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## ON THE RECORD

### All America Season's third show at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre announced the third show of its All America Season - PROOF, by David Auburn.

Set in Chicago, this winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for drama and Tony Award for best play, tells the story of Catherine, the daughter of mentally ill Robert, a recently deceased mathematical genius. She has put her life on hold to take care of him and finds herself lost and questioning her own sanity.

It is directed by Suzi Regan and stars Hugh Maguire, Kate Peckham, Chris Korte and Kelly Komlen.

The show opens Feb. 3 and runs through March 5 at the theater, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets, from \$26 to \$30, are on sale now and available by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

### Learn about A Boy's World

Ted Braude, psychologist and former columnist of Detroit Free Press, will present A Boy's World on Thursday, Jan. 21 at Hillside Middle School's auditorium (775 N. Center Street).

Braude's mission, according to his website (www.tedbraude.com) is to develop communities of men and women creating cultural path for boys to develop true to their nature from childhood to manhood; to live as strong, sensitive, playful boys free of the "boy code" and to be mentored and initiated as young men who are purposeful, passionate, productive and powerful by a community of men and welcomed and validated by women and men together.

A reception will run from 6-7 p.m. with the program scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Parent Awareness: Northville Area Council of PTAs.

For more information, contact Lynn Soss at k.soss@sbcglobal.net.

# Novi man kills family, himself



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The three roses, a candle, a note and a ceramic angel were left in the snow outside the Schons' home in Novi on Monday morning.



Jennifer Schons



Mark Schons

## Two sons were Thornton Creek students

BY CAL STONE  
STAFF WRITER

Shortly after noon Jan. 14, Novi police officers entered a residence on Applebrooke Drive, near Nine Mile and Napier roads, and discovered three murdered bodies - Jennifer Schons, 38; and her two sons, Tynan, 6, and Camden, 4. In an apparent suicide, the body of her husband, Mark Schons, 39, was discovered around 2:24 p.m. in his vehicle in the Walmart parking lot at I-96 and Milford Road in Lyon Township.

Novi police received autopsy results Saturday morning from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office. Jennifer Schons died from multiple stab wounds. Tynan was smothered and died from

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# Zahra honored to be named Supreme Court judge

## Was surprised by appointment

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Brian Zahra was a Michigan Appeals Court judge. Recently, he learned he would become a Michigan Supreme Court justice.

He was sworn in last Friday afternoon and will begin his new duties soon.

Gov. Rick Snyder named Zahra to the post since Justice Maura Corrigan left the Supreme Court on Thursday to become Snyder's director of the Department of Human Services.



Zahra

"I was a bit surprised when this all came up," Zahra said. "It happened rapidly, and I did not anticipate that there would be an opening on our Supreme Court, and I did not anticipate that I would be considered for it. I was honored, humbled and very surprised."

### BECAME JUDGE IN 1999

Zahra was appointed to the court in 1999.

Previously, he served as a judge of the Wayne Circuit Court, he was a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Zatkoff, an adjunct professor at University of Detroit Law School, and he worked as an attorney in private practice.

He received his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and his law degree from the University of Detroit Law School. He has served on numerous legal committees and boards. His current appointments include service on the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions and the Michigan Board of Law Examiners.

### GREW UP IN DEARBORN HEIGHTS

He grew up in the Dearborn Heights area and went to St. Albert Elementary School.

He lived in Grosse Pointe before moving to Northville about 12 years ago. He and his family love Northville and plan to stay.

"First of all, the community is very close-knit," Zahra said. "It reminds me of when I was growing up, and everybody in the neighborhood knows

everyone else. You've got the charm of the smaller neighborhood, but you're close to anything you might need."

Zahra is the first person in his family to become an attorney.

"I recall when I was young, about 6 years old, my mother wanting to watch 'Perry Mason' every time it was on," he said. "That made me think I wanted to be a lawyer."

He had a few detours along the way. High school counselors told him he'd be better off in a career in science or math.

But, when he got to Wayne State University, he was also running a health and beauty aids store.

After experiencing a few slip-and-fall cases in this business, he became more interested in law.

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# Historic District Commission chair has frank discussion

## Feb. 9 training for both groups

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Chris Johnson, chair of Northville's Historic District Commission, led a frank discussion with fellow commissioners on Jan. 13.

Johnson was not happy with the way things had gone during the last two meet-

ings, where the group reviewed requests to have barns torn down. He believes that some applicants felt "beat up" after the meetings.

So, he scheduled a special two-hour meeting just to talk about the role of a historic district commissioner.

Dan Schneider, a member of Northville Township's Historic District Commission, was present at the meeting. He has agreed to have a training session for city and township

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# Librarian retiring after almost 25 years with Northville Library

## Enjoys history, music, baseball

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Al Smitley has been a fixture at Northville District Library for nearly a quarter of a century.

But, he'll retire at the end of January and continue to work as a historian and consultant.

Smitley, who worked as director of the Local History Room, helped many people do research on their families over the years.

"I must have helped a lot of people because I've gone through my files, and I have stacks and stacks of thank-you notes," Smitley joked.

Most of the inquiries are related to genealogy, Smitley said, or of just a general history nature.

Whether holding a baseball bat or a book, Smitley is equally comfortable — especially if it's a vintage 1860s bat or a history book.

Smitley studied library science at the University of Michigan, with a concentration in archives. He has a master's degree in library science, and a degree in history from Oakland University. He started out of high school with a degree in commercial art from Oakland Community College.

For nearly 25 years Smitley, head of Technical Services at

the Northville District Library, has combined his passion for baseball and history.

Smitley began his career as a library aide in 1986 and quickly worked into his current position of reference librarian and head of Technical Services.

"When I began, the library was housed in city hall," he said. "There were no computers in the library and only five other staff members, who doubled as reference librarians and circulation clerks. I rigged up a doorbell system so that when we got busy we could ring for help. We moved into the new building 10 years later. Of course, now every staff member uses a computer, and we have numerous computers available to the public."

### ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION

Smitley's interest has always been archival administration, so it was natural for him to begin collecting and organizing Northville historical documents. The collection is now housed in the Local History Room on the lower level of the library. Genealogists and researchers are frequent users of the Master Index, an aid to those looking for local history documents, which Smitley developed for the library. He was also involved in the start



JOHN HEDGER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After more than two decades at the Northville District Library, Al Smitley will retire at the end of January. He is currently the Head of Technical Services and manages the library's historical archives room. Here he checks out a Northville High yearbook — which he says he receives many calls about, with patrons wishing the old yearbooks could be digitized.

of a project led by volunteers — indexing past issues of the *Northville Record*.

Smitley's expertise in Northville's local history has proven helpful to numerous library patrons over the years. He can often be found scouring rolls of microfilm in the Local History Room, searching for an obituary, finding information on a prominent Northville resident or locating oral histories.

### FANTASY BASEBALL PROGRAM

For 20 years, Smitley ran the Fantasy Baseball program at the library. He was honored

with the "Batting for Literacy" award in 2008, jointly sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The award included an all-expense paid trip to the annual Hall of Fame game in Cooperstown, along with a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum's archives.

When Northville resident Wayne Titus formed The Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville, a vintage baseball team that plays by 1860s rules, he called the library to find information on the history of baseball in Northville. Smitley

happened to field the phone call.

"I told him I only had information on 19th century baseball, and he was thrilled because that was exactly what he was looking for," said Smitley, who then proceeded to play for the team.

Putting together historical programs and presentations will be Smitley's focus in the near future. His past works include presentations about the Erie Canal, the National Road, the Salem Train Wreck of 1907 and local elections of the 19th and early 20th century.

Smitley plans to continue to associate with the Northville Historical Society and as a player on the Eclipse Base Ball Club of Northville.

He's interested in U.S. 19th century music and the history that goes along with it.

"I have formed friendships both at the library and in my other endeavors that I trust will continue after my retirement. Although I live in Hartland, I cannot help but view Northville as my hometown," Smitley said.

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# Residents swing and hustle

BY JULIE YOLLES  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Local area philanthropists are dominating the circuit: Bloomfield Hills residents Karie Ross Dombrowski, Vivian Pickard and Norman and Nicole Yatooma; and Stacey Duford of Beverly Hills.

Make that dance circuit. The 12th annual Detroit Historical Society Ball was recently held at the Argonaut Building in Detroit which is now known as the Taubman Center for Design Education on the campus of the College for Creative Studies. The highlight of the gala is the "Dancing with Detroit Stars" competition, which helps fund the Society's exhibition and educational programs at the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

For the third year in a row, Evan and Lada Mountain, owners of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills, and their staff, took on the challenge of choreographing, rehearsing and getting our fearless contestants in prime dancing shape. In the previous two years, Fred Astaire instructors would help couples prepare for the dance competition. This year's twist had seven individual community activists paired with a professional from Fred Astaire Studios—except those fearless Yatoomas.

"We're the only couple in the competition, so we had twice the amount of work," joked Attorney Yatooma who danced the swing with Nicole to "California Girls."

Yatooma figures they clocked in over 13 lessons and countless hours of practice which is no small feat for the parents of four girls.

On-air personality and children's book author Stacey



(From left) Debra Conroy of Birmingham, Deborah Tracz of Northville and Julie Cebul of Rochester Hills attend the Detroit Historical Society's Dancing with Detroit Stars Ball.

DuFord was paired with Tino Maggio of Fred Astaire Studios. The two test-drove their routine in October at the Successfully Single fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity. At the Detroit Historical Society Ball, DuFord and Maggio danced the hustle to the Aerosmith Run DMC version of "Walk This Way."

"When Tino chose the song, I knew we would be friends for life because Aerosmith is one of my favorite bands," said DuFord who never took dance lessons as a kid.

Though rehearsing and training was much harder than she had anticipated, DuFord had plenty of fun doing it.

"I'm big on preaching to my kids to always be curious and try new things," said DuFord. "I was grateful for the opportunity to show them that learning new things doesn't end when you grow up."

And while that lesson certainly holds true for former broadcaster Karie Ross

Dombrowski, who is married to Detroit Tigers President, General Manager and CEO David Dombrowski, Karie was the top vote-getter of the evening with her partner, professional Blake Kish. Dombrowski and Kish won with their swing routine to the song "Dynamite."

Sue Nine of Bloomfield Hills co-chaired the sell-out soiree of nearly 400. Money raised during the evening also goes toward the Adopt-a-Class program which was matched by Bank of America. The event itself netted over \$200,000 for the Detroit Historical Society including \$38,180 from the "Dancing with Detroit Stars" competition. Guests voted for their favorite couple with Star Cash.

Fred Astaire Studios wants you to continue to keep in step with the community by offering four lessons for \$40 as a thank you to Detroit Historical Society patrons. Call (248) 454-1715 or email bloomfield@fredastaire.com.



(From left) Mark and Jane Barrott of Northville and Jennifer and Michael Kosonog of Lake Orion.

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## DEATHS

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asphyxiation. Camden also died from asphyxiation but was not smothered, said David Molloy, Novi's chief of police.

Mark Schons died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"We're backtracking to see where he purchased a small grill and charcoal which he lit inside the SUV, producing enough carbon monoxide to suck all the oxygen out," said Molloy.

The chief also said that he believes a knife recovered inside the SUV was the one used to kill Jennifer Schons.

A friend of the family called Novi police indicating the children did not show up for school and that their mother had missed a scheduled appointment with her friends. Officers responded to the residence and discovered the apparent crime scene.

Molloy said police received information from the family that the couple had been experiencing marital troubles and considering divorce, but that they were still living in the home.

"We don't believe there has been any filing (for divorce) at this time," said Molloy.

Molloy could not disclose the cause of death of the three victims in the home, but did say that rumors of gunshots are factually inaccurate. All three bodies were found in sepa-

rate bedrooms. The bodies were transported to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office for autopsies.

The chief could not comment on the condition of the house, if there were signs of struggles, or how long the family lived there. To his knowledge, there was no suicide note either.

Weapons were found in the vehicle with Mark Schons, but Molloy would not identify what kind.

"We believe it is one of the weapons that had been used," said Molloy, who added that no weapons were found in the home.

After the Novi police issued a be-on-the-lookout for Mark Schons' vehicle, an Oakland County sheriff's deputy from the Lyon Township substation located the GMC Arcadia in the parking lot, approached it and found the victim.

"I commend the deputy," said Molloy. "He had checked several areas, and did one last check and decided to go through parking lot and he saw the vehicle; hats off to that deputy."

The Novi police then assisted the Michigan State Police in processing the crime scene after a warrant was issued by the 52-1 District Court.

"Our job now is to move backward and try to figure this out and identify what has taken place in the last 19 to 20 hours," said Molloy. "We may never know what triggered this event, but we will know everything about these victims and what has led to this."

Laptop computers, digital phones and

social media will be analyzed over the next several weeks, said Molloy.

Molloy said that Mark Schons has no documented criminal history, and that the Novi police have had no previous contact with any of the victims or the home. He did say that Schons owned a business in Howell, Party Central, that had recently gone out of business, and that he was working as a computer programmer in Lansing.

Jennifer Schons was a paint engineer with General Motors, according to Molloy.

Asked if the couple had filed bankruptcy, Molloy said there was "preliminary information of financial difficulty," and that checking to see if the couple had filed for bankruptcy would be part of their victimology procedure.

"We know that the female victim has some family in western Wayne and Oakland County and that her parents are currently out of town," said Molloy, adding that Mark Schons has family in northern Oakland County.

Although the family's home is located in Novi, the two children attended Northville schools. They had only missed school today, said Molloy.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville schools, attended the press conference, held at the Novi PD's Training Center. He and his staff have been more than accommodating and have their critical response plan in action, said Molloy.

"It's an almost unspeakable tragedy to put our arms around," said Rezmierski, adding

that the district is using the ListServ e-mails to notify the community. Grief counselors will be working with students as well.

The following message was sent through the community via a ListServ e-mail around 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"It is with tremendous shock and sadness that we report the tragic homicide deaths of two Thornton Creek students: a first grader, a 3-year-old student in our Early Childhood Education program, and their mother. These deaths were accompanied by the suicide death of their father.

"We deeply grieve the loss of this family from our Thornton Creek community and recognize the urgent need for crisis support for our students, staff, and community over the coming days and weeks. Sharon Irvine, principal of Thornton Creek, will send a Listserv message to the Thornton Creek community, notifying them of the comprehensive school plan for support that will begin on our students' return Monday morning."

"It's very difficult," said the superintendent. "They feel vulnerable and exposed."

Grief counselors were available too for the police officers working the case, said Molloy.

"As investigators and officers, our hearts go out to the victims," said Molloy. "Many of these investigators have children at home. It's very sad news."

Molloy added that this is an isolated incident of domestic violence and, although very tragic and severe, "Novi is a very safe community," he said.

## ZAHRA

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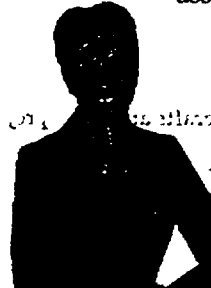
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## Northville teacher creates 'Finger Funatics' to teach motor skills

Book to be used  
at school, home

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Shannon Samulski knows there are children who don't use scissors well.

Fine motor skills, such as the manual dexterity needed to use scissors, must be taught.



S. Samulski

She thinks this is something that's often neglected in schools today.

To help students

learn and parents and teachers teach fine motor development, she wrote the book "Finger Funatics," which was published through a partnership between her and the Western Wayne County RESA office.

In return for assisting with publishing the book, the county received 1,000 copies. They will go to Head Start teachers and at-risk pre-school classes.

The book can also be purchased.

A part-time teacher at Winchester Elementary School who lives in Canton, this is Samulski's first book.

It was illustrated by Josh Carpenter.

Samulski is a kindergarten through fifth-grade special education teacher and early interventionist.

She earned dual bachelor degrees in elementary education and special education with a focus on learning disabilities from Michigan State University.

Her master's degree as a reading specialist is from Oakland University.

She and husband, Brian, who is also a teacher, have two children, Emma, 4, and Connor, who will be 2 in February.

The book can be used in the classroom or at home.

### ELEVEN YEARS AS TEACHER

"I've just noticed in my 11 years of teaching that a lot of kids come to school with really poor fine motor skills," Samulski said. "I've seen kindergartners who have never held a pair of scissors. A lot of times they have weak hand strength and visual/motor integration."

She wrote the program about six years ago and used it at Silver Springs Elementary School in Northville.

"Then I revised it many times," she said. Originally, the program was designed for the parent or teacher



## Finger Funatics

FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A Guide for Teachers Pre-School through First Grade

By Shannon Samulski

SHANNON SAMULSKI

Northville teacher Shannon Samulski has written her first book, "Finger Funatics," that teaches the development of fine motor skills. Activities can be done in the classroom or at home.

to have to purchase a lot of things.

"Now I've changed it to include consumable items that you have readily available at home or school — things like old buttons or playing cards, Play-Doh, old shoelaces."

The program includes a quick and easy assessment that looks at five different areas of fine motor skills, and is for ages 3 through first grade, although some second-graders and older special education students would find it helpful.

The areas are visual/motor integration, cutting skills, pencil grip, eye-hand coordination and hand strength.

"Once you do the assessment, you can find out through the scoring which area is weak," Samulski said. "Then, there's an activity matrix in the book for each area."

There are 50 activities with rip-out pages and simple directions.

One of the activities to improve hand strength is called Treasure Hunt and involves Playdough and beads.

### LOW-COST PROGRAM

There is also a list of items to purchase in the back of the book for under \$10 that can help children develop fine motor skills.

Teachers can also send "Finger Funatics" take-home kits with students.

Samulski has her own consulting company, Samulski Consulting LLC. She's interested in prevention-based

learning where students end up on the road to success instead of experiencing learning disabilities.

### MORE CRAFTS NEEDED

Samulski said children's fine motor skills have gotten worse over the years because they aren't sitting down and doing crafts and other projects.

"The television and video games have replaced a lot of these previous activities," she said. "We have kids who can't tie their shoes, zip their coats or open a milk carton. These are life skills."

Samulski is also publishing an additional parent companion booklet to go with "Finger Funatics."

Her website, [www.fingerfunatics.com](http://www.fingerfunatics.com), features ordering information through PayPal. Or, e-mail Samulski at [fingerfunatics@comcast.net](mailto:fingerfunatics@comcast.net) and she can ship the book or sell it locally. The book costs \$19.95 plus tax. The title of the book was actually the idea of one of her fellow teachers at Silver Springs Elementary, Marianne Barry.

The next book she will be working on will be a numeracy development book. "It's about early math," Samulski said. "A lot of children are coming to school without a good foundation in math."

How does she find time to be an author with a busy career and family? "I have a calling and the energy to do this," she said.

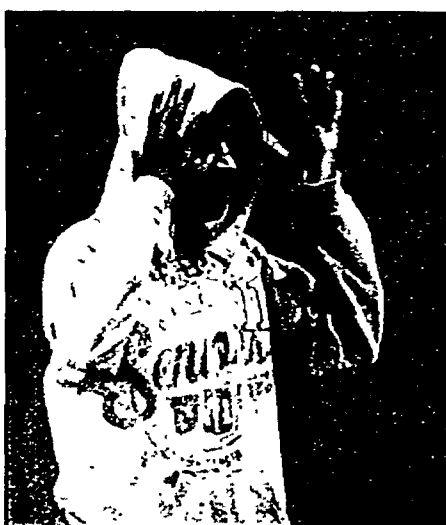
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## Unity in the community

Novi High students attending Monday night's Unity in the Community program applaud a speaker.



Novi High School student Davanta Beal-Greer performs his dance titled "It's a Celebration" during the Monday night "Unity in the Community" program at the high school auditorium.



The keynote speaker at Monday night's Unity in the Community program at Novi High — the Honorable Denise Langford-Morris — gives her address "Our Moment, Our Time."

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## NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

### NHS Senior All Night Party early price is extended

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 on Sunday, June 5 from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at NHS (follows graduation). Cost is \$70, but will go up to \$85 on Feb. 15, 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. Words of Wisdom

—send a personalized message to your senior for only \$5.

Send your senior off with a special message that will be given to them at the Senior All Night Party (SANP). Parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, etc. are asked to participate in this long lasting tradition. Words of Wisdom messages must be received by May 1.

Support the Class of 2011 and purchase Northville City Car Wash Gift Cards. The cards are \$20 for five carwashes, a savings of \$5. To purchase, please contact Germaine Hoppens at [ghoppens@aol.com](mailto: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.



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**Church of the Holy Family**  
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

**Contact:** (248) 349-8847 or visit [holyfamilynovi.org](http://holyfamilynovi.org)  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Time/Day:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
**Holy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m.

Saturdays or by appointment  
**Priests:** Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

**Crosspointe Meadows Church**  
**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 11:15 a.m.

**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

**Destiny Worship Center**  
**Location:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville

**Contact:** [DestinyW3C@gmail.com](mailto:DestinyW3C@gmail.com) or visit [www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org).

**Destiny Worship Center**  
**Grand opening/launch**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Jan. 8 All services will be held on Saturdays. First service is Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. Come be a part of a new, cutting edge, creative and innovative worship experience! This new ministry is preparing to have performing arts, dance, youth, women/men ministries, missions, community service, single/married ministry and much more... Come get in on the ground floor of a diverse ministry that is destined to do a great work.

**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene**

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org)

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
**Tuesday Schedule:** Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study  
**Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

**Women of the Word**  
**Time/Date:** 9:25-11:15 a.m.  
**Details:** The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** (248) 442-8822 or [www.newwhopecenter.org](http://www.newwhopecenter.org)

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 427-1175 or [churchoftheholycross.com](http://churchoftheholycross.com)  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month  
**Faith Community Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2345 or visit [faithcommunity-novi.org](http://faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

**First Baptist Church of Northville**

**Location:** 217 N. Wing  
**Contact:** (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church**

**Location:** 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-3647 or [firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](http://firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org)  
**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.  
**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

**Location:** 200 E. Main St.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit [firstpresville.org](http://firstpresville.org)  
**Sunday Worship**  
**Time:** 9:30, 11 a.m.

**Walking in the Park**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

**Location:** Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)  
**Details:** Group meet for lunch afterwards.  
**Contact:** Sue (734) 459-0016

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

**Details:** Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details [singleplace.org](http://singleplace.org).

**First United Methodist Church of Northville**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**  
**Location:** 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-1144 or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)

**Sunday worship:**  
**Times:** 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May)  
**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor

**Coffee Hour:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)  
**Healing Service:** 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
**Logo Youth Club:** 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)

**Men's Club:** 8 a.m. second Saturdays  
**Contact:** Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail [hwallas@fumcnorthville.org](mailto:hwallas@fumcnorthville.org)

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0565

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

**Lakes Baptist Church**  
**Location:** 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

**Livonia Church of Christ**  
**Location:** 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-427-8743 or visit [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)

**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Meadowbrook Congregational**  
**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
**Contact:** Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Seminar:** Better Than You  
**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.

**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.  
**Merry Widows Luncheon**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

**Pilgrim Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sundays  
**Asking Questions adult education class**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Tuesdays

**Vespers**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Details:** This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.

**Northville Christian Assembly**  
**Location:** 41355 Six Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 348-9030

**Sundays**  
**9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children  
**9 a.m.:** Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

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

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
**8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)**  
**Wednesday Family Night**  
**7 p.m.:** Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club)

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

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

**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or [rabbis@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbis@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

**Novi United Methodist**  
**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)

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## CARL RAYMOND ALBRIGHT

Age 70, of Bear Lake, died Thursday, January 13, 2011, at Munson Hospice House, in Traverse City. He was born May 30, 1940, in Plymouth, the son of Clare and Margaret (Drews) Albright. Carl served his country honorably in the US Navy. He spent time aboard the USS Intrepid during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Following his honorable discharge, he worked as an electrician and eventually started his own business, Dual Controls. Carl was a very handy man who could build or fix anything. In his spare time, he enjoyed working on cars, building engines, hunting, camping, and golf-carting. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family. On June 1, 1963, in Bear Lake, Carl married Evelyn Zalud who survives him. He is also survived by his sons, Marty (Monica) Albright of Brighton and Ricky (Gail) Albright of South Lyon; his grandson, Brandon Albright of South Lyon; his sister, Norma (Donald) Fotts of South Lyon; his brother, Charles (Claudia) Albright of Roscommon; his siblings-in-law, Gene Zalud of Burton, Frances (Jack) Faulkner of West Bloomfield, Patsy (Richard) Jackson of Bear Lake, Beverly (Dennis) Smith of New Hudson, Lee Zalud of Bear Lake, and Todd (Mary) Zalud of Bear Lake; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Carl was preceded in death by his parents and by his beloved son, Barry Albright. Memorial services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 16, 2011, at Bethany Lutheran Church, in Kaleva, with Pastor Diane Greble officiating. Military honors will be conducted under the auspices of the Bear Creek VFW Post #6333 and the US Navy. The family will receive friends from 6-9 PM, Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the Terwilliger Funeral Home in Kaleva. The Terwilliger Funeral Home, in Kaleva, is in charge of arrangements.  
[www.terwilligerfuneralhome.com](http://www.terwilligerfuneralhome.com)



## J.R. ASHER

Age 77, passed away January 13, 2011. He was born on June 28, 1933, to the late Taylor and Bertha (Smith) Asher in Clay County, KY. He was the owner and operator of Asher's Manufacturing in South Lyon from 1972 - 2000. He is survived by his loving wife Virginia of 56 years; his sister Polly Burton and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother and 3 sisters. Visitation was held on Jan. 16, Sunday, from 6 - 8 p.m., and Jan. 17, Monday, 3 - 8 p.m. A funeral service was held on Jan. 18, Tuesday, at 2 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

## RUTH M. BENNETT

Age 102, passed away January 14, 2011. She is survived by her son Robert Bennett. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

## ARLIE W. BURTON

Age 69, passed away January 13, 2011. He was born on January 4, 1942 in Lee County, Kentucky, son of the late Courtney & Edna Burton. Arlie was a lifelong resident of South Lyon. He is survived by his loving daughter Mona (fiancée, Andre) Hansen; three grandchildren: Martin, Marshall & Maverick; his brother, Charles (Charlotte) Burton, his sisters: Velma Rose and Nellie Mae Stamper and numerous nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Mary. Visitation was on Monday, January 17th from 2:00pm-8:00pm. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 18th at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions requested to American Cancer Society or to the family of Arlie Burton. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

## MARY FOLK

Age 74, passed away January 16, 2011. A service will be held in the spring. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



## RALPH FOREMAN, JR.

Of Ann Arbor, passed away January 10, 2011. Ralph was born in Northville, Michigan, July 12, 1927. He spent his life in Northville until 1995 when he retired and moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ralph was best known for the Foreman Orchards that he helped his father plant in 1933. In 1976, the farm market was enlarged to accommodate a cider mill and donut business. He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Foreman. He is survived by his wife, Jeane, his son Tim Foreman of Livonia, Michigan, daughters Cheryl Foreman of Seminole, Florida, and Sue Miles of Westland, Michigan, and five grandchildren. Services were held by Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor Michigan.



## KATHRYN NAOMI JONES

98, of "Charlevoix, formerly of Grayling and South Lyon, passed away Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire. She was born January 15, 1912, in Carey, Ohio, to Lynn K. and Gladys G. (Trubey) Shuman. Kathryn attended Poverty Run School in Adrian, Ohio. In 1919, she moved with her family to Plymouth. She grew up on her father's Spaulding Road farm, and attended New Hudson High School where she played on the basketball team. She continued her education at Oakland County Normal to become a teacher. In September of 1934, Kathryn married Ford Jones, and they made their home on his family dairy farm in South Lyon. Kathryn worked as a substitute teacher in the South Lyon school system, and from 1957 until 1974, worked as a postal clerk at the South Lyon Post office, a job she truly enjoyed. Kathryn and Ford sold their farm in 1968, and in 1976, moved to KP Lake near Grayling. Ford passed away in 1999, and in 2006, Kathryn moved to Charlevoix where she lived at Sunnybank Assisted Living. Kathryn was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and very hard worker, with a great mind and firm convictions. She took great pride and interest in her family and ancestors. She accomplished a great deal in her life, often with little to work with. Kathryn is survived by her sons, Robert F. (Sylvia) Jones of Federal Way, Wash., and Neil H. (Joanne) Jones of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Kimberly (Rod) Stevens, Shari (Kent Seymour) Jones, Robert (Kelly) Jones, Bethany (Terry) Walters, Kristian (Robin) Jones, Maria (Chuck) Nelson; great-grandchildren, Ashley (Darwyn) Sherlock, Nick (Katelyn Johnson) Jones, Jason, Emily, Claire, Zachary, and Erik; Kathryn, Kaylee & Robert sister, Glenna Jean (Keith) Willard of Aurora, Colorado; nieces, Carolyn (John) Jones, Ann (John) Kokaska; nephew, Jim (Robert) Dempsey; three great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Dorothy (Shuman) Dempsey; great-grandson, Riley William Stevens. Funeral was Saturday, January 15, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Chip Sauer officiated. A memorial service will take place in the spring at the South Lyon Presbyterian Church followed by interment at the South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, or Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements. Those wishing to share a memory of Kathryn, or condolences may do so at: [www.winchesterfuneralhome.com](http://www.winchesterfuneralhome.com)

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## CHURCH

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**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion**  
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**Peace Vigil**  
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month  
**Location:** In front of the church  
**Details:** Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.  
**Advent Service**  
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday  
**Oak Pointe Church**

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**Contact:** (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
**ReNew Life Group Ministries**  
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday  
**Details:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.  
**Women's Life Groups Ministries**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
**Men's Life Groups Ministries**  
Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations  
For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact

the church office.

**Orchard Hills Baptist Church**  
**Location:** 23455 Novi Road  
**Contact:** Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665  
**Preschool/Kids Choir**  
Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday  
**Details:** For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church**  
**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221  
**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**  
**Location:** 770 Thayer, Northville

**Contact:** (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org  
**Saturday Worship**  
Time: 5 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
**Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**  
**Location:** 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.  
**Sunday Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
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**Contact:** (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com  
**Saturday Worship**  
Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School**  
Time: 10:15 a.m.  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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**Contact:** (248) 349-3140  
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### NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

#### Breaking and entering

**1** A 34-year-old resident of Innsbrook Drive reported a breaking and entering to police at his apartment that occurred between 12:30 p.m. and 11:21 p.m. on Dec. 7. The victim told police he left his apartment, and when he returned, he found the sliding glass door was standing open, and the window to the left was broken. Stolen items reported included a 50-inch Panasonic plasma TV valued at \$2,000, a DVD player valued at \$200, an X-Box video game console valued at \$300, two diamond rings valued at \$500, earrings, a charm necklace valued at \$200, and a watch valued at \$200. A value for the earrings was not listed on the report. He did not have any serial numbers for the missing items, but he did have rent-

er's insurance. Police found that the dining room window had been pried by an unknown large tool, causing the glass to break in the lower right corner. No evidence was available at the scene.

#### Home invasion attempt

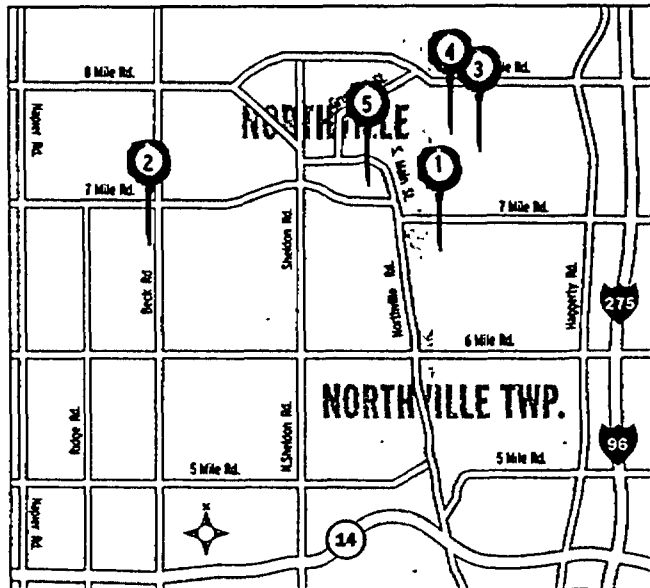
**2** A 78-year-old resident of E. Blue Heron Drive reported an attempted home invasion that occurred between 6 p.m. Dec. 8 and 8 a.m. Dec. 9. The man said he noticed marks on the doorframe of his front entry door. However, the suspect did not gain entry. There were no footprints around the exterior of the home, and no other doors had been affected. An NTPD special attention form was completed and placed in the roll call book.

#### Larceny from auto

**3** A 50-year-old resident of Old Bridge Court reported that someone broke into his truck and stole a Garmin Nuvi 110 GPS unit and an Apple iPod Nano personal music player between 12:01 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Dec. 10. The vehicle was parked on Crystal Lake Drive in front of Old Bridge Court and was found with the hood ajar and the driver's door unsecured. The driver's door lock had been forced, causing the door panel holding it to break, allowing the door to be unlocked. The battery had also been moved under the hood, with it appearing that someone tried to remove it. The GPS unit was valued at \$200, and the iPod was valued at \$150. No evidence was available at the scene.

#### Attempted theft from auto

**4** A 23-year-old resident of Bryn Mawr Court reported to police that some-



one tried to break into her vehicle and steal the battery between 3 and 6 a.m. on Dec. 10. The driver's door lock was turned to the point of failure, allowing the door to be unlocked and opened. The hood was found to be ajar, the battery hold-down had been unbolted, and the battery had been moved. There was no evidence available at the scene and no witnesses to the crime.

#### Larceny from auto

**5** Between 2 and 6:25 p.m. on Jan. 13 someone broke into a car in City Lot # 4 (Wing Street and Cady Street) and stole a backpack off the front passenger seat. The information that follows is not necessarily related to the above crime: The City of Northville Police Department has taken several reports of vehicle break-ins in parking lots — both day and night time. The suspect(s) in these break-ins look into unoccupied vehicles for GPS units, purses and other valuables left out in the open inside their victim's vehicle. They smash out a window, grab the valuables and then flee the area. Information indi-

cates that there are crews from out of state committing many of these break-ins, and several are believed to be driving vehicles with Florida license plates. They have used their victim's information to access bank accounts and credit cards, where money was withdrawn and/or purchases were made, committing a new crime of identity theft.

#### Vehicle break-ins reported

Two vehicle break-ins occurred the first weekend of January on the north side of the city of Northville. Both vehicles were General Motors products and were parked in the owners' driveways. Access to both vehicles was through the moon roof, and both vehicles had only the in-dash DVD/stereo/navigation unit stolen. The thieves who attacked these vehicles are believed to be part of a larger crew operation in the Metro Detroit area. The crew targets vehicles with these in-dash systems. They gain entry to the vehicle through the moon roof because it apparently does not set off the alarm system.

#### False robbery report

On Dec. 8, the Northville Township Police Department responded to a reported robbery behind the Highland Lakes Shopping Center on Seven Mile Road near Silver Springs Drive. After a thorough investigation by Northville Township Police detectives, it has been determined that the reported robbery did not occur. The case was forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review. Filing a false police report is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail, with a maximum fine of \$500.

#### Home invasion arrests

At approximately 9:15 a.m. on Jan. 6, a Northville Township resident observed two subjects dressed in dark clothing and wearing ski masks, entering into a neighbor's home through a back window. The resident immediately contacted the Northville Township Public Safety Department. Northville Township Police Officers responded to the area as the subjects were leaving the residence. Both suspects fled on foot from the scene while officers gave chase. Both suspects were quickly apprehended by officers. Those arrested included George Patrick Merlino Jr., 44, who resides in Westland and Novi, and Robert Eugene Swain, 27, of Westland. Both are charged with felony, home invasion second degree, that carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and habitual offender. Merlino and Swain were arraigned in 35th District Court in Plymouth before the Honorable Judge James Plakas. Bond was set at \$200,000, 10 percent. Both are currently being held in the Wayne County Jail. A preliminary examination is scheduled tomorrow in 35th District Court. Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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## Local man charged with tax evasion

A federal grand jury in Detroit has returned a 14-count indictment against Michigan residents David A. Cusumano and Henry Nino, the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced Jan. 14.

According to the indictment, Cusumano was a mechanical engineer from Plymouth and Nino was an electrician from Northville. Both men are alleged to have committed multiple counts of tax evasion by failing to file income tax returns and maintaining Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificates (IRS Forms W-4) which their employers falsely claimed were exempt from tax withholding.

Both are also charged with corruptly endeavoring to obstruct the administration of the internal revenue laws through the services of Florida-based American Rights Litigators/Guiding Light of God Ministries (ARL) and by other means. The indictment alleges that Cusumano and Nino used ARL to falsely accuse Internal Revenue Service (IRS) workers of criminal acts and to send false documents to the IRS.

Cusumano is also accused of sending fake financial instruments called "Registered Bonds" to the IRS and the Treasury Department while Nino is accused of sending fake financial instruments called "Registered Bills of Exchange" to the Treasury. Nino is also alleged to have willfully failed to file income tax returns for 2007 and 2008.

In August 2004, a federal district judge permanently enjoined ARL and two of its promoters from the sale of a nationwide tax scam. According to court documents, the purpose of ARL's scheme was to thwart the IRS in its attempts to assess and collect taxes by various means. These schemes included manufacturing and selling worthless "bills of exchange" supposedly drawn on the U.S. Treasury for customers to use in purported payment of their taxes, as well as producing false and harassing complaints against IRS employees that were sent to the Treasury.

Inspector General for Tax Administration in Washington, D.C.

An indictment merely alleges that a crime has been committed, and a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Tax Division Trial Attorneys Melissa Siskind and Jeffrey McLellan are prosecuting the case.

Source: United States Department of Justice



### House fire

Northville Township Police and Fire Departments responded to a residential house fire at 17355 Oak Hill Drive in Northville Township, on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2010 at 11:20 p.m. The Northville Township Fire Department arrived to find a large amount of flames coming from the exterior of the home. Immediate mutual aid was requested from Northville City, Livonia and Plymouth Community Fire Departments. The fire was quickly under control and contained to the single family home of roughly 5,000 square feet. No one was home at the time of the fire, all occupants were out of town on vacation. There were no injuries to any residents or public safety personnel. At this time, the cause of the fire is unknown and under investigation.



PHOTOS BY TOM WOLSKO

## 2010 ends on a sober note for many

### Holiday enforcement results in 356 drunken driving arrests

More than 350 motorists are starting 2011 with a sobering reminder after being arrested during a statewide drunk driving crackdown over the holidays.

Law enforcement officers from more than 200 agencies conducted stepped up enforcement aimed at curtailing drunk driving during the Drunk Driving, Over the Limit, Under Arrest, crackdown Dec. 16-Jan. 2. The Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) coordinated the effort which was funded with federal highway safety grants in 35 counties. This resulted in 9,462 traffic stops and more than 6,600 citations or arrests, including 121 for other alcohol- and drug-related charges such as open intoxicants and underage drinking.

In addition to the 356 drunk driving arrests, 599 other misdemeanor and felony

arrests were made and officers issued 113 seat belt and child restraint, 864 speeding and 411 uninsured motorist citations. Two stolen vehicles were recovered and 92 fugitives were arrested during the enforcement effort. During a similar effort last year, officers made 7,510 traffic stops and arrested 300 drunk drivers.

"Although the overtime funding is provided for drunk driving enforcement, the added enforcement provides the opportunity to identify other traffic safety violations," said Kathy Farnum, OHSP's senior section chief. "It appears most motorists made the right choice not to drink and drive over the holidays, except for the 356 drivers that found themselves in the back of a patrol car."

Preliminary reports from the Michigan

State Police Criminal Justice Information Center indicate eight people died in traffic crashes over the recent Christmas and New Year's holidays, with half of those deaths involving alcohol. Three of those killed were pedestrians. This is a slight improvement over the 2009 holiday periods when 10 people died in traffic crashes. Four of those deaths were alcohol-related.

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## OUR VIEWS



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Meads Mill science teacher Todd Gudith donates a pint of blood during the Jan. 12 Red Cross blood drive at the school. Attending him is R.N. Mary Ellen Krehmelmer.

## School funding Leaders ought to leave school coffers intact

Michigan's new governor and the state Legislature should make it clear how they feel about public education. If it is an over-funded function of state government, then say so clearly. If not, then they should keep their hands off the school aid fund.

We suggest the hands-off route. Unfortunately, that hasn't been the history for the last batch of elected state leaders who, rather than make tough budget decisions, found it easier to take from the next generation.

That's what happened with the current budget in which \$208 million was taken from the school aid fund to cover general fund obligations. Even with that theft, the budget was only balanced with the help of more than \$1 billion in federal bailout funds.

Now, new Gov. Rick Snyder is facing a budget challenge that his predecessor failed to deal with. The deficit is still there, because spending wasn't adequately cut and no one

School districts are staffed and budgets built based on funding assumptions in which Michigan provides public education support at a higher rate than the national average. That's something to be proud of, and it should be continued in the future. The goal should not be to see how low we can reduce our public school funding. Instead, the goal should be to protect public school funding; then take all possible steps to see that it is used in ways best suited to serving school-age Michigan youngsters. This is especially true in an increasingly global economy where knowledge is becoming the greatest resource.

wanted to produce new revenue in the form of new or higher taxes.

For the next budget, though, there isn't the likelihood of more federal money. It shouldn't be surprising when budget-makers again start eyeing the school aid fund.

That would be a costly mistake that would seriously damage school districts across the state, including Novi.

If the state tried to balance its next general budget with a similar raid on the school budget as happened this school year, districts would see their foundation grant drop by about \$200-\$300 a student.

That's if the governor and the Legislature copy this last theft.

If their greed gets greater, they could try to transfer the full \$1.8 billion cost of the higher education and community college budgets to the school aid fund. Such

a plunder would cost districts \$1,150 a student, which would be catastrophic. Might as well shut them down and be done with it.

From another perspective, the story isn't quite that grim. Using three-year-old data, the news service MIRS estimates that even with such draconian-sounding cuts, Michigan school funding from all sources (including federal dollars) would still rank 25th in the nation.

But that misses the point. School districts are staffed and budgets built based on funding assumptions in which Michigan provides public education support at a higher rate than the national average. That's something to be proud of, and it should be continued in the future.

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Are there places where education dollars are poorly spent? Surely. Identify them, fix them and free up dollars for greater educational value. But don't keep raiding public school dollars while failing to significantly address spending inefficiencies. That's a formula for failure, which has been the path Lansing has so far chosen to follow.

Snyder and the new Legislature can take a different approach. Leave the school aid fund alone.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

What restaurant in the Northville area do you like to take your family to?



"We always go to Connor's Family dining at Five and Haggerty. It's got good food and a family atmosphere."

Katie Brady  
Northville



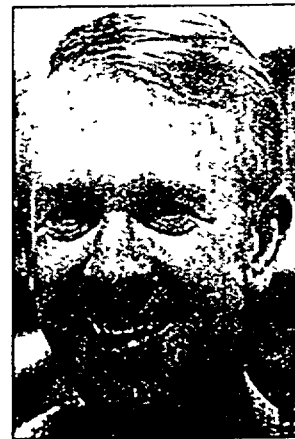
"Chili's at Eight and Haggerty. They've got a good variety of food and they're usually easy to get into."

Jim Siitari  
Novi



"We like to go to Poole's in Northville. Their hamburgers and beer are great and it's family-friendly."

Betty Williams  
Northville



"I like Bahama Breeze (Haggerty and Eight Mile). I like their drinks and they have a good selection of healthy food."

John Gordon  
Northville

## LETTERS

### Historical Society clarification

An article titled "Residents: Preserve historic barn" that appeared in the Dec. 23 Northville Record attributed to me the statement that "no information is available on the structure or the corresponding house" at 413 Randolph Street. As I was not interviewed for the article, I must assume that a third party gave the information during the Historic District Commission meeting. For the record, I did not state there was no information on the structure or the corresponding house. I can tell you that there is a property file for 413 Randolph St. with very little information in it, that no one has been to the Northville Historical Society Archives to research the property, that I have not been hired to perform any further research on the barn or property, and that I have had two telephone inquiries on the property, one of which was from a Historic District commissioner.

The NHS Archives is a repository for the history of Northville, containing photographs, journals, maps, business documents, tax records and more. As with Mill Race Village, we rely on donations of both old and new items. We are charged with correctly cataloging and preserving these historically valuable materials.

Though it is not within the purview of the Archives to generate research on buildings in Northville, I frequently receive telephone calls from people requesting information on prop-

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erties. I generally do a quick check to see if we have an address file started on the property. If there is not a file, I explain that files are created when we have received donated items pertinent to the property or have previously researched the property for someone else. If there is not a file, researchers can come to the Archives and will be guided through the research process or they can hire me to perform the research for them. Researching a property can be a lengthy and time-consuming process and may require that the researcher contact other repositories such as the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public

Library, the Wayne County Registrar of Deeds, the State of Michigan Archivist, etc.

As a preservationist and historian, I feel it is our duty to fully weigh our decisions and get as much information as possible prior to making decisions that cannot be reversed. Most certainly, all old buildings do not need or deserve to be preserved. However, just as certainly, too many buildings in the Historic District of Northville have deserved preservation, only to be dismantled in the dead of night, with the promise of resurrection, then the sad news that the structure could not be brought back after all. Re-using old windows and wood in new construction is admirable, but is a poor imitation of the original.

One of the services the Northville Historical Society provides to the community is access to its Archives. My hope is that developers, architects and historic district commissioners will consider doing more than just a cursory check on a property file before determining the historic validity of a structure. I also hope that the Historic District Commission reaches a consensus on exactly what constitutes "historic." I am more than happy to accommodate requests for research and provide information available in our Archives. It is imperative that we do our due diligence in researching our historic buildings. It is a history too easily lost.

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## GUEST COLUMN

## Take the time to think before you speak: Tucson shooting tragedy impacts us all

An innocent 9-year-old girl, a federal judge and four others are dead. A congresswoman was hospitalized



Tom Watkins

in critical condition, a bullet through her brain, silencing her voice.

The pain of 19 people struck down by bullets from a crazed gunman is a trauma to our national psyche that should make us pull back, feel, think and ultimately act.

What was in this man's head as a result of apparent mental illness? How much of his thinking was influenced by a society so obsessed with winning that demonizing those we disagree with seems the norm? We must think about what might have caused the suspect, a 22-year old man, to do the unthinkable.

I grew up in the shadow of our nation's capitol during the days of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and later the Vietnam War, wondering how people could possibly kill their fellow men and women.

Sociologists and military commanders often view dehumanization of the enemy as central in war. During the Korean and Vietnam wars, racial slurs were often used to describe the enemy.

At various times in our nation's history, Italians, Irish, Jews, Catholics and African Americans were demonized, viewed as "lesser beings."

America's open democratic and public discourse has had deadly consequences through the ages. Consequences that have sped up with the introduction of social media — allowing "citizen journalists" and anyone with a voice, or a grudge, to vent, often with deadly consequences.

Remember Vincent Chin? Beaten to death with a baseball bat in Hamtramck in 1982 by a middle-aged man and his son-in-law, both unemployed auto workers with a grudge. They mistakenly thought Chin, a Chinese American, was Japanese and at fault for "stealing" their jobs at a time when Toyota and Honda vehicle sales were soaring in the U.S., wreaking havoc on the domestic auto industry.

Hate, society, and mental instability were as much on trial for Chin's death as the two bat-wielding murderers.

Our American society has made voicing and acting upon hate culturally acceptable. American public discourse allowed rhetoric about Japan's economic rise to fuel the rage. Signs sprang up in the '80s, and remain to this day, in some union halls: "Foreign cars not allowed." Carnivals, sponsored by local churches, raised money by allowing three hits with a

sledgehammer on a "foreign" car.

For people tightly wrapped emotionally, heated rhetoric and hitting a car symbolic of a country and people, might provide a safety valve for letting off steam. But for those living on society's fringes, heated and ugly rhetoric provides an impetus for further action.

Today no political ideology has a lock on spreading hate. It comes from both the right and the left.

Not enough is known about the shooter who gunned down these 19 individuals, to ascribe motives or know his mental state of mind. That will come with time.

We do know that political pandering and paranoia can be a deadly mix.

Do leaders on the political left or right truly want their rhetoric to spur violence and carnage? No. However, their words land on the ears of the intelligent, ignorant, dispossessed, and mentally-challenged alike. Let's abolish our country's hate-filled rhetoric to insure we do not experience another bloody tragedy like the one that occurred in Tucson. It only serves to further stain our country's reputation and ruin countless numbers of American lives.

Tom Watkins served as Michigan's state mental health director and state superintendent of schools. He can be reached at [twatkins@aol.com](mailto:twatkins@aol.com).

# First Historic District planned for Charter Township of Northville

Thayer School and the adjacent Thayer Cemetery are designed to be Northville Township's first historic district when the township Board of Trustees gives its expected approval of the recommendation of the Township's Historic District Study Committee later this year.

The two parcels are located at the corner of Six Mile and Napier roads at the western edge of the township.

Known historically as "Thayer's Corners," both the cemetery and the school reflect the early settlement

of the area. Both were part of the original 322-acre homestead of Rufus Thayer, Jr.

The first burial in the cemetery occurred in 1830, and the brick school was built in 1877, replacing an earlier wooden structure built before 1860.

Historic District Commission Vice Chair Daniel Schneider, who headed the historic district study committee for the proposal, noted that the Thayer Cemetery is one of three early cemeteries located in Northville Township, the others being the Yerkes

Cemetery on Eight Mile Road and the Waterford Cemetery on Franklin Road. Many of the township's early settlers are interred in these three cemeteries.

As for the school, Schneider said that at one time there were about three dozen one-room schoolhouses in the Northville/Plymouth area. The Thayer School is one of a few still standing on its original location. (The Wash-Oak School in Mill Race Village and the Stone School in Salem Township were moved to their current

sites.)

A number of local residents remember attending the Thayer School that closed in 1952 after the Northville Board of Education acquired the property. The building was then used as a private home for several years before being vacated. It is currently owned by Veolia Co. that operates the nearby landfill in Salem Township.

The proposed Thayer's Corners Historic District has been submitted to the township Board of Trustees, which will seek public input at a

future public hearing on the study committee's recommendations.

Members of the study committee include Schneider and local volunteers Patricia Allen, Joseph Oldenburg, Frederick Shadko, William Siy and Bradley Werner.

The study committee is a subgroup of the Historic District Commission, which is chaired by Township Trustee Marjorie Banner. Additional members include John Palmers, John Colling, Carol Poenisch and Richard Allen.

## DISCUSSION

FROM PAGE A1

HDC members at 6 p.m. on Feb. 9 at township hall. The meeting room is to be determined.

Johnson said he believes the commission has a positive influence on the community. It saved the old Ford Valve Plant on South Main Street, where condos were supposed to be built, according to Johnson.

"There's a lot it can accomplish," Johnson said.

But, Johnson told commissioners that, "It's not enough to say no to a project. We're here to serve the public."

He said that commissioners need to be more concerned with trying to move the applicant into compliance. "We want a dialogue with people," John said. "They may be our new neighbors. I don't want their first impression of Northville to be a negative one. We're not giving the applicant the respect they deserve. We don't have to go into 'attack mode' and make them feel that they shouldn't be here just because the project doesn't meet standards or guidelines."

### HISTORIC OR JUST OLD?

Johnson said that commissioners need to make sure



J. Argenta



D. Schneider

they don't confuse old with historic. "Not all buildings have historical significance," Johnson said. "We need to pick and choose these kinds of battles more carefully."

With an 18 percent drop in tax revenue in the last two years, the city is operating on a shoestring, so it doesn't need any extra litigation from disgruntled landowners.

"When we create litigation, I want us to step back and ask ourselves long and hard what we're doing there," Johnson said.

Although he wouldn't name names, Johnson said he recently lost a very valued commissioner due to the tone of the last couple of meetings.

"We need more than just training," Johnson said. "We need to get back to civility."

He said that every vote doesn't have to be unanimous. "My hope is for a better Northville," Johnson said.

### PROGRESS VS. PRESERVATION

A lengthy discussion ensued about whether the commission should focus on progress or preservation.

Schneider told commissioners that their charge was to safeguard the Historic District. He also explained that state law, Public Act 169, and the Secretary of the Interior dictate that they look at standards first.

Schneider said based on National Register of Historic Places criteria, a building must be 50 years old, have some specific architectural detail, have some historical importance and require future research.

But, Commissioner Mark Vernacchia believes that standards can't be so inflexible that there is no leeway.

"If there's some rational reason to grant an exception, then you can do that," Johnson said.

All of the commissioners said more education and communication needs to be done, so that applicants know what they are supposed to have before the meetings.

John Argenta, a Northville architect, was recently hired to serve as a consultant to the city's Historic District Commission. He will be attending all of the meetings.

Johnson said plans to do a little more "policing" on



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City of Northville Historic District Commissioners met on Jan. 13 to discuss their role in the community. Mayor Chris Johnson, chair of the HDC, was not happy with the way the conversation went during the last two meetings and believes some applicants feel like they've been "beat up" after a meeting. He's stressing stronger communication and education between the commissioners and applicants. From left: Mark Vernacchia, Joe Hoffman, David Field, John Argenta (consultant), Jennifer Bayly, Chris Johnson.

meetings when he sees that they are going down the wrong path.

"There are ways of asking questions that come off as hostile when they don't need to be," Johnson said. "I don't

want to discourage people from coming to talk to us."

Johnson noted that applicants can always present a preliminary concept to the commission prior to a more formal application if they'd

like input.

"Conceptual reviews are done before plans are developed," he said.

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# Livonia firm displays plug-in power at show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine filling 'er up for about \$2. That's how little drivers could pay in the near future to charge a Chevy Volt using a PEP Station. Designed by the Livonia-based Blain Group, the electric charging stations are going into production this year.

"2011 is the year of the electric car," said Brady Blain, PEP Stations vice president of business development. "In order for electric vehicles to be accepted by the general public, a charging infrastructure will be needed. Now that the vehicles are here, we've seen demand for commercial charge stations increase

dramatically."

PEP stands for Plug-in Electric Power. Each unit has a pair of 240-volt chargers, so it can charge two cars at the same time. Charging a Volt would take about three hours, Blain said.

They're on display at the Michigan Economic Development Corp. "Town Square" exhibit at the auto show. Ricardo, Inc. engineered the units and Diebold, Inc. will install and maintain them.

Similar in size to a parking meter, PEP units are being targeted for commercial uses, such as hospitals, shopping malls and movie theaters that might require a stay of several hours.

Units are expected to cost \$500 to \$1,500 each and the unit owners would determine the exact rate to charge per hour. Customers would buy the electricity using a debit/credit card. The units use an LED touch-screen similar to an ATM machine.

The stations are made of stainless steel, with underground wiring connecting each unit to the owner's business. They'll sit on concrete pedestals to help avoid a parking lot mishap.

The Blain Group, located at 39206 Six Mile, is a commercial design and real estate development company. Members of the firm include two former Ford Motor Co. executives with backgrounds in technology and product development.



Livonia-based PEP manufacturer's electric vehicle recharge stations have a display at the MEDC hall inside the auto show.

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## U-M solar car on display at auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN  
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

The University of Michigan solar race car leaves behind the gas pump and the battery charger.

Weighing about 700 pounds with a driver, the car's motor runs on two kilowatts of power — about the same amount of power a hair dryer uses.

"Exactly," team member Cole Wittie said. "And we can

go 105 mph."

The solar car is part of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.'s "Town Square," a collection of green technology at the North American International Auto Show. Wittie, 20, and Nathan Van Nortwick, 19, are members of the U-M crew helping to prepare the car for the international Australian Outback solar car race in October.

"We're in the mechanical division," said Van Nortwick, who lives in Novi. "We work with the engineers to optimize the design of the car."

The vehicle, named Infinium, can travel up to 50 mph almost the entire day purely on solar power. During his tour of the auto show, Gov. Rick Snyder praised the car as an important part of the state's entrepreneurial future.

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Cole Wittie (left) of Grand Rapids, and Nathan Van Nortwick of Novi, both University of Michigan students, stand by the university's Solar Car at the North American International Auto Show last Thursday. Both students have had a hand in designing and upkeeping the award-winning solar car.

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# It's good to be back

## Cooper Standard returns to auto show after two-year hiatus

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The atmosphere in the Cooper Standard suite at the North American International Auto Show last week was noticeably upbeat.

After all the company has been through the last two years, including emerging from bankruptcy protection eight months ago after cutting \$650 million in debt, those in attendance had every right to be jovial.

Clients and some of the company's top brass gathered together to tout Cooper Standard's newest and most innovative products, as well as celebrate its return to the auto show as a sponsor.

"There is a feeling of opportunity now," said Sharon Wenzl, Novi resident and vice president of corporate communications for Cooper Standard. "We see growth on the horizon and it's a positive feeling as opposed to survival."

The company, with global headquarters in Novi, is an automotive supplier of body sealing systems, anti-vibration systems, fuel, brake and emissions systems and thermal management systems.

It posted revenue of nearly \$2.6 billion in 2008, but the downturn in the auto industry had a drastic impact on operations.

Wenzl said as the industry has come back, so has Cooper Standard. The company is in several growth regions, such as Brazil, China and India, and it is "well-positioned for a global footprint around the world."

Currently, 19,000 people are

employed by Cooper Standard in 18 different countries.

Patrick Bielman, Birmingham resident and director of commercial planning for body and chassis systems for Cooper Standard, said internally there is a lot of "buzz" and everyone is excited for the future.

"We aren't hanging on for dear life anymore," he said. "We are swimming now."

One of the newest products Cooper Standard is bringing into the market is its SafeSeal technology for power window and door systems.

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"This is our 'sexy' product," Bielman said, before being corrected with a laugh by Wenzl to call it its "safety" product.

The vast majority of the products Cooper Standard provides are unseen by the consumer, but are critical to the operation of the car.

Bielman said of the 700 vehicles at the auto show, Cooper Standard products are in about 90 percent of them.

"It's that quiet comfort," Bielman said about what the company provides.

Another highlight of the company on display at the auto show was its continued contributions to charitable organizations.

Wenzl said despite the struggles, the company was still able to support non-

profit organizations such as S.A.Y. Detroit Medical Clinic, HAVEN, United Way and several others.

"We all felt that it was important to continue to support them," she said.

And in tune with what appears to be the overriding

feeling from those attending the auto show, Wenzl and Bielman said it looks like the automotive industry is coming back.

"We are cautiously optimistic," Wenzl said with a smile.

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## Movie on teens, prescription drugs set Proceeds to benefit UNICEF

Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. from Main Street Family Chiropractic, 109 W. Main Street in Northville, will present a special movie about children, teenagers and prescription drugs next week.

At 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 27, the office will show "Generation Rx," a very powerful documentary, at Genitti's Hole in the Wall Restaurant on E. Main Street.

Admission will be \$5, with all proceeds going to UNICEF, a children's organization helping those affected by the disasters in Haiti.

"This movie is a must see for anyone who has kids or is even associated with them," Stopa said. "It is shocking in the United States that the third leading cause of death is medical care, after heart disease and cancer. Most shocking of

all is that more than 105,000 deaths per year are caused by 'properly' prescribed medication."

Space for this "Movie Night" is limited, so call to sign-up in advance at (248) 735 9800. Dr. Stopa, who is a board certified chiropractic sports physician, will present a brief talk on how chiropractic care can be beneficial regarding this issue.



J. Mlinarcik

Guest speaker, Dr. John Mlinarcik, a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and LMSW (Licensed Masters Social Worker) in Northville, will share his thoughts during a question-and-answer period. Attendees who would be new



Dr. Kenneth Stopa Jr. in his downtown Northville office.

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## NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

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For the second year, ticket prices remained at \$250, down from \$400 per ticket in previous years. Attendance was also up — 10,500 patrons, all decked out and revvin' to go.

"I'm here to tell you that we are back," boasted Paul W. Smith of WJR-AM (760), who emceed the exclusive ribbon-cutting ceremony, just prior to the opening of the Charity Preview and the North American International Auto Show, where 55 new vehicles were launched. "We're proud. We have the best product in the world and we're leading the economy back to health."



Julie Yolles

With every CEO from the auto companies gracing the stage, along with Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, 8-year-old Myles Parks was lookin' quite dapper in his tux as he welcomed the Charity Preview patrons. Parks was this year's youth ambassador, representing the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan — and all the nine recipient charities.

Following the brand new launch of the new "I'm a Believer" advertising campaign, which promotes volunteerism in Detroit, Snyder told the sequined and tuxed crowd: "This is truly a great showcase for our state that we should be proud of. The state of Michigan is the leader of the automotive industry. We are the world's leader in innovation."

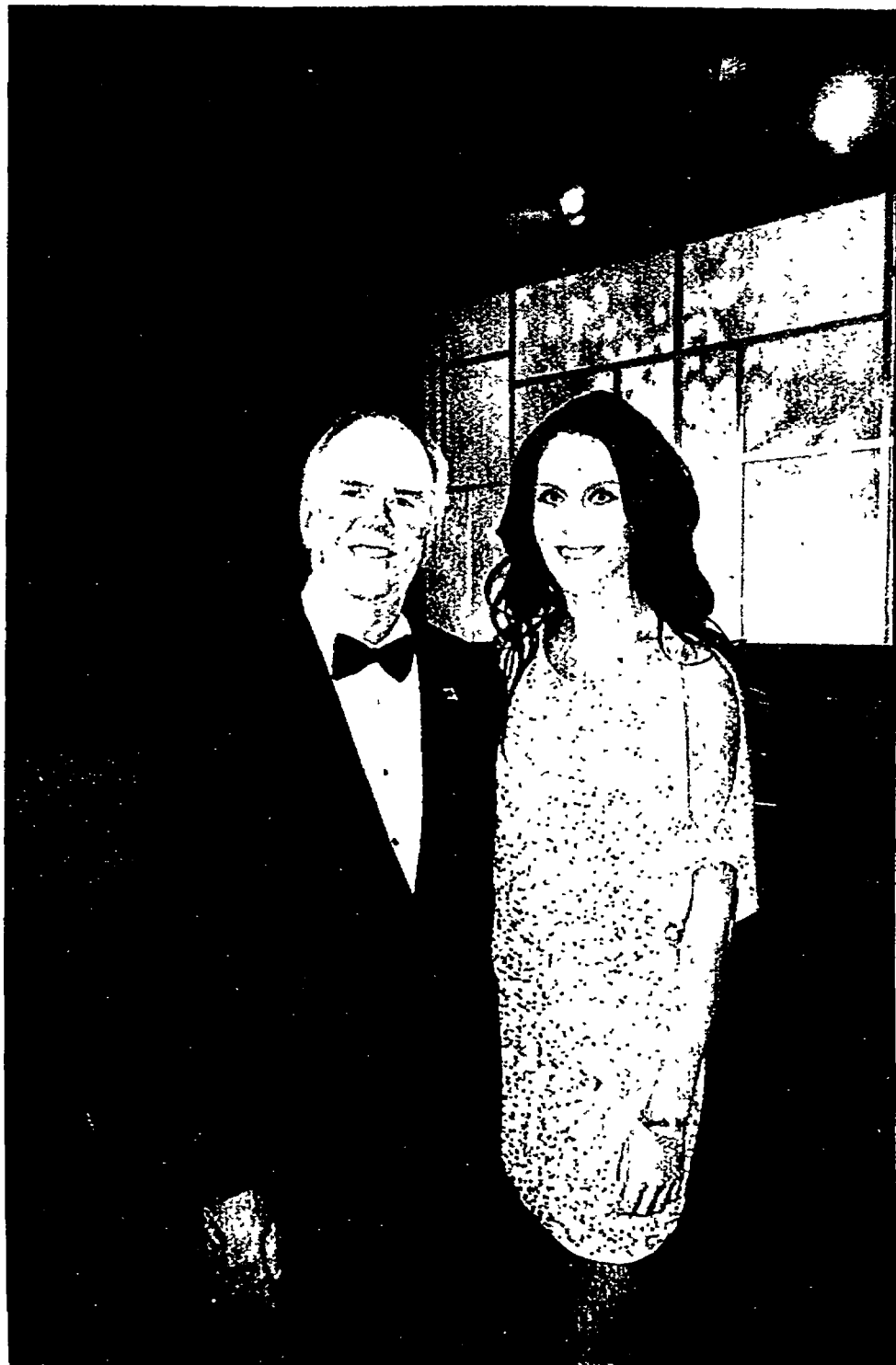
But for that night, it was all about the children, where all but \$10 of each \$250 ticket was donated to one of the causes.

"We've exceeded our goal," 2011 NAIAS Chairman Barron Meade of Birmingham said. "These children are the compass of our future direction."

Contact Julie Yolles at jyolles@comcast.net or (248) 642-9465.



(From left) Northville residents Marci and Jason Howes, Christy Thaxton and Colleen Maraffino. The women did a shopping "Girls' Night Out" at Von Maur in Livonia for their Charity Preview ensembles.



Northville residents Bill and Jackie Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne are all smiles at Friday's auto gala.



Cadillac of Novi General Manager Ed and Kelly Pobur of Milford attended last week's NAIAS Charity Preview. Cadillac of Novi celebrated its one-year anniversary the next day. In 2010, Cadillac of Novi was No. 1 in sales in the Midwest and No. 2 nationally.



Novi residents Tina and Pat Torossian, Ford engineering manager, attended the Cooper Standard Automotive afterglow. Cooper Standard's world headquarters are based in Novi. The organization made significant contributions to several children's charities that evening.



### PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

(From left) Natasa and Jerome Zarembo of Northville, Jim Garippa of Rochester Hills and Lisbeth Murphy of Troy attended last Friday's NAIAS Charity Preview.

(From left) Susan Delano of White Lake, Gloria and Michael Delano of Harrison Township and Judy Malburg of Birmingham were part of the 800-plus patrons who attended the sold-out AutoGlow at the Westin Book Cadillac following Charity Preview at the North American International Auto Show.



(From left) Milford residents Michelle Collins and Vince DeAngelis and South Lyon residents Mike and Michelle Conrad attended AutoGlow following the Charity Preview at the Book Cadillac. Sponsored by Ford Motor Co., AutoGlow raised \$180,000 for The Children's Center of Wayne County.



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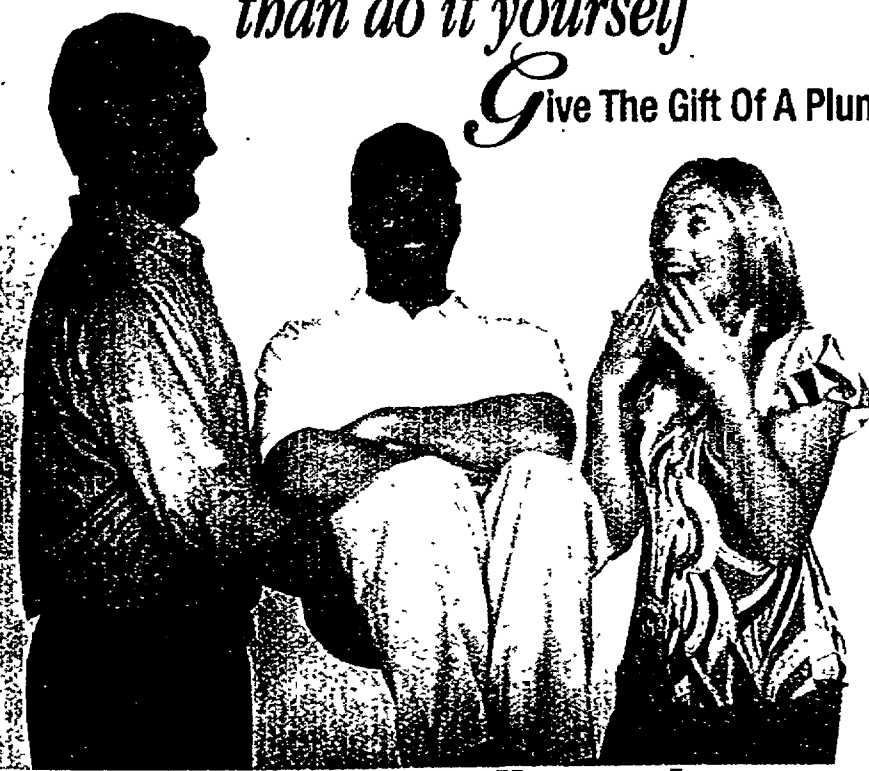
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Alex Moynes almost tips a pass by a South Lyon Lion on Jan. 11.

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## Girls cagers bow to Wildcats

### Novi proves too much in critical game

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs and Novi Wildcats girls basketball games have always been key match-ups, be it

when they were simply cross-town rivals or in the same division.

This year was no different, with both teams hoping for a shot at the Central Division title and knowing they had

to get through each other in order to have a chance at the crown.

The Novi Wildcats got the edge in the division race

Please see **GIRLS HOOP, B3**

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will play again tomorrow when they host Salem at 7 p.m. before playing at home again Tuesday against Wayne Memorial at 7 p.m.

## Mustangs have strong showing at quad meet

### Squad tops Huron, Canton and Hartland

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It's rare to see four teams packed into the Northville High School pool and it's even rarer to see so much talent in the water at one time.

The Northville Mustangs hosted the NHS Quad Meet last week and took on Ann Arbor Huron, Canton and Hartland. The end results favored as they upended Huron, 106-80, and beat Canton, 122-64, and Hartland, 100-83. Ann Arbor defeated Canton,

113-73, and Hartland, 95-88, while Hartland got the best of Canton, 107-76.

"We have had a tough two weeks of practice and a lot of distractions, so I was very pleased with the results and the effort that the kids put in these past two Saturdays," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts. "This week will tell us a lot about where we are this point in the season. Stevenson is always tough, so we will have to swim well — especially our relays — if we want to win."

If Northville swims as well

## ON TAP

The Northville tankers will be back in the pool today at 6:30 p.m. for a meet against rival Livonia Stevenson.

as they did in the quad meet, they should put themselves in a good position for the victory.

Taking the first place finishes for Northville at the quad were Will Greenlee in the 50 free with a time of 55.29 seconds and Kevin Bain in diving with a score of 456.4. Taking second-place was the 200 medley relay team of Ryan Winkler, Bofang Zhang, Greenlee and Spencer

Miller with a time of 1:45.55 while Alex Miller took second in the 200 freestyle in 1:54.66. In the 200 individual medley, Zhang took second with a time of 2:05.17 while also taking second in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.16. Will Price took second in diving with 441.5 points while Greenlee notched a second-place finish in the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.29. Also taking second was the 200 free relay team of Alex Miller, Zhang, Dawson Laabs and Greenlee with a time of 1:34.37.

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

## Mustangs split on hardwood

### Northville beats South Lyon, falls to rival Novi

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was a week of ups and downs for the Northville Mustangs boys basketball team.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, earned a tight 40-39 victory over a tough South Lyon team before bowing against long-time rival Novi, 55-36.

Against South Lyon, Northville went up 12-5 after the first quarter and led 22-12 at halftime.

"We knew South Lyon would make a run, like they always do," said Sander.

They were right, as the Lions cut the lead to five by the end of the third quarter and rallied in the fourth to keep the game interesting before missing the final shot.

"Any win at South Lyon is a good one," said Sander. "It's a tough place to play, and they play very well at home. I was proud of how we gutted this one out."

Leading the way for the Mustangs was Andrew Baldwin, who hit for 12 points and had six rebounds. Bruce Groshek, Levi Perry and Jeff Gertley each had eight points

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back in action when they visit Salem tomorrow and Wayne Memorial Tuesday. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

in the win while Al Myers had eight points and nine rebounds.

Against Novi, the Mustangs could not get the ball rolling in the right direction while the Wildcats came out firing on all cylinders on offense and defense.

The game started tied at 5-5 before Novi jumped to an 11-5 lead and then stretched it to 17-7 by the end of the first quarter. By the time the half came to a close, the 'Cats were up 32-14 and then dominated the third quarter for a 52-17 lead.

"We need to regroup and get ready for the next one—we get to see them again in a couple weeks," said Sander.

Nick Raad led Northville's scoring with seven points.

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

## Northville turns in highest points total of the season

### Gymnasts earn 10th at Farmington Invite

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Things are starting to look up for the Northville Mustangs gymnastics team.

The squad, coached by Erin McWatt, had a rough start to the season, dropping their first three dual meets as they struggled with gaining much-needed experience and injuries. The team has been educated on a tough learning curve, however, and their top all-around performer returned from her injury last week as they team collected their season-best point total and earned 10th at the always-difficult Farmington Invitational. The team collected 129.125 points, total.

Captain Allison Kemp returned to all-around action and finished fifth in the Division I competition with 26.025 points. She earned first on the beam with an impressive 9.7 for the team's high score of the day.

"She has been our of the line up since preseason and is still

## ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team will compete again when they participate in the Salem Invitational this Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

recovering from an injury," said McWatt. "She's going to be a key player in our rebuilding success this year, as well as a top contender at states in March."

Northville has the majority of their season still left ahead of them with five dual meets, two invitationals, the conference meet and the MHSAA regional and state finals still on the calendar.

Earlier in the week, the team fell to Canton, 141.9-125.45. Northville's highlight was an 8.15 from Taylor Dempsey on the bars.

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**BY SAM EGGLESTON**  
CORRESPONDENT

### Mustangs earn big victories over John Glenn

The Northville Mustangs bowling teams are on a roll. The girls team, last week, secured a victory over Westland John Glenn, 16.5-13.5, after falling behind 10-0 in the Baker games. The team was led by a 221 from Lisa Rice and a 203 from Kristen Muzillo. Not to be outdone, the JV girls also had a strong showing last week as Jamie Bell won both girls high game and high series at last week's Canton Classic Tournament. The boys varsity team didn't have as much success as the girls, but coach Patrick Ramsey said the team nearly upset the state-ranked John Glenn squad. He noted the team received strong games from Jon Johnson, Brad Currier, Colton Wa-Mu and Ryan Benoit.

The JV boys team finished middle-of-the-pack at the Canton Classic.

### Hockey team bows to Farmington

The Northville Mustangs boys hockey team found themselves on the wrong end of a 4-2 game against Farmington last week. "Even though we lost I think the guys earned respect by the way they played on the ice," said Northville coach Jeff Hatley. "Farmington is one of the top teams in the state and this could be a great rivalry game for both teams. Even though they are in a different conference (OAA) a lot of the players grew up playing with and against each other in the Novi and Farmington Hockey Associations. The two rinks are only about 10 minutes apart."

The squad started the game off strong, keeping their foes out of the net

and holding the game at a stagnant 0-0 score. In the second period, however, Farmington, which is ranked No. 1 in Division II, put in two goals, both off the stick of Nick Elliot with one coming off a power play. Rob Goldi and Mike Manzo earned assists.

The Farmington squad added a third tally for a 3-0 lead in the beginning of the third stanza as Zach Massa found the back of the net with assistance from Ethan Baker and Alex Schmidt.

Northville got on the board in the third, scoring back-to-back goals with the first coming off a shot by Stephen Champagne and the second from Clay Neal. Matt Giordano and Xavier Gaudet assisted the first goal while Riley Marotta assisted on the second.

Farmington was not done, however, and secured the 4-2 victory on an empty-net goal by Massa with an assist from Adam Lockner.

David Ketelhut stopped 22-of-25 shots in the loss. "David played really well, especially in the first period," said Hatley. "This season David has stepped up his approach to practice and games and really battles hard every time he is in the net. Nobody comes to the rink more prepared to play than David. As a four-year varsity player, I think he is really determined to make this season special and do his best for this teammates."

### Ian Stirton earned 100th career wrestling victory

It was an odd week of wins and losses for the Northville Mustangs wrestling team. The squad, coached by Bob Boshoven, earned a third-place showing at the Stevenson Invitational after losing to South Lyon and Grand Blanc in dual meets. In the dual meets, Northville did have Jon Montgomery and Ian Stirton go 2-0 on the day while Trevor Maresh collected two wins via technical falls.



Northville High School varsity bowling team member and captain Ryan Benoit rolls the rock at Novi Lanes on Jan. 10.

Stirton's victories were extra special, coming in the form of his 99th and 100th for his career. In the Stevenson Invitational, the Mustangs earned third place thanks to several strong performances. Stirton climbed up to 105 career wins with a 5-0 showing in the 119-pound weight class while Maresh and Johnny Wines went 5-0 at 171 and heavyweight, respectively.

In addition, first-year wrestler Adam Kwiecinski went 4-1 in the 215-pound weight class.

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Mustang bowling team member Lisa Rice practices at Novi Lanes on Jan. 10.



Mustang Brittany Browers, 11th grade, practices at Novi Lanes on Jan. 10.

### NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Bailey & Shamoun sponsors boys hoop

As a way of supporting NHS athletics amid a season of budget cuts, Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is offering a unique way for the Northville community to support NHS Boys Basketball while saving money on home furnishings and accessories. Starting Jan. 19, Bailey & Shamoun will run a 20/20 Sale whereby the shopper gets 20% off all in-store merchandise and 20% of the sale proceeds will go to support equipment purchases for the Northville High boys' basketball program. "It's about giving back and helping out," said Kathryn Bailey, owner of Bailey & Shamoun Interiors. "We support the school system here—my kids attend NHS and participate in many great activities there—this sale will help provide much needed funding for this great program."

The 20/20 sale ends Feb. 19. Bailey & Shamoun is located at 767 Doherty Drive, a half block east of the Northville Chamber of Commerce office off South Main Street in Northville. Store hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Telephone (248)380-7898 or check out Bailey & Shamoun Interiors Facebook page for more information.

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Mustang Meredith Williams in action on Jan. 11 against South Lyon.

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Northville fans react to two points by the Lady Mustangs.

## GIRLS HOOP

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with a 41-26 drubbing of the Northville cagers last week.

"We turned the ball over way too much," said Northville coach Todd Gudith. "Some of it was because of Novi's pressure and some of it was just us being careless with the ball. You have to take care of the ball and value every chance you get against a disciplined team like Novi."

This game was key for the Central Division hunt as both

Novi and Northville suffered a loss earlier this season to division foes. With both teams standing at 1-1 in the division, neither wanted to take a second loss so early in the season.

Unfortunately for Northville, the Wildcats proved to just be too much. After the Mustangs jumped out to a 4-2 lead in the opening minute of the game, Novi took control and ended the first quarter with a 10-2 run for a 12-6 advantage. They increased that lead to 25-10 by halftime and didn't look back as they scampered away with the win.

The glaring difference in the game wasn't the shooting from the field as Novi hit 13-of-38 and Northville shot 11-of-38. The deciding factor was at the foul line where the Wildcats sank 14-of-23 and Northville hit 2-of-6.

"They did a good job of taking away a lot of the things we like to do," admitted Gudith. "We're used to getting 15 to 20 more (shot) attempts a game."

Northville is now 1-2 in the division.

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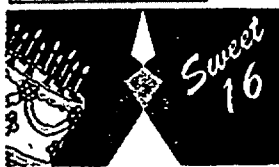
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## ZF Group highlights focus on fuel efficiency

Northville-based business touts nine-speed transmission

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The ZF Group has been a sponsor of the North American International Auto Show for the last 10 years.

But for the first time, the German company, with its North American headquarters in Northville Township, decided to come out of its private suite and join the automakers on the main Cobo Center floor.

"We wanted to increase the awareness of the company, products and what we are bringing into the market," said Bryan Johnson, Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for the ZF Group.

And what the company is bringing into the market is something at the forefront of everyone in the car industry's minds — increased fuel efficiency.

At the auto show, ZF unveiled a nine-speed automatic transmission that will improve the fuel efficiency of front-wheel drive cars.

The company's first customer is Chrysler, and production is expected to begin in 2012.

Johnson said the new transmission will translate into a double-digit increase in fuel efficiency percentage.

According to the company's website, ZF Group develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery.

The Northville Township headquarters also is the technical center, and roughly 300 employees work out of that facility. The company also plans on adding 3,000 jobs worldwide in the coming year.

Some of the vehicles at the 2011 NAIAS that contained components from ZF include the Audi A6, Audi A7, Audi A8, Chevrolet Volt, Dodge Durango and several others.

Paul Olexa, Northville resident and vice president of driveline sales and marketing, said the industry's continued emphasis on improving gas mileage is not new to ZF.

"Fuel efficiency was never out of fashion with us," he said.

Olexa, who has attended the NAIAS for several years and is a "car enthusiast," also said he noticed "definite change" in the mood at the auto show this year.

"There is a significant improvement," he said.

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Bryan Johnson of ZF Group N.A. out of Northville Township, describes his engineering firm's suspension-adjusting mechanisms for truck loads on Thursday, Jan. 13 at the auto show in Detroit.

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## 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, or call (248) 858-0783.

**Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan** is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants will learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources will be provided. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds. Thursday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m.-noon.

**Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business** — This workshop covers many of

the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Associates, P.C. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m.-noon.

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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, façade repair, paint, awning, signage, lighting, roof repair/replacement, and hardscapes.

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

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

### WINTER 2011 SCHEDULE

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

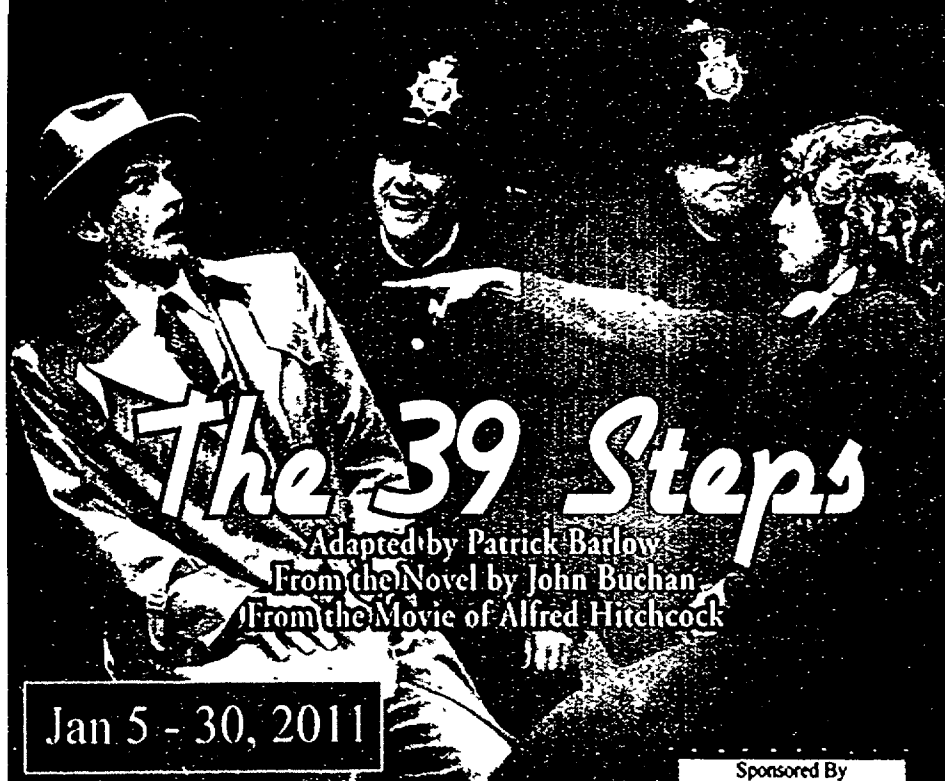
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## Upgrades can boost home's curb appeal

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Exterior replacement projects continue to be the most cost-effective home improvement projects, according to the 2010-11 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report. This year, nine out of the 10 projects that return the most for spending are

improvements to a home's exterior, according to information from the National Association of Realtors.

A steel entry door took the top spot with an estimated 102.1 percent of cost recouped upon resale. That was the only project in this year's report expected to return more than the cost. A new addition to the report — the midrange garage door replacement — is expected to recoup 83.9 percent of its cost.

Both projects are relatively small, costing around \$1,200 each, on average. The report also found that replacement projects usually outperform remodel and addition projects in resale value due to their inexpensiveness and positive impact on curb appeal.

The third project listed was siding replacement, followed by No. 4, minor kitchen remodeling, and No. 5, deck addition (wood). Local pros have thoughts on what projects are most useful when selling in this market.

Realtor Nancy Austin of Keller Williams Realty, Ann Arbor, serves western Wayne and south Oakland counties. She focuses on Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Redford, Farmington Hills and Belleville.

"It always seems to narrow down to kitchens, bathrooms, windows," said Austin, a Canton resident. "Window replacement's big. People don't want to deal with those old aluminum windows."

Kitchen cabinets too are a popular item in this market, she said, with many who have homes on the market going for new cabinets to boost sales appeal.

"A fresh coat of paint is always preferable," Austin said. Clean carpet too and it's best if that's neutral so buyers aren't put off.

"In the more upscale homes, fin-



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NANCY AUSTIN OF CANTON, Keller Williams Realty

ished basements are more important, more important than they used to be," she said. "They have the big entertainment centers. They want a place for their kids, particularly if they're teenagers."

Some of those finished basement areas are complete with kitchens. "They're just whole habitable places on their own. They'll often choose a theme for that area." One she recalled

had a 1950s theme with chrome, neon, and jukebox.

"It was fun," she said.

"There's always things you can do even if you have no money to spend. There's always cleanup." She tries to be sensitive to that when working with sellers.

"Decluttering and soap and water doesn't cost anything," Austin said. "Keeping spaces open, that's part of staging. Keeping spaces open, airy is also important." She says to take down heavy draperies.

"They're heavy looking. There's a more light and airy appeal to a window that isn't loaded down with heavy material."

Updated window treatments are good, if possible, Austin said, along with light fixtures.

Nicki Wilson of Decorating Den

Interiors, which serves Plymouth, Canton and other surrounding areas, also has some thoughts on curb appeal indoor and out.

"The key things would be to declutter and to neutralize it color-wise," said Wilson, a Pittsfield Township resident who formerly lived in Canton. "If you had a purple room you might want to change it to a beige."

Wilson also recommends a good cleaning "so it shines. You get used to your own dirt, I guess, so you don't notice little things other people would notice. That makes a huge difference too." Cobwebs in corner or spots on faucets are no-nos for home sellers.

If showing your house, you can bake cookies or burn a scented candle, especially if you have a pet. "You want something to kind of hide that," Wilson said of odors.

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**A:** A number of major developers have gone belly up and receivers have been appointed to sell the units in the Fort Myers area on behalf of the lenders. You are able, therefore, to negotiate



Robert M. Weisner

a good purchase price for a unit, but it is imperative that you have a knowledgeable and experienced real estate broker assisting you in the process. It is also important that you retain a knowledgeable attorney to evaluate the propriety and success of the condominium and/or homeowner association project as a whole and the association.

**Q: The owner of the property next to me deeded to me access to use a strip as a dirt road, which I later improved with a layer of gravel. The neighbor next to me acquired some property and began using the strip for access to their tract. They are now claiming a prescriptive easement. We as the owners conceded that the neighbor had used the road in an open and continuous way, but their use, in our opinion, was not adverse for the entire prescriptive period of 10 years. Do we have any argument?**

**A:** In a similar case out of Oregon, the court explained that normally use of a road over a neighbor's property is presumed to be adverse to the owners use, but a different rule applies when the servient owners constructed the road for their own use. In that case, then there is an inference, if not a presumption, that the neighbor's use was with permission. This meant that the neighbors could demonstrate adverse use only by showing that their use significantly interfered with the owner's use.

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

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 4-8, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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		2771 S Cavalier Dr	\$207,000	32260 Lyndon St	\$105,000	9029 Ricker Ave	\$205,000
		43901 S Umlerland Cir	\$196,000	27719 Perth St	\$109,000	9315 Saddlebrook Crk	\$399,000
		4462 Yassar St	\$177,000	34083 Roycroft St	\$142,000	971 Sutherland St	\$104,000
		1229 W Crystal Cir	\$195,000	33670 S Hampshire St	\$150,000	10020 Sutherland St	\$245,000
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		14748 Berwick St	\$102,000	19631 Northridge Dr	\$32,000		
		11033 Blackburn St	\$148,000	15841 Spyglass Dr	\$506,000	7555 Deering St	\$28,000
		37494 Eagle Dr	\$25,000	48575 Stoneridge Dr	\$549,000	3249 Fremont St	\$298,000
		11750 Farmington Rd	\$112,000	39541 Village Run Dr	\$240,000	31614 Hazelwood St	\$35,000
		26591 Five Mile Rd	\$21,000	20501 Woodbend Dr	\$320,000	1721 N Crown St	\$126,000
		16522 Oakview St	\$175,000			5900 N Newburgh Rd	\$30,000
		18945 Harrison Ave	\$11,000	48750 Beaver Creek Dr	\$300,000	35809 Schley St	\$25,000
		16077 Houghton Dr	\$165,000	7139 Eastside Dr	\$150,000	7390 Woodview St	\$19,000
		11031 Hubbard St	\$128,000	44445 Governor Bradford Rd	\$252,000	7630 Woodview St	\$18,000
		20685 Josie Ct	\$60,000	40674 Newport Dr	\$85,000		
				202 Pinewood Cir	\$50,000		

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 4-8, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Beverly Hills</b>		182 Chetwin Rd	\$693,000	30561 Sequoia Cir	\$203,000	29405 Candlewood Ln	\$70,000
		4251 Derry Rd	\$135,000	26524 Vahalla Dr	\$220,000	28569 Everett St	\$36,000
		1750 Ward Rd	\$30,000	29332 Valley Bend Ct	\$234,000	25716 Grand Concourse St	\$67,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>				32028 W 12 Mile Rd	\$25,000	21405 Pierce St	\$60,000
		1760 Fenwick Dr	\$261,000	32028 W 12 Mile Rd	\$80,000	21071 Secluded Ln	\$40,000
		2260 Ivy Hill Dr	\$380,000			25042 Sherwood Cir	\$35,000
		6142 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$230,000	630 Woodside Dr	\$137,000	21934 Wallace Dr	\$35,000
		3530 Stoneridge Ct	\$205,000			8 Woodbridge Towne St	\$45,000
<b>Farmington</b>		22451 Maple Ave	\$117,000				
<b>Farmington Hills</b>				21880 Arbor Ln	\$155,000	1194 Clearwater St	\$146,000
		28317 Bayberry Rd	\$11,000	45701 Balfour Ct	\$424,000	9914 Highland Rd	\$96,000
		33800 Braebury Rdg	\$195,000	49988 Drakes Bay Dr	\$1,040,000	508 Jamestown Dr	\$290,000
		32529 Chesterbrook St	\$139,000	22480 Eaton Ct	\$255,000	420 Lakeview Dr	\$120,000
		29764 Harrow Dr	\$305,000	26487 Glenwood Dr	\$522,000	5311 N Pondcharian St	\$343,000
		26242 Katterton St	\$170,000	139 Renard St	\$55,000	9987 Sedlock St	\$113,000
		28317 New Castle Rd	\$130,000				
		28317 Rocky Crst	\$225,000	54505 Vantagewood Dr	\$305,000		
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>				23012 Bellwood Dr	\$130,000		

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### CREW leaders

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Detroit, an organization influencing the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women, announced its new board members for 2011 as it prepares to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Detroit chapter's founding. According to CREW Detroit's incoming President Marilyn P. Nix, 2011 will be a year of celebration and growth for the chapter.

"There are 73 chapters in the CREW Network throughout the U.S. and Canada; CREW Detroit, as a founding chapter,

has always been among the strongest in terms of membership numbers, advocacy, education and charitable efforts," said Nix. "We will be celebrating our ongoing successes in a variety of ways in 2011, including the expansion of our prestigious IMPACT real estate awards beyond Southeast Michigan to all new and redeveloped commercial Michigan properties, the creation of an advisory board of influential women business leaders, a 25th anniversary charitable project, and a to-be-announced anniversary event. All in all, 2011 is going to be a momentous year for CREW Detroit and we anticipate

increased membership as commercial real estate professionals learn more about why we have been able to grow and sustain such a large, active chapter of career-oriented women," Nix said.

The following members will serve on the 2011 CREW Detroit Board of Directors:

•President: Marilyn Nix; principal, Marilyn P. Nix & Associates, LLC (Bloomfield Hills). Nix is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

•President-elect: Jan Puredi; director of Marketing and Communications, eTitle (Troy). Puredi is a resident of Bloomfield Hills.

•Immediate past president: Rachele Downs; director, Corporate Relations, United Way for Southeastern Michigan (Detroit). Downs is a resident of Farmington Hills.

•Treasurer: Donna Hanson, CPA; partner, Plante & Moran, PLLC, Auburn Hills. Hanson is a resident of Lake Orion.

•Secretary/Communications Director: Nicole Dombrowski; vice president, Luna Tech Designs, LLC (Plymouth). Dombrowski is a resident of Sterling Heights.

•Membership director: Alicia E. Buisst; president, Next Level Consulting (Brighton). Buisst is a resident of Brighton.

•Programs director: Mary LeFevre; manager of Business Development, Turner Construction Company (Detroit). LeFevre is a resident of Livonia.

•Outreach director: Janet Gekiere; Business Development and Marketing manager, Ronnisch Construction Group (Royal Oak). Gekiere is a resident of West Bloomfield.

•Golf director: Leslie Zawada P.E.; Senior Project manager, Giffels-Webster Engineers (Rochester Hills). Zawada is a resident of Attica Township in Lapeer County.

•IMPACT Real Estate Awards Director: Toni Gasperoni; sales

representative, Landscape Forms, Inc. (Kalamazoo). Gasperoni is a resident of Shelby Township.

CREW Detroit (www.crew-detroit.org), founded in 1986, influences the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women.

It is a founding chapter, and one of the largest local chapters, of CREW Network, a professional organization of more than 8,000 women and men in commercial real estate women in the U.S. and Canada that serves as a resource to CREW chapter members and the commercial real estate industry.



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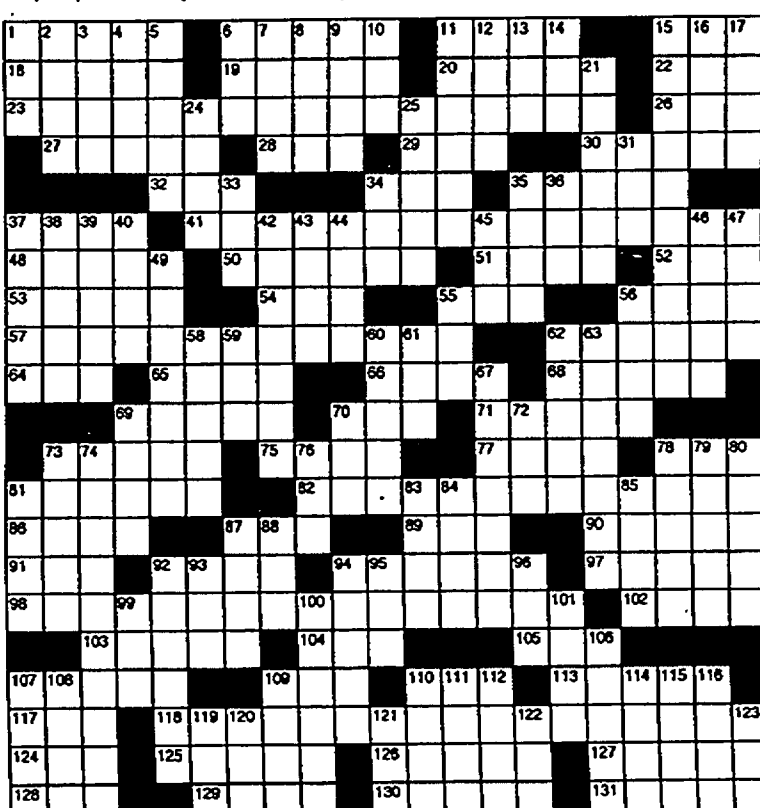
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**ACROSS**

1 "Home" (100 film)  
6 Faded  
11 Elated  
15 Tighten the tent  
18 Nigerian city  
19 Actress  
20 Padded  
22 Multi-purpose vehicle  
23 Photography event of 1900  
26 "Unforgettable" name  
27 Snicker sound  
28 Mexican Mrs.  
29 Have a mortgage  
30 Attack  
32 Snigger's quarry  
34 Baseball's "Pinkie"  
35 TV's "Green" (1960 film)  
54 Big bang letters  
55 Distress  
56 Terror  
57 Exhibition event of 1900  
62 Solidarity city  
64 Weldon or Wray  
65 And others  
66 Utah city  
68 Way to go  
69 Donzetti's "Lella" or "Lella"  
70 Quaker or Arden  
71 Heavenly hunter  
72 Mel's successor  
75 Knight's wife  
77 Clasp  
78 Scale notes  
81 Ease a situation  
82 Musical event of 1900  
88 Huck's craft  
87 Service div. (64 hlt)  
89 "Doll"  
90 Urania's sister  
91 Skater  
92 Act catty?  
94 Anesthetic type  
97 Object

**DOWN**

1 TV ET  
2 Fairy tale  
3 Fairy tale  
4 Bond foe  
5 Cosmed-clan Lauder  
6 Paper name  
7 Auto pioneer  
8 Century  
9 "Lonely" Boy singer  
10 Research site  
11 Become an adult  
12 Rob of "Wayne's World"  
13 Barley  
14 "Agnes"  
15 Word in a Doslovytsky tale  
16 Coup d'—  
17 See  
18 Rubble  
19 Boat bottom  
20 Commodious  
21 Guitari  
22 Paul  
23 Tennis stroke  
34 "Abner"  
35 Cain's victim  
36 Actor  
37 Rod  
38 Address  
39 Threshold  
40 Bread and booze  
42 Upset  
43 Bond foe  
44 New York team  
45 "Raid on Enslaved" weapon  
46 Rub out  
47 Bogarde or  
49 Benedict's sister  
55 Veneration  
56 Hawthorne's was marble  
58 Make  
59 Middle eastern letters  
60 Fly a chopper  
61 Trams  
62 Barbecue  
63 Drew while distracted  
67 Connecticut native  
69 Border on country  
70 Aussie walker  
72 Hugo's "Le — s'amuse"  
73 Lasso  
74 Priced right  
78 Canine grp  
79 Full of froth  
79 Pianist  
80 A little night music?  
81 Wet blanket  
83 Junkie  
84 Fade away  
85 Songwriter  
87 English architect  
88 — deco  
92 60  
93 Actress  
94 Like some  
95 Petis  
96 Thompson or Salonga  
99 Rocker  
100 August shows  
101 554, to  
106 Preserve a peninsula  
107 Nail type  
108 Berg opera  
109 Blind as —  
110 Callao's country  
111 Desire  
112 Use a stopwatch  
114 Division word  
115 With  
17 Down, famed saxophonist  
116 51 Across' missis  
119 Pretend  
120 "Cry — River" (55 song)  
121 Yag opponent  
122 Aye  
123 Augsburg article



# Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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I wish I had a dollar for every time people complained to me that they are not paid what they are worth. I could retire rich. Almost everyone, regardless of income, education or position, believes that he or she should be earning more money. People at minimum wage obviously want to make more, but people at the highest levels also want more.

Professional athletes are a prime example. National Hockey League players make about \$1.8 million annually, on average. They recently could not reach agreement with owners on an annual contract, despite the fact that the league is in extreme financial difficulty. As a result, the entire hockey season was cancelled.

Hey, it's tough to feed a family on \$1.8 million these days. On one hand, the belief that we are "entitled" to more compensation speaks well for us as individuals. We possess strong self-worth and self-esteem and believe we should be highly compensated for who we are. On the other hand, too often our expectations are not founded on the realities of the marketplace or on our ability to "earn" our income based on performance.

If you want to maximize your compensation, there are a number of tactics you can use to demonstrate your value. Let's take a look at some of these tactics.

**1. Document Your Accomplishments.** Here is an effective way to do that. Break your accomplishments into three parts. First, define the problem, situation or challenge in about two or three sentences. Second, in a bulleted format, show step-by-step how you solved the problem or accomplished the task. Finally, in a results paragraph, describe how your accomplishment was a benefit to the organization. Use good quantitative results if possible. Otherwise, define it in strong qualitative terms. During your annual performance review, present your written accomplishments to your boss. It is really tough to argue with well-documented performance. Odds are you will get your raise or promotion.

**2. Find a Mentor.** It is invaluable to have someone within your organization fighting for your success. It is not as difficult to find a mentor as some people think. It just takes the courage to ask. You might try a simple approach like the following: "I have always admired and respected what you have done for the company and the success you have achieved. As I grow in this job

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**3. Continue Your Education.** You can never have too much education and you are never too old to learn. Invariably education leads to new job opportunities, promotions and pay raises. Get that college degree; and then perhaps a graduate degree. But your education doesn't have to be in college. Take trade courses, training seminars, or simply conduct independent research and study. You will never regret it.

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**5. Perform Beyond Expectations.** Always do more than you were asked to do. Take initiative to achieve superior results and make unexpected contributions. You will be recognized and rewarded for it.

**6. Ask for the Raise or Promotion.** If you have done your "homework," meaning you have followed all the steps above and established your value through exceptional performance, prepare your case and present it to your boss. You will be amazed at how often your initiative will totally launch your career in a new direction. The opportunities to earn "what you are worth" are out there, but it is up to you to seek them out. Your goals and expectations must be realistic - based on your value and contributions. If you are motivated and dedicated to achieving extraordinary performance, there is no limit to what you can earn.

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**American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. is seeking hiring for the below positions at its facility in Detroit, Michigan.**

## Differential Case and Driveline

Develop analytical models for non-linear static and dynamic analysis, perform structural finite element analysis and predict fatigue life of driveline assemblies; provide component-level and system-level design recommendations based on interpretation of analysis results  
Perform component/system stability analysis using ABAQUS or analytical models, correlate prediction with test lab result  
Develop analysis procedures to simulate lab testing procedures and predict fatigue and sealing performance under the testing block cycle loading  
Provide technical leadership for advance technology development, using Matlab to build standard procedure using User Graphical Interface (UGI)

**Position requires:** Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering or foreign degree equivalent and experience in the following:  
Structural and thermal analysis using ABAQUS, use of Finite element analysis software ABAQUS, NASTAN and HYPERMESH  
Numerical modeling of sliding instability and parametric study of driveline system instability with advance instability theorems, such as Lyapunov instability, Floquet theory, etc  
Working on contact analysis and thermal analysis of driveline system and dynamic performance, including sensitivity study of contact pressure, friction coefficient & thermal effects  
Testing of driveline component/system.

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## Analytical Engineer - Gear and Driveline Analysis

Performing structural finite element analysis and predict fatigue life of driveline assemblies considering material heat treatment effects  
Analyzing and validating hypoid, bevel and helical gear systems for bending stress, contact pressure, subsurface shear stress and transmission error by implementing linear and nonlinear FEA methods  
Using TCL/TK programming language and Visual Basic to automate FEA model setup.

**Job requires:** Master degree in Mechanical Engineering or foreign education equivalent and experience in the following:  
Applying FEA theories on driveline systems, including gear tooth bending and contact analysis, and gear contact-impact analysis; and experience of using commercial FEA software on driveline analysis, such as ABAQUS.  
Analyzing driveline dynamics, and calculating loaded transmission error, mesh stiffness functions, tooth contact pattern, and design experience of automotive driveline components is preferred.  
Testing of driveline components in test cells and on vehicles is preferred.  
Program development on analytical model setup automation using Visual Basic or other programming language on PC, Unix or Linux platforms

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## Senior Product and Process Engineer - Bevel Gears

Designing tooth geometry, part dimensions and forging envelope for bevel gear components;  
Designing the process sequence and tooling required to forge and cold chn bevel gears;  
Utilizing available engineering tools such as bevel gear design softwares, 3D solid modeling, and finite element analysis to execute and validate designs  
Managing project tasks and teams associated with bevel gear product design, process development, testing, and launch  
Identifying and solving problems associated with bevel gear contact patterns, noise and strength;  
Evaluating advanced bevel gear technology  
Developing bevel gear design and manufacturing standards and best practices.

**Position requires:** Masters Degree in Manufacturing Engineering or Mechanical Engineering or foreign equivalent education and experience in gear design; validation and release engineering and gear forging process and tooling and design

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