective opinion. Yet, without so much as a little resistance, they allowed the 'volunteer' leader to assume the throne. Somehow, in the midst of that ascension, a transformation of the personality took place or, maybe, it just revealed its true self.

When the situation was described to Walsh College doctoral candidate Tracy Flagg, she smiled and said, "It's a classic dilemma. You have someone who is willing to do the job and, instinctively, you know that there is going to be a problem."

In her work on Courageous Leaders, Tracy Flagg notes that her research shows courageous leaders take action for a purposeful result.

"In this case," Flagg said, "the committee chairperson is taking action for a personal result and, therefore, not really leading. Just because a person wants to lead does not mean that they should lead."

When personality is factored into the leadership equation, the result are as mixed a fruitcake and can be just as distasteful. Unfortunately, when a dysfunctional personality occupies a formal leadership position, the followers are unlikely to rally in support. The conventional, unstated wisdom among followers is that it is easier to comment on how a leader fell off a cliff than to explain why the person was pushed. Leadership is not an activity that can be taken lightly and requires more than just a passive nod of approval just to get out of something.

Tracy Flagg mentioned that where leadership is concerned, her research points to a disturbing pattern. "Often times, we don't get the leaders we want because we are too willing to settle for what is available."

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## 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 com-

plete 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

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

### Cell phones for soldiers

Pulte Homes and Del Webb are encouraging those who get a new cell phone as a gift this holiday season to bring their old one to one of their select communities and turn it into prepaid minutes for U.S. soldiers overseas who want to call home.

Del Webb and Pulte Homes have partnered with Cell Phones for Soldiers - a nonprofit organization that collects old cell phones and sends them to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each phone. The money is used to purchase prepaid calling cards, which are sent to troops overseas. Approximately half of the phones ReCellular processes are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in more than 40 countries around the world. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled.

"We are proud to show our support for U.S. soldiers, and to contribute to a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers," said John Fabirkiewicz, Michigan area sales manager for Del Webb and Pulte Homes. "More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families and this is an easy way metro Detroiters can help them connect with their loved ones."

Local residents can support the collection drive taking place through the end of January 2011 by donating their phones at Arcadia Ridge by Pulte Homes, 48927 Freestone Drive in Northville (248-735-0012) or Liberty Park by Pulte Homes, 44831 Stockton Drive in Novi (248-374-9890).

For detailed directions to each community, or for information about other communities open for sales, please visit [www.delwebb.com](http://www.delwebb.com) or [www.pulte.com](http://www.pulte.com) respectively.

## Oakland County offers business workshops

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

Workshops are held at Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford unless otherwise indicated.

For pre-registration and location specifics, visit our website at [oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://oakgov.com/peds/calendar), or call (248) 858-0783.

**Pre-Business Research** - Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The

Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**CEED Microloan Orientation** - Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing consider the Microloan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program Presented by Center for Empowerment & Economic Development (C.E.E.D.). This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 9-11 a.m.

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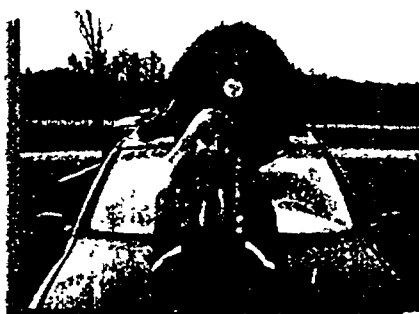
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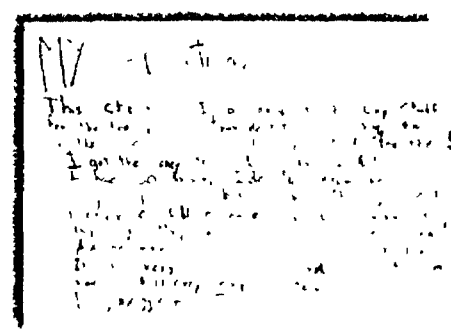
Scoop celebrated the holidays by visiting Santa at the Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Park, in Westland.



Angel Calhoun, 7 from Canton enjoys picking up her live Christmas tree.



Abigail Sand, 9, along with Sara, 1, Adam, 4, Cecilia, 14, Noah, 12 from Westland love to decorate their house for the holidays.



Maggie Mae Thompson, 9 from Northville saved up her own money from doing chores, to celebrate the holidays by giving gifts to the poor.

## Lucky winners from last month's contest

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## Association party mixes business and pleasure

**Fun was on the agenda Dec. 16 when the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors held its annual holiday party.**

"This time we just had a good time," said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR, of the event held at American Legion Post 32 on Newburgh in Livonia. WWOCAR had done a charitable bowling fund-raiser for the Farmington-Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families in the spring.

The December party drew just over 200. "We had a lot of Realtors," Smith said. "We had a lot of people related to our businesses," including bankers and attorneys.

Fun was mixed with business talk as industry leaders look to 2011 and improvement in the housing market. "We have a lot of hope for what's going to be coming down the road," he said. A new governor of either party brings change.

"We have some hope that some of the programs in Michigan will be revitalized," Smith said. He noted home sales are comparable to the past but values have declined.

"They're coming back slowly but surely but they'll take a while," he said.

**By Julie Brown**



Jean Paul Pilot of P.R.O.S. Home Inspections, Neil McCloskey of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, and Jeff Zyck of CUTCO enjoy their time together at the recent WWOCAR party.

## Law's aim: Protect brokers

**Q: I understand that commercial brokers now have a lien on the property to satisfy their commissions. Do you have any information on that?**

**A: Michigan Public Act No. 201 of 2010 (Commercial Real Estate Broker's Lien Act) was signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Oct. 5, 2010, to protect commercial brokers against losing rightfully earned commissions. The Act allows**

**Robert Meisner**

future lawsuits in regard to commissions. The Act only applies to written commission agreements executed after the Act's effective date of Oct. 5, 2010, to "commercial real estate," which is defined as any property that is not: (i) vacant property zoned for single-family use, (ii) property with four or fewer residential units, or (iii) property with more than four residential units if such units are single-family units that are sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed on a unit-by-unit basis.

unit-by-unit basis. With respect to leases, a broker may record a lien at any time within 60 days after a lease is signed, which attaches once the tenant takes possession of the property. The statute of limitations for a broker's lien is one year after the attachment of the lien and the parties can escrow an amount sufficient to satisfy the lien so that the buyer or seller cannot refuse to close a transaction due to the escrow account requirement. An escrow account is not required if either (i) alternative procedures are available that will allow the transaction to close and are acceptable to all of the parties to the transaction, or (ii) the proceeds from the transaction are insufficient to satisfy such lien.

**Q: Our condominium has a prohibition on exterior attachments to the unit and several of the board members have been upset with pumpkins being put on the porches of our condominiums. I think this is unreasonable and irrational. What do you think?**

**A:** Generally speaking, the Board of Directors has wide latitude in ensuring the aesthetic integrity of the condominium. Of course, that decision making process can be abused and it would appear that prohibiting pumpkins from being placed on the common elements for a limited period of time would be unreasonable unless there is a safety or other legitimate reason for doing so. However, the ultimate decision process rests with the board and your best recourse may be to elect board members who are more receptive to being neighborly.

**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 [rmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:rmeisner@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 Sept. 20-24, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.					
Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.					
<b>Canton</b>	47822 Jake Ln \$270,000	18285 Brentwood St \$70,000	16316 Mulberry Way \$20,000	<b>Redford</b>	
-1316 Aberdeen St \$125,000	42661 Keystone Ln \$152,000	14305 Cranston St \$164,000	17808 Parkshore Dr \$100,000	17632 Centralia \$58,000	
43944 Bannockburn Dr \$137,000	4018 Kimberly Dr \$175,000	37479 Eagle Dr \$50,000	340 Pennell St \$200,000	17729 Centralia \$30,000	
3571 Brooklyn Dr \$230,000	1583 McInaine St \$334,000	11025 Fairfield St \$90,000	17131 Rolling Woods Cir \$429,000	15906 Delaware Ave \$43,000	
6619 Brookshire Dr \$154,000	45478 Muirfield Dr \$288,000	11327 Fairfield St \$126,000	42623 Savoy Ct \$65,000	15861 Knight \$52,000	
8461 Chatham Dr \$475,000	45507 Muirfield Dr \$305,000	14824 Fairway St \$139,000	44632 Spring Hill Rd \$490,000	16664 Marion \$75,000	
8504 Chatham Dr # C6 \$525,000	6476 N Beck Rd \$240,000	29150 Five Mile Rd \$255,000	16318 White Haven Dr \$220,000	9191 Nathalie \$54,000	
44264 Cherry Boggs St \$107,000	6151 Raintree Dr \$142,000	18661 Floral St \$56,000	15828 Windling Creek Ct \$466,000	9987 Rockland \$50,000	
110 Cherry Grove Rd \$165,000	43431 Saltz Rd \$308,000	18515 Foch St \$112,000	Plymouth	8923 San Jose \$59,000	
50494 Coobidge St \$230,000	324 Savannah Dr \$245,000	18160 Gengarry Dr \$278,000	8897 Ball St \$195,000	<b>Westland</b>	
514 Country Club Ln \$323,000	44545 Savery Dr \$35,000	14108 Golfview St \$119,000	44542 Brookside Rd \$235,000	37101 Amhurst Dr \$84,000	
45536 Gengarry Blvd \$320,000	45245 Seabrook Dr \$280,000	14555 Huff St \$70,000	41443 E Ann Arbor Trl \$85,000	30869 Cherry Hill Rd \$54,000	
42260 Gloria Dr \$152,000	41543 Singh Dr \$225,000	9250 Merriman Dr \$95,000	13800 Fawn Woods Ct \$349,000	35243 College St \$128,000	
45941 Graystone Ln \$150,000	131 Village Way \$87,000	39025 Orangelawn St \$104,000	50403 Fellows Hill Dr \$500,000	35714 Columbia St \$40,000	
368 Harbor St \$235,000	1302 W Crystal Cir \$185,000	19902 Rensselaer Ct \$38,000	49204 Hunks Club Ct \$375,000	308 Ethan Dr \$150,000	
6683 Holly Dr \$126,000	<b>Garden City</b>	35274 Schoolcraft Rd \$124,000	738 Kellogg St \$53,000	29455 Hanover Blvd \$19,000	
385 Innsbrook Dr \$260,000	623 Bellon St \$55,000	9071 W Deborah Ct \$153,000	42430 Lakeland Ct \$17,000	18580 N Hubbard St \$132,000	
46425 Inverness Rd \$310,000	29624 Cambridge St \$73,000	20059 Wayne Rd \$223,000	11888 Lorenz Way \$288,000	4424 S Berry St \$72,000	
	31424 Leona St \$52,000	30295 Westfield St \$79,000	11221 Maple Ridge Dr \$510,000	151 S Crown St \$55,000	
	33025 Pierce St \$40,000	<b>Northville</b>	1294 Maple St \$330,000	1568 S Downing St \$70,000	
	32917 Rosslyn Ave \$74,000	16958 Boulder Dr \$339,000	565 McKinley St \$420,000	433 S Marie St \$83,000	
	28945 Rush St \$76,000	20050 Bryn Mawr Ct \$45,000	40718 Newport Dr \$61,000	34331 Somerset St \$80,000	
	6567 Sterling Ct \$100,000	15732 Crystal Downs E \$500,000	44425 Oregon Trl \$128,000	34046 Tomahawk Dr \$69,000	
	<b>Livonia</b>	40590 Delta Dr \$315,000	305 Riveroaks Dr \$129,000		
	33063 Six Mile Rd \$100,000	46572 Greenridge Dr \$309,000	11811 Talltree Dr \$260,000		
	14169 Bainbridge St \$715,000	36084 Morningside \$710,000	50212 Top Of Hill Dr \$480,000		

<p>These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 7-10, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.</p>		45037 Seabrook Dr	\$276,000	31424 Merrimood Park Dr	\$89,000	9207 Dixie	\$49,000
		30941 Elmwood St	\$72,000	18009 University Park Dr	\$62,000	24650 Donald	\$55,000
		673 Inkster Rd	\$170,000	18467 University Park Dr	\$45,000	19991 Garfield	\$42,000
		29205 Rosslyn Ave	\$36,000				
		29985 Curtis Rd	\$174,000	745 Randolph St	\$90,000	32756 Mackenzie Dr	\$35,000
Canton	<p>49529 Garfield Ln \$389,000 1712 Nowland Ct \$195,000</p>	17326 Doris St	\$100,000	41696 Rayburn Dr	\$248,000	7335 N Middlebelt Rd	\$400,000
		17730 Fairfield St	\$193,000	19991 Seabrook Ct	\$76,000	477 Ravencrest Ln	\$82,000
		18928 Filmore St	\$20,000			463 S Bryar St	\$173,000
		20694 Laurel Ct	\$45,000	48571 E Normandy Ct	\$337,000	30893 Steinhauer St	\$64,000
				17708 Brady	\$26,000		

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<p>These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 20-24, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.</p>	<b>Bingham Farms</b>		3775 Millspring Rd	\$259,000	<b>Lathrup Village</b>		22985 Clarkshire Dr	\$180,000
	31282 Old Stage Rd		<b>Commerce Township</b>		28807 Somerset Pl		57730 Drake Ct	\$342,000
	30505 Timberbrook Ln		3418 Circle Dr	\$217,000	<b>Millford</b>		<b>Southfield</b>	
	<b>Birmingham</b>		<b>Farmington Hills</b>		300 Wilderness Lake Ct		27715 Aberdeen St	\$100,000
	969 Bannawille Ave		37600 Amber Dr	\$130,000	<b>Novi</b>		25041 Champlain Dr	\$35,000
	1709 E 14 Mile Rd		23963 Creekside Dr	\$81,000	23432 Argyle St		19811 Dorset St	\$62,000
	911 Smith Ave		28540 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$252,000	41801 Primrose Dr		30800 Pierce St	\$107,000
	1726 Stanley Blvd		28272 Secheded Ln	\$295,000	50002 Streamwood Dr		25230 Southfield Rd	\$95,000
	622 Vinewood Ave		21513 Wheeler St	\$100,000	42700 W 10 Mile Rd		25520 Southwood Dr	\$87,000
	1440 Webster St		21640 Wheeler St	\$51,000	42638 Whitman Way		20360 Winchester St	\$80,000
<b>Beverly Hills</b>	<b>Bloomfield Township</b>		<b>Franklin</b>		<b>South Lyon</b>		<b>White Lake</b>	
21747 Gates St	\$230,000	6715 Birmingham Club Dr	30460 Stonegate Dr	\$640,000	297 Ash Ct	\$165,000	8450 Jamestown Dr	\$303,000
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<p>These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 7-10, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.</p>	1275 Kensington Rd		\$380,000	22746 Clear Lake Dr		\$233,000	25541 Dogwood Ln	
	<b>Bloomfield Township</b>		2440 Farmington Rd		\$100,000	25905 Glenmoor		\$475,000
	7190 Cathedral Dr		\$176,000	28753 Hidden Trl		\$234,000	22715 Novi Rd	
	443 Henley Dr		\$144,000	29855 High Valley Ct		\$205,000	<b>South Lyon</b>	
	1924 Heron Ridge Dr		37464 Legends Trail Dr		\$228,000	26100 Daria Cir W		\$60,000
	\$1460,000		25488 Ranchwood Ct		\$225,000	1137 Polo Dr		\$160,000
	2770 Mackintosh Ln		\$278,000	33481 Stocker St		\$139,000	26731 York Ct	
	1525 N Cranbrook Rd		\$963,000	<b>Farmington Hills</b>		<b>Southfield</b>		\$226,000
	1310 Sandringham Way		\$565,000	32432 Heatherstone Dr		\$185,000	18811 Alhambra Ave	
	3141 Woodcreek Way		\$350,000	<b>Millford</b>		28227 Fontana Dr		\$60,000
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Commerce Township</b>		<b>Novi</b>		208 Cumberland Trl		18444 Glenwood Blvd	\$125,000
996 Chester St	\$728,000	1750 Fenwick Dr	\$50,000	855 Panorama Dr		\$86,000	25660 Southwood Dr	\$115,000
400 Hamilton Row	\$440,000	1785 Fenwick Dr	\$55,000	<b>Novi</b>		<b>White Lake</b>		
1481 Hazel St	\$100,000	2175 Glen Iris Ct	\$173,000	42056 Borchart Dr		\$290,000	8137 Vanden Dr	\$125,000
1694 Holland St	\$400,000	<b>Farmington</b>		42890 Clay Ct		\$260,000		
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$118,000							
806 Smith Ave	\$460,000							
<b>Bloomfield Hills</b>								

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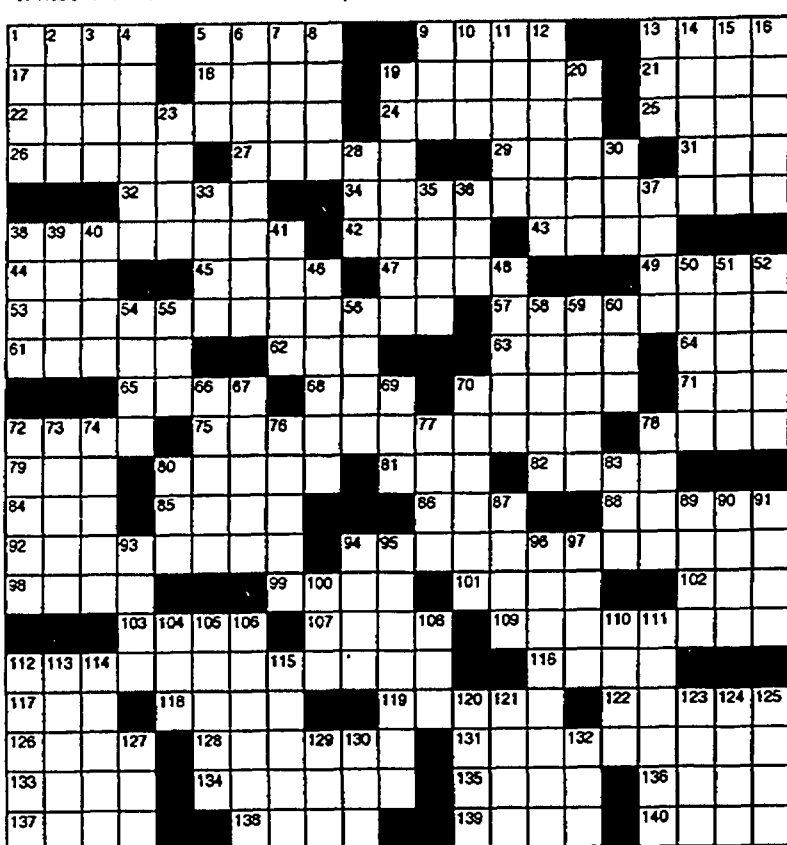
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# Crossword Puzzle

Celebrity Shopping

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stevenson sounder
  - 5 Epps of "The Program"
  - 9 One of "The Three Sisters"
  - 13 Monstrous dance?
  - 17 Deserve a check
  - 18 Possess
  - 19 Obscure
  - 21 Flu symptom
  - 22 Mr. Asner's gift?
  - 24 Esteem
  - 25 Pal
  - 26 Smooth transition
  - 27 River
  - 28 Reptiles
  - 29 Sup in style
  - 31 Olsen of vaudeville
  - 32 Fury
  - 34 Ms. Rivers' gift?
  - 38 Lee and Bradley
  - 42 Wheels of fortune?
  - 43 Yule
  - 44 Freley of Kiss
  - 45 — market
  - 47 Green land
  - 49 "Nabucco" number
  - 53 Mr. Reynolds' gift?
  - 57 Noblewoman
- DOWN**
- 1 Like opposites
  - 62 — relief
  - 63 English poet
  - 64 James Herriot, for one
  - 65 Abbreviated address
  - 68 Plopped down
  - 70 Spartacus, a
  - 71 Swiss canon
  - 72 David's instrument
  - 75 Mr. Myers' gift?
  - 78 Sharp
  - 79 Palindromic dictator
  - 80 Largest antelope
  - 81 Court
  - 82 In addition
  - 84 Gun the engine
  - 85 Note
  - 86 Letters of desperation?
  - 88 Reunion attendee
  - 92 Word with eel or eye
  - 94 Mr. Von Sydow's gift?
  - 98 Dickens' Pecksniff
  - 99 High-flying toy
  - 101 Summer-
  - 102 — de France
  - 103 Novelist
  - 107 Beloved
  - 109 Dangers
  - 112 Mr. Griffith's gift?
  - 116 Director
  - 117 "Robaco Road"
  - 118 To be, in Toulouse
  - 119 Steen stand
  - 122 Forum figure
  - 126 Way
  - 128 Punitive product
  - 131 Ms. Conn's gift?
  - 133 "Mia 18"
  - 134 Kitchen implements
  - 135 Obligation
  - 136 Merry abandon
  - 137 Break suddenly
  - 138 Doe's darling
  - 139 Yam
  - 140 Unspecified amount
  - 1 Musical
  - 2 Big name in locks
  - 3 Snigden
  - 4 Tolerant
  - 5 Triumphant
  - 6 "La Boheme" role
  - 7 Maintain
  - 8 Change the decor
  - 9 Vintage
  - 10 Actor
  - 11 Lead
  - 12 Directionless
  - 13 Diner
  - 14 Blessed sound?
  - 15 Coach Don
  - 16 Bruisers
  - 18 Quick artist?
  - 20 Murda mister
  - 23 Dread
  - 28 NCO
  - 30 Poetic preposition
  - 33 Fisherman's need
  - 35 Fall to mention
  - 36 Postman's Creed word
  - 37 Platoon
  - 38 Sound of shock
  - 39 Return address?
  - 40 Astronaut
  - 41 Belgrade denizen
  - 46 Took down a
  - 48 Levi's
  - 50 Variety show
  - 51 Grenoble's river
  - 52 John of "The Addams Family"
  - 54 Inclined plane
  - 55 — la-la
  - 56 Lofly initials?
  - 58 Vigilant
  - 59 Party hearty
  - 60 — Fine Day
  - 63 Tune
  - 66 More proficient
  - 67 Biscayne Bay city
  - 69 Haul a heap
  - 70 Buss
  - 72 Takes on
  - 73 "Jane Eyre" character
  - 74 Fasten firmly
  - 76 Criticize
  - 77 Painter
  - 78 Actor Oudea
  - 80 CPR
  - 83 — Cat (win-ter wheels)
  - 87 Exclude
  - 89 Noide or Jennings
  - 90 Holed
  - 91 Former spouses
  - 93 Actor
  - 94 British gun
  - 96 Downspout
  - 97 Holy day
  - 100 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
  - 104 Caustic stuff
  - 105 In search of
  - 106 "McTeague" author
  - 108 Rug type
  - 110 "The Gong Show" panelist
  - 111 Negative terminals
  - 112 "The Plague" novelist
  - 113 Decorate
  - 114 Gymnast
  - 115 Do a double take, perhaps
  - 120 James Herriot, for one
  - 121 — May Oliver
  - 123 Actor
  - 124 TV's "12"
  - 125 Workday start
  - 127 Kreskin's letters
  - 129 Cousteau's milieu
  - 130 Unit of work
  - 132 Sugary suffix



## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

CALM IMPS STOOD ZELIG  
AREA WEEK EVADE ELISE  
MILK MONEY CAIKES ANDALE  
PAYEE OLEO SOL MER  
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LIKELIHOOD FOR CHOCOLATE  
ALA LIMA MIRO COMES  
SOREST IDS SAL SKEINS  
SNARE RITA PLOTS SEA  
ANIMAL SODA EPA STY  
CIDERHOUSE RULES  
MIG MAE PLIE SELENA  
IRA LARVA TIARP SNAPS  
NATHAN ILK NIL FEDORA  
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# A Résumé Checklist: 13 Things To Do Before You Apply For The Job

Selena Dehne, JIST Publishing. Featuring an excerpt from "Step-by-Step Résumés" by Evelyn Salvador.

When writing the first draft of your résumé, you probably know it could be -- and should be -- stronger than it is. If you're like many job seekers, though, you might feel pretty mystified as to which specific steps will lead you to more powerful content and a more attractive design.

Fortunately, boosting a bland résumé or simply polishing it before applying for a job isn't as cumbersome as you might expect. According to Evelyn Salvador, author of "Step-by-Step Résumés," there are many simple, yet effective, tricks that can significantly strengthen your résumé's readability, call to action, marketability and overall appearance.

In her book, Salvador recommends you take the following steps to improve a résumé before using it to apply for jobs:

**1. Remove personal pronouns.** The subject (I, me or my) is understood in your résumé and you should leave it out of each sentence. If your résumé contains any of these words, delete them and restructure your sentences if necessary.

**2. Check for action verbs.** Be sure each bullet in your "professional experience" section starts with an action verb or adverb preceding the action verb.

**3. Delete redundant or superfluous words.** Review each sentence or bullet and delete any words that your sentence reads fine without, such as "the" and "that," as well as unnecessary "fluff" words. Edit down to the most concise sentence possible without omitting any important content, such as achievements.

**4. Include personal attributes.** Double-check that your primary attributes are included in your "professional summary" section and that you didn't leave out any important ones.

**5. Ensure that all pertinent, targeted qualifications are included.** Compare your résumé to the description of the job you're targeting. Is there any information you didn't already mention that would address a function or need listed in the description? If so, revise your résumé to include that information.

**6. Prioritize your bullets.** Review your responsibilities and achievements in each position and move the more important, targeted ones closer to the top under each position.

**7. Remove irrelevant information.** Check to ensure that anything irrelevant or not directly related to your targeted goal is minimized, put toward the end or omitted altogether so that your résumé includes more relevant information.

**8. Subdivide and categorize bullets.** If you have many responsibility and achievement bullets under each position (say, more than 10), you can divide them into two categories ("responsibilities" and "achievements") and subtitle them as such under each position for easier reading.

**9. Check for quantifying information.** When reviewing your sentences, ask yourself, "Did I include how many, how much, how often, how big, how fast, how well and so on?" If not, go edit your sentences to include more specific, concrete information.

**10. Verify that "CAR" and benefit info is included.** Do your achievements include the Challenge you faced, the Action you took and the Result? Be sure you show how well you performed these functions and always include the

benefit(s) to the company.

**11. Vary bullet line length.** Try for a good mix of line lengths. Bullets are effective when they are a combination of one, two and three typed lines. Because it is important to show not only what you did, but also how well you did it and what the benefits were to the company, information should be concise without sacrificing content or meaning. In this way, you will have an action-packed, achievement-oriented résumé that is tightly and concisely written.

**12. Check grammar, punctuation and spelling.** Spell-check your document in your word-processing program. Proofread several times. Be consistent in your use of capitalization and hyphenation. Be sure you have used correct grammar and punctuation. If this is not one of your fortes (and it isn't for many people), give your completed résumé to someone you trust to proofread it for you.

**13. Add more descriptive adjectives or adverbs where applicable.** Check to see whether you can infuse any additional descriptors that show how well you performed your job functions.

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