

## ON THE RECORD Blood drives scheduled

The treacherous winter weather throughout much of the United States over the last few weeks has caused homific driving conditions and power outages. But these winter storms

power outages. But these winter storms have had another consequence that

was more subtle, though no less important: their impact on our nation's blood supply. In many communities around

the country, with blood supplies already low, the American Red Cross has seen its efforts hindered, halted or re-routed by the storms.

Some 300 blood drives have been cancelled so far, causing a shortfall of more than 14,000 pints ofblood since January 1. To this week's cancer patients and accident victims, who will require anywhere from one to 40 pints in their treatment, that loss could be significant.

The shortfall of blood will have to be made up somehow so that those in need will not have to go without. If you are a regular donor and enough time has passed since your last donation, please make an appointment to give again soon.

Additionally, the supply of type Onegative blood at the American Red Cross has dropped to critical levels. Currently the local Red Cross is not able to fully fill requests from hospitals for

type O-negative, and is moving blood among hospitals to where it is needed most while supplies are critically low.

A number of local blood drives are scheduled:

• Sunday, Jan. 30.8 a.m. 145 p.m.; Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville

• Saturday, Feb. 59 a.m. 245

# School locked down; no gun found

Police still looking for 9-1-1 caller

#### BY CAL STONE AND PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITERS

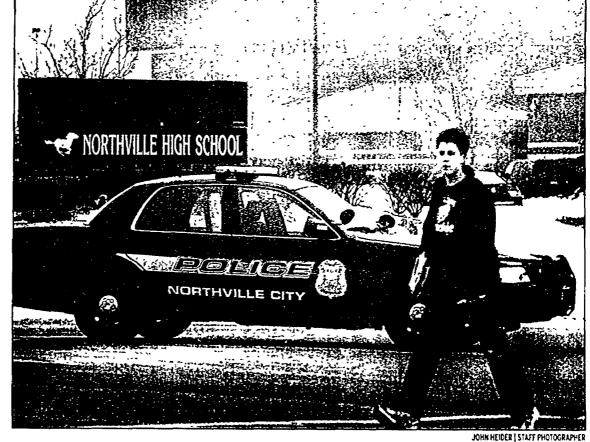
Northville High School was in lockdown/shelterin-place after a report that a female student may have entered the building with a weapon the morning of Jan. 20.

By 11:45 a.m., the police had completed the room by room search, and did not find any evidence of a weapon.

"The police have now confirmed that a call was placed to 9-1-1 indicating that a female in a Honda Civic called her mother and reported that she saw a student entering the east end of Northville High School with a gun," according to a statement issued by the school district at 5:46 p.m. that day. "The dispatcher immediately dispatched police to Northville High School; however the individual placing the call hung up."

up." "We are investigating a car in question, contacting the owner and we're confident we know," said John Werth, Northville Township's director of public safety.

The police indicated that the call cannot be traced and they are continuing to follow up on every lead at this time. Any individual



A Northville police car sits in front of Northville High on Jan. 20 around 1 p.m. The school went on a lockdown earlier in the day, after local officials received a 911 call that stated that a woman was seen entering the school with a gun. Students were let out after awhile, and local police were joined by Plymouth, **Michigan State** Police and the Wayne County Sheriffs Dept. as the school was thoroughly searched. No weapon was found.

## Student recounts day schools were locked down

## She felt safe during ordeal

<sup>1</sup> BY PAN FLENING <sup>1</sup> Staff Writer

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A Northville High School student said she felt safe during the school's lockdown last Thursday and that the police and teachers were courteous and helpful.

All of the Northville schools

daughter called her and said she saw a female carrying a gun into the school.

No gun was ever located. The student, who preferred to remain anonymous, said th

to remain anonymous, said the incident began about 9:30 a.m. was when the principal came over the public address system and announced that the school

the lights and wait for further instructions.

#### SAW POLICE OUTSIDE

About an hour went by, the student said. "Then we started looking out the window to the front of the school and noticed that there were Novi police, state police and other cops running into the building," she said.

About an hour and a half

said was that if the police came by to let them in," she said. "We figured they were doing a room-to-room search for something."

At the two-hour mark, students saw a helicopter on campus. "Then, the principal came back to the P.A. system to confirm that there would be a room-to-room search," she said.

"There were over 240 rooms that had kids in them, so we

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: • Wednesday, Feb. 9 2-7:45 p.m.; Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Woxim Road, Novi

 Friday, Feb. 11 130-7:15 p.m.; Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quincy, Novi

 Sunday, Feb. 13 7:30 a.m.-t/5 p.m.; First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

• Wednesday, Feb. 23 2-745 p.m.; Hillside Middle School, 775 W. Eight Mile, Northwile

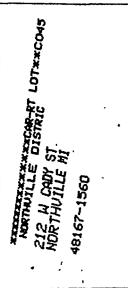
Monday, Feb. 28 2:5-8 p.m.; Novi Niddle School, 49000 Eleven Mile, Novi

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were locked down for most of the day after a woman called 911 in the morning, saying her was in lockdown mode. He gave teachers instructions such as close the blinds and turn off

later, the principal again came over the P.A. system to explain what was happening. "All he

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## City close to obtaining Certified Local Government status

### Honor for municipality

BY PAN FLENING STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville staff is getting close to obtaining the coveted Certified Local Government designation for the city.

Mayor Chris Johnson announced at the Jan. 18 City Council meeting that the State Historic Preservation Office staff had suggested one minor change in the application. The process has been ongoing well over a year. A second reading and adoption of this amendment to the city's Historic Preservation ordinanc-

es should be accomplishéd at the Feb. 7 council meeting. The CLG status will allow the city to

staff had suggested one minor change in the application. The probe eligible to apply for certain grants that Northville wasn't eligible to apply for before the designation is approved.

Not many municipalities in Michigan have obtained the CLG status.

#### FINANCIAL AWARD RECEIVED

Staff members were also proud to announce last week that they were informed by the Chicago office that they had won the fifth award in a row from the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Northville received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2009 fiscal year budget. For fiscal year 2009, 1,214 municipalities received the award.

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Sandi Wiktorowski, finance director, received a Certificate of Recognition for the accomplishment.

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# City to spend about \$400,000 on new heating/cooling system

Wiktorowski

## Current system is old, outdated

#### BY PAN FLENING Staff Writer

Wasting money with the current inefficient system, the city of Northville is finally upgrading its heating, ventilation, air-conditioning system to the tune of about \$385,000.

The money will come from the city's Public Improvement Fund, which consists of proceeds from the Northville Downs race track the city receives on a regular basis.

The current system has both the heating and air conditioned systems running simultaneously all year round.

"It's not a good system," said Michael Sellinger, CEO of Sellinger Associates Inc., a con-

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sulting firm in Livonia. "The two systems are fighting each other." Sellinger estimated that the current system is costing the city about \$100,000 in wasted energy. The area of the transmission of transmission of the transmission of trans

The new system will save the city about \$64,000 a year. Sellinger said the project could be completed by next spring or summer.

"We design systems that are energy-efficient and flexible," Sellinger said.

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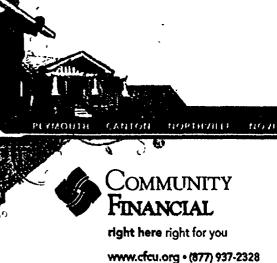
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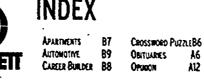
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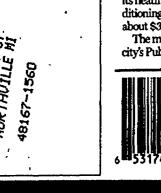
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#### OCAL NEWS

## Northville Township to review ordinance related to horses

### **Residents want** old law changed

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#### **BY PAN FLEMING** STAFF WRITER

Even though it's been on the books for 25 years or longer, horse owners want an ordinance amended in Northville Township that could affect them if they sell their property.

Specifically, Chapter 53 of the Code of Ordinances states that there need to be 50-foot setbacks horses on the entire property line.

Those who came out to protest the ordinance included former Sen. and Mrs. Robert Geake, Debbie Brown, Jean Beamish, Sharon Deron, Joyce Stowell and other horse owners or previous owners.

Current residents are "grandfathered in since they bought the property before the law went into effect.

But, some are considering selling their homes or small horse farms and are afraid the new owner would have to abide by this old law.

"It's been on the books for many years," said Mark Abbo, township supervisor.

Who's going to maintain the weeds on that land?" asked one resident. "I think we're being unfair and unjust here."

One woman said the ordinance would take 66 percent of her land



Napier Road-area horse riders enjoy taking their four-legged friends out for a walk, trot or gallop along the rural road. In this group: Hedy and Jonathan Schiff, Chris Purslow, Jessica Letourneau, Debbie Brown, Darlene Houdshell and Jean Bemish. These and other horseowners want a law changed requiring 50-foot setbacks on their land.

away from her horses. "What's to be accomplished by this?" she asked.

Abbo said the ordinance was adopted to protect property owners and animals, but told the audience twice that the board would take a look at the ordinance.

One of the problems is that quite a few of the lots belonging to the horse owners are really narrow, which

makes the 50-foot setback an issue. They believe the ordinance could adversely affect their property values.

"I would have only a 30-foot-wide strip down the middle of my property if I followed this ordinance," said one owner. "That's not realistic."

Beamish said she has lived in Northville Township since 1948. "I've never had a complaint about my horses," she said.

Many residents in that area bought homes there so they could horseback

ride in Maybury Park. Trustee Sue Hillebrand said in zoned communities setbacks exist. 'We didn't change the setbacks, and we're going to take a look at it again," she said.

Trustee Margie Banner agreed that, pfleming@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, Ext. 260

It is something we need to look at. There is a portion of the township that is rural.

Trustee Mary Gans said one of the reasons people are interested in Northville Township is its rural character. "It's an attraction," Gans said. "It's desirable." He believes the welfare of both the residents and animals needs to be addressed by the board on the setback issue on these properties.

Barb Lewis just moved to a Northville Township property that features a lovely stable and pasture. They are being forced to move again and want to list the land as horse property. But, they're afraid this 50foot setback might deter some buyers.

Some have as many as three horses at a time," Lewis said.

Another law states that owners must provide one acre for each horse. The property owners approve of this law, just not the setback requirement.

"We are not asking for the lot size requirements to change," said Virginia Miller. "That's proper."

Township staff will review the zoning ordinance and have amendments outlined for the board by the Feb. 17 board meeting.

Fences and accessory structure setbacks will also be reviewed. The homeowners' request is to have fences on lot lines.

"This is a rural environment." Gans said.

CORRECTION

#### The Northville Record's article on the Northville gymnastics team last week incorrectly stated that Allison Kemp had scored THE NORTHVILLE RECORD Published Each Thursday By The Northville Record In-home services 26.025 as an overall score. The correct score was 36.025. She 101 Lafayette placed first on beam with 9.7 and had 9.25 with her floor routine. for Seniors by South Lyon, Michigan 48178 Periodical At South Lyoh, Michigan Mail Subscription Rates: GOT PETS? GOT PLANSE WHEN YOU LEAVE HOME YOUR HET DOESN'T HAVE TO In-County: \$37.50 for one year. Out of County (in Michigan): \$48.00 for one year. Out of State: \$59.50 for one year. For delivery call 866-887-2737. Seniors Helping Seniors<sup>®</sup> in-home services provides loving, caring, compassionate seniors to help you markain your independence in your own home. The Northville Record is published by Federated Publications, Inc. a **Platinum Pet Service** wholly owned subsidiary of Gannett Co. Inc. Postmaster, send address changes to: The Northville Record, 41304 Concept Drive, Plymouth, MI Cooking Yard work Overnight stays Insured, Bonded, Pet Tech Certified Light houseleeping Mobility assistance (24-hour care) - References Available 48170. POLICY STATEMENT. All advertising published in The Northville Record is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, Pet Sitting, Dog Training, Dog Walking Companionship Doctor appointments Transportation **10% Discount for New Clients** copies of which are available from the advetising department. The Northville Record, 101 Lafayette, South Lyon, Michigan 48178. The Personal grooming Pet care 15% Discount for Referrals Monthly Specials Servicing Plymouth, Northylle, Canton, Novi, Livonia and Arn Arbor House mantenance and dressing Northwile Record reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. The Northwile Record ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and and small repairs Shopping only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. SENIORS Helping SENIORS 01000 789.797.0908 248-224-2477 Publication Number USPS 396880 in e mais tail ving belle: www.plathu 622 ---NEWYOU | BariatricSolution erchandi

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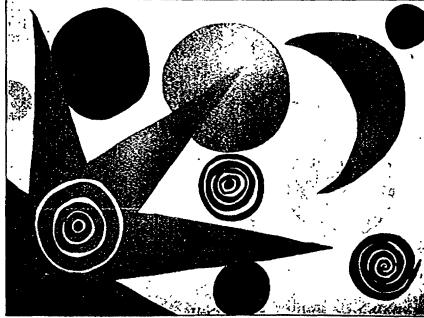
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"Birth of the Unexpected", lithograph by Alexander Calder



## Art from the Attic Donate pieces to benefit Art House

"Madonna and Child", wood carving, Artist Unknown

The Northville Art House announces Art from the Attic, an exciting opportunity for metro Detroiters to donate, sell, or buy art for a great cause.

Donate used or new art to the Art House on Feb. 20-21. These donations can include two-dimensional fine art, quality prints and photographs as well as three-dimensional sculptural work. Then, purchase donated art at a ticketed special preview opening sale and reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 or during the public sale Feb. 26-27. The special preview sale on Friday night is being sponsored by Table 5 restaurant and Ameriprise Financial.

This is a great opportunity for people to gift art they no longer hang in their homes and offices as well as purchase new work at wonderful prices," said Sue Taylor, chairperson of the Northville Arts Commission. "We already have donations of art by outstanding local artists, including Erik Olson, Darcel Deneau,

John Glick from Plum Tree Pottery, and Sergio DeGiusti, as well as significant pieces from private collectors, such as a lithograph by Alexander Calder."

Donors must price the art themselves and can choose to receive 50 percent of that price if the item sells or donate all proceeds to the Northville Art House. These gifts to the Art House are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

The Northville Art House is a vital organization in southeast Michigan." said Taylor. "Our monthly exhibits of art as well as our classes for adults and children are valuable resources in this time of deep cuts in the cultural arts."

For more information about donating art, or to purchase a ticket for the special preview opening sale and reception, contact the Northville Art House (215 W. Cady Street) at (248) 344-0497 during office hours of 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.



"Wild Horses", oil by Earl Hamilton

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## Young pastor joins Ward Church staff

Tyler Groff began work at Ward Church on Jan. 17, just days after arriving amid a small Michigan snow storm.

Groff and his wife, Rachel, relocated from Houston, Texas. Tyler grew up in North Carolina and spent several years in Los Angeles before moving to Houston where Rachel grew up. Needless to say, the climate shock took no time to kick in as on Groff's first day on the job his car bat-

at the young age of 29, Groff should be able to pop right back up and adapt to his new environment. It's this energy, giftedness, and resiliency that exudes from Groff that led the Pastoral Search Committee to unanimously and enthusiastically recommended Groff out of more than 85 resumes submitted.

Groff's job description is

tery died and he left work early, sick with a cold. However, proposed positions at Ward, Teaching Pastor," and "Pastor to Young Professionals." The combination of these two job descriptions is due in part to budget constraints and due in part to Groffs unique gifting. Groff is an excellent communicator and Bible teacher. He also has entrepreneurial gifts and enjoys starting new ministries.

Groff's role will be to give pastoral oversight to Ward's Knox Hall worship service, develop a focused ministry to adults ages 22 to 35, preach in the rotation with other pastors, and share in pastoral responsibilities church wide.

I'm excited to join the staff at Ward Church," said Groff. "I look forward to the challenge ahead of me and how I can use my gifts and talents to help people, not only at Ward, but in the surrounding communities. Ward has a rich history

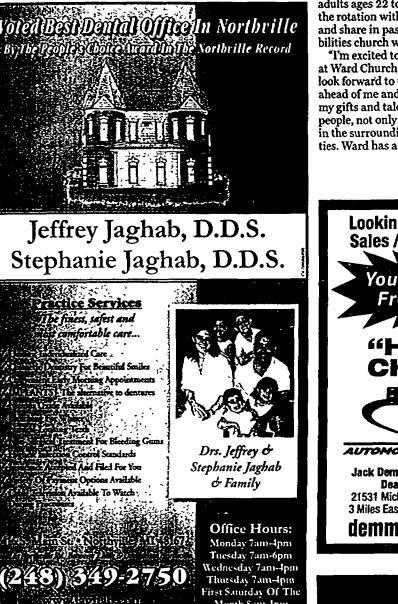
'I look forward to the challenge ahead of me and how I can use my gifts and talents to help people, not only at Ward, but in the surrounding communities. Ward has a rich history of reaching out to people, and I want to be a part of making that happen again."

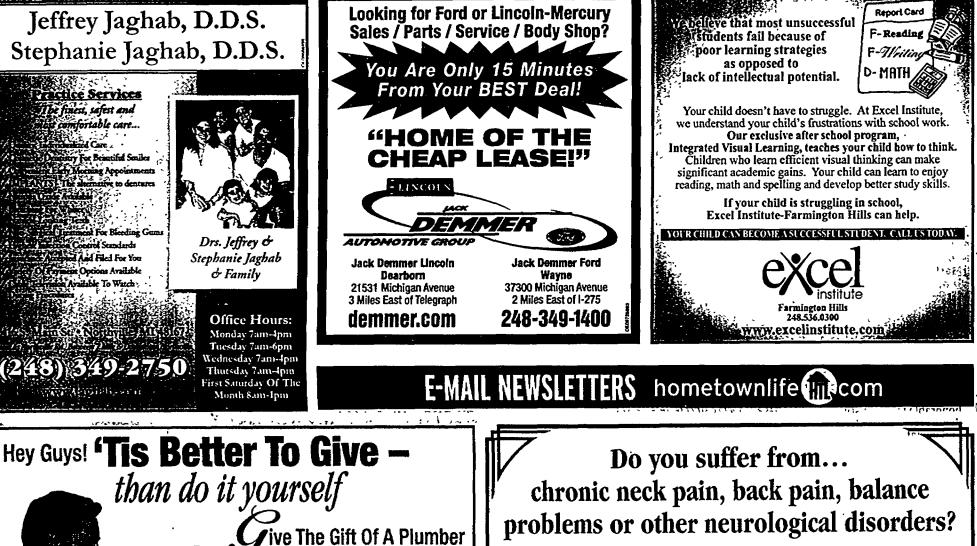
of reaching out to people, and I want to be a part of making that happen again."

Groff is a recent graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando and is a candidate for ordination in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. His home church is Christ EPC in Houston, where John Crimmins, a former Ward staff member, is the pastor. Groff was introduced to all services at Ward on Jan. 23.



Tyler and Rachel Groff







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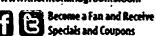
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Pictured are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing and Poster Contest Winners along with district representatives (I to r, back) Joan Wadsworth, president, Northville Public Schools Board of Education; Eric Barritt, president, Northville Educational Foundation; Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent, Northville Public Schools; Max Paul, Northville High School winner; Lamar Coleman, Cooke winner; Devan Ferrall, Old Village winner; and Conway Jeffress, president, Schoolcraft Community College; (front) Will Kim, Hillside winner; Travis Nitkiewicz, Amerman winner; Jordan Shaffer, Silver Springs winner; Lauren Cassar, Moraine winner; Kurt Wigent, Winchester winner; Hana Koilpillai, Ridge Wood winner; Harshita Kuna, Meads Mill winner; and Clare Sahijdak, Thornton Creek winner.

## Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student writings, posters on display at the library during February

Student winners and honorable mention recipients in the Northville Public Schools Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Writing and Poster Contest were recognized at the "Unity in the Community" celebration, which took place on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, Jan. 17 at Genitti's Little Theatre in downtown Northville.

The writings and posters will be on display during February in the Northville **District Library showcase** located just inside the library main entrance.

Ave. VIAMALINE withining and honorable mention students received certificates and medals. The 11 winning students also had the honor of sharing their writings and posters with the more than 125 school and community members attending the "Unity in the Community" event, and received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond generously provided by the Northville



## Superintendent addresses school district's budget

The following information was distributed by Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent, Northville Public Schools, via email last week.

Dear Northville Public Schools Parents, Staff and Community Members, Last October, we advised

staff and community members of a projected \$1.44 million budget shortfall for this year, and that we would be working collaboratively with our

administrators Rezmierski and employee groups to miti-

gate this shortfall. Given the inherent disruption in implementing mid-year staffing reductions, our goal was to identify cost reductions that would keep class size and student class assignments intact for the balance of the year. The purpose of this communication is to inform staff and community members as to the actions that have been identified and approved to reduce the budget shortfall and the implications for next year. At the Board meeting on

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, the Board approved the layoff of two staff members: a substance abuse counselor at Northville High School, and one custodian. In addition to these lay-offs, the following actions were agreed upon: • Six (6) elementary media

paraprofessionals (part-time aides) have been reassigned to Education Association work with 'at-risk' students' under three separate federal grants for the balance of the school year

• The use of two (2) longterm substitute custodians has been curtailed

 Building-level operating budgets were reduced by the equivalent of (3.5) administrative assistants to temporarily avoid those reductions until the end of the current school year

• Assignment of \$10,000 of administrative efficiencies to be achieved during the remainder of this year. including reductions in district mailing costs, fingerprinting, and Central Office supplies

Collectively, these actions represent savings of \$215,000 for the balance of this year.

In order to achieve additional savings without impacting class size and student assignments, the district proposed four (4) furlough days (including two teacher work days and two snow days - with up to two instructional days utilized in the absence of snow days) to save approximately \$900,000. Because of state-mandated limitations on the minimum number of days in the school calendar, implementation of the furlough days would have required approval from the Michigan Department of Education, as well as agreement from all of our employ-

ee groups. The Northville declined the furlough day offer, primarily on the basis that past concessions have already been made through step freezes taken in 2007-08, and an agreement on a Severance Incentive Plan - negotiated in 2009-10

- which allowed for adjustments to schedules resulting in reduced planning time at the secondary level this year.

Because we cannot implement furlough days, the approved savings of \$215,000 reduces the projected budget shortfall to \$1.2 million.

As a result of the Board's firm commitment to avoid classroom disruption by maintaining class size and student assignments this year, no additional personnel actions are planned for 2010-11, which will reduce fund balance to about \$1.75 million at year-end. This extremely low level of fund balance, and the loss of one-time federal funding (received through ARRA Economic Stabilization and Education Jobs Bill allocations), places increased urgency on budget planning and contract negotiations with our employee groups for 2011-12. Our commitment is to keep you informed as to our progress in both of these critical areas. Sincerely,

> Leonard R. Rezmierski, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools

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and growing event for our school district, our students and our community celebrating the principles taught by Dr. King that still have so much meaning for us today."

"Our thanks to the Northville Record and the Northville District Library for helping us to share this inspiring student work with the entire community." The theme of the fourth annual district-wide Martin Luther King, Jr., Writing and Poster Contest was "Keep the Dream Alive!" The goal of the contest is to encourage students to honor the contributions of the late civil rights leader with a focus on how the principles taught by Dr. King are still relevant today. Students participating in the contest could write an essay, letter or poem or create a poster or project connecting to the ideals and actions of Dr. King. Entries

were judged on relevance to the theme. Winning and honorable mention student writings were selected from each of the district's six elementary schools' fourth and fifth grade entries, as well as from Hillside Middle School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School



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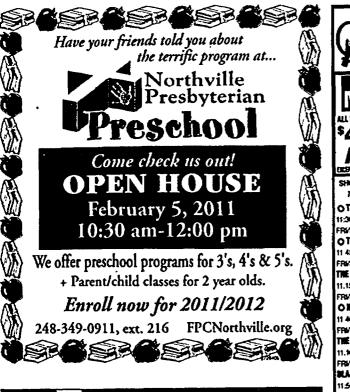
In addition, the winning and honorable mention elementary writings, as well as the winning middle school, high school and center program writings, posters and projects were printed in the Jan. 13 issue of the Northville Record.

\*Everyone in attendance at the 'Unity in the Community' celebration was moved by the thoughtful and inspiring selection of letters, poems and artwork our students created in honor of this true American visionary," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski. "This is an outstanding

(NHS). Winning and honorable mention posters and projects also were selected from entries by students in the school district's special education center programs at Cooke and Old Village schools.

The "Unity in the Community" event also featured songs celebrating Dr. King's message of peace and unity sung by the NHS Sophomore Select Choir and an inspirational speech by Schoolcraft Community College President Dr. Conway Jeffress about the importance of educating the nation's young people in realizing Dr. King's vision.

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#### Church of the Holy Family

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

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**Crosspointe Meadows Church** 

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11.15 a m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available.

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Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six

Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C. org.

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#### Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

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

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month **First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church** 

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

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Sept. 5, 1938, in Ferndale as the second son of the late Ernest and Ida (Kittila) Allmen, he died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011. Chuck graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1960 (bachelor's in mechanical engi-neering) and Wayne State University in 1966 (masters). He worked at Chrysler Corp. for 32 years. Chuck met Patricia Opeka in 1967, and he married her on Aug. 24, 1968, moving to Farmington Hills in 1971. He

and Wilma Elisworth. Bud was an energetic prankster who was always good for a laugh. He had a great sense of humor and a genuine heart. He loved to travel and spent 40 years on the road as a truck driver. He is survived by his beloved wife Charlotte, his children; Theresa May, Emie, Jerry (Kelly) and Duane. He is also survived by his grandchildren; Ashlee, Ray, Shawn, Shayna, Christopher, Kati, B.J., James and Albert, nine great grandchildren and his siblings Edith Ellsworth and Edward Ellsworth. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. A memorial service was held on Monday, January 10th at 2:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors. Online Guestbook www.phiilliosfuneral.com

stoic of faces. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Joe and Keith. Survived by his parents, Elaine and Gerald LaFleche (Novi), sisters Ann (Phil Livermore), Janet (Randy) Monson, brother Larry (Carol) LaFleche, nieces and nephews, and a great niece and nephew. A memorial

service and burial will take place in the Spring in Hillman, MI. Arrangements by Bannan Funeral home Alpena MI. Donations to American Heart Association.

Dana, two brothers & one sister. Preceded in death her sons William and Patrick Memorial service will be heid Saturday, January 29th at 10:30am at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 W. Ten Mile, Novi, luncheon to follow.

in Enon, Mississippi the son of Clyde and Hora (Rayborn) Thornhill. He served in the United States Air Force during WWII and upon is honorable discharge he married Doris Brooks on February 9, 1946 in Detroit. Romeo worked as a barber and owned-Ed's Barbershop and later the Ideal Barbershop in Redford. He retired from Ford Motor Company. he was Liteum member of Fraternal Order of Masons and the VFW. Romeo is survived by his wife, Doris of Alma, two children, Deborah (Tom) Verlin of Grand Rapids, Darvis Joanne) Thornhill of Milford, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, DeLonn Edward Thomhill in 1991 and two brothers, Boris and Evon Thornhill. A memorial service will be held at his interment this spring at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Hospice or Masonic Pathways. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Lux-Moody-Wolfel Funeral Home, Alma. To view Romeo's obituary online or to leave a condolence for the family visit: www.luxfuneralhomes.com

nephews. She is also survived by her very best friend Jackie Dobson. She was preceded in death by her mother Gennell Torok. Visitation will be held Friday from 2-8pm with a Scripture Service at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 West Dunlap, Northville. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday at 10:30 am, with visi-

is survived by his wife Pat and four children: Sharon (Matt) Videtich, Michael (Becky) Alimen, Philip (Karen) Allmen and Alan (Rachel) Allmen and five grandchildren, soon to be six. Visitation at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills Thursday, Jan. 27, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. In State at St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills Friday, Jan. 28, 10 a m. with funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

#### JOSEPH MICHAEL BERNEK

January 16, 2011, age 29. Funeral service was Jan. 22 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Online condolences: www.obriensul-Irvanfuneralhome.com.

#### EDWARD JOSEPH BOBROWSKI

Age 84. Husband of Evelyn for 64 years. Funeral: Thurs. Jan. 27th, 10am, St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. Memorials: In-House Hospice or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome com

#### **MARTHA CALLAHAN**

January 13, 2011, age 86. Beloved wife of William for 63 years. Funeral was Jan. 17th at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations: St. John's Hospice. Online condolences: www.obriensul-Evanfuneralhome com.

#### **ISABEL A. CULLUM**

Age 90, Jan. 18, 2011. Funeral Service was Jan. 20th at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Donations: Angela Hospice or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Online condofences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

#### **MARY LOU FLETCHER**

Age 75, passed away, January 18, 2011. She was born on May 16, 1935 in Holly, daughter of the late Harold and Rhea Bartel. Mary Lou was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was employed at the New Hudson Post Office for nearly 30 years, retiring as Postmaster in 1997. She is survived by her loving children; Ruth (Phillip) Stewart, David (Iva) Hetcher, Susan Walker, Laura (James) Gautz, Karen (Arthur) Hetcher-Hill. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, three greatgreat-grandchildren and her sisters; Louise Berry and Dorothy Ball. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard in 1998, her brother John in 1997 and her son in-law Richard Walker in 2004. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 20. A funeral service was held on Jan. 21, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**MARY G. FRANKLIN** 

(Aug. 21, 1929 - Jan. 12, 2011) Funeral was Jan. 17th; Old St. Patrick Church, Ann Arbor. Donations: Covenant House, Seasons Hospice, or IHM Motherhouse, Monroe, MI. Online sympathy message: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

#### JANICE GROBBEL

January 9, 2011, age 61. Funeral was Jan. 13 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home , Novi. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

#### **DOROTHY MERRYWEATHER**

January 8, 2011, age 97. Funeral was Jan. 14 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



#### THOMAS W. MOWBRAY

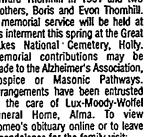
January 17, 2011. Age 70. Beloved husband of Virginia A. (Taylor) Mowbray for 49 years. Loving father of Gregory (Margaret) Mowbray, and Pamela Mowbray. Dear grandfather of Joshua Thomas and Meagan L Mowbray. Brother of Gail (Robert) Hubley and Janet (Ted) Davis. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; Carl and Lillian (Rothfelt) Mowbray, and one brother; Robert Mowbray. Mr. Mowbray served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1963 and retired in 2006 as a gauge inspector for Detroit Diesel Corporation. Memorial Services with be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. from Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, 248-349-2345. There will be a memorial gathering from 10:30 a.m. until service time. Memorial donations may be made to Community Living Centers, Inc. 33235 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336 or online at www.clchomes.org. Community Living Centers, Inc. is a group home provider for adults with developmental disabilities. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

**JACK E. RILEY** Age 59, passed away, January 21, 2011 at his home in the care of his

loving family. He was born on June 19, 1951 in Hamtramck, son of the late Jack & Sophie Riley. Jack was a loving and devoted husband and passionate father. He was a huge U of M football fan. In fact, the first date between Jack and his wife Penny was at a U of M football game. He is survived by his beloved wife Penny, his loving sons, Paul, Tim, Jeremy and Mike and his step daughter Melonie and his granddaughter Harmony. He is also survived by his sisters Gail and Lin and his in-laws; Mary and Joe Salgot and Jim and Sally Beaton, 2 nieces, 6 nephews, two brothers in-law one sister in-law. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 24 from 2:00pm-8:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, January 25 at 11:30am at the funeral home. **Reverend Terry Nelson of the Cross** of Christ Lutheran Church will officiate. Graveside service will be rendered in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Online Guestbook

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tation beginning at 9:30am at Our

#### YUKIHIRO YOSHIDA

Age 29. August 11, 1981 - January 2011. Funeral was Jan. 16th at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Novi Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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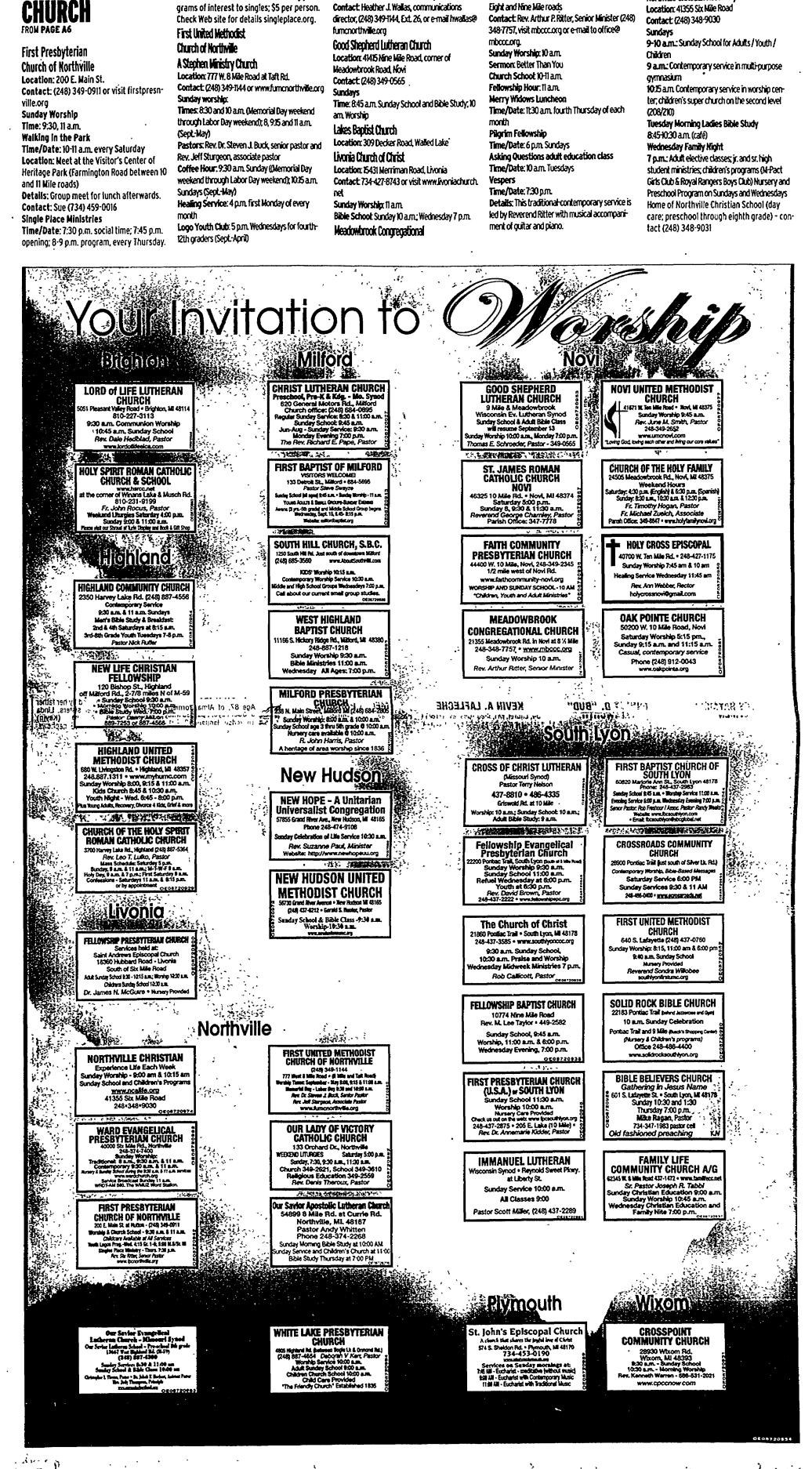
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#### CHURCH EVENTS.

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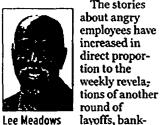
# **STRICTLY BUSINESS**

Thursday, January 27, 2011

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## Anger takes its toll in the workplace

nger turned inward is A depression; anger turned outward is disruptive, damaging and a complete diversion from the real issue when manifested in a shrinking resources, stretched responsibilities work place. The stories



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restructured pensions. Frequent accounts of yelling and verbal abuse from both within and around the cubicle would make for great fictional reading except the line between fiction and fact is blurred at best. The workplace has become the new Little League baseball field where employees spew their misdirected anger at people who, like themselves, are just trying to do their job.

It doesn't take an experienced, highly credentialed mental health therapist with a website to put into perspective the factors that contribute to the rising lack of civility and unprofessional conduct not normally attributed to employees of goodwill. The primary cause is the perceived lack of control over the events that have forced many of the issues being wrestled by any numbers of businesses. We don't like the fact that the work life we know has changed where more is required and less is provided. The 30-year agreements that sealed the deal of one life, one employer and a reclining lounge of benefits to support our emeritus years are

now day-to-day sprints where someone keeps moving the finishing line. We can't stand out in front of our office building, look up at the brand logo and yell, "How could you do this to me?

Consequently, the anger has to be directed somewhere -- and who better than the employee in the cube across the hall who is one level down in status and happens to report to you. There's nothing like a good public demeaning to really let someone know how angry you are at the organization. Witnessing this kind of public spectacle is just as humiliating as being its recipient. Employees in less than powerful positions are reluctant to speak out because their fear of what they could lose outweighs their concern for their own self-respect. As one cubed, demeaned and humiliated employee remarked, "It's hard out here for a wimp." Unfortunately, this reluctance doesn't add to the stellar reputation of the company and forces an even further alienation of people and resources. Business is sustained on the creative juices and behavioral commitment of people willing to give their all in a collective effort to achieve a common goal. Speed bumps are a natural part of the path being driven, so some cri-sis is to be expected. However, when public dress downs are the norm and organizational courtesies are jettisoned for more expedient interactions, the business, the organization, employees and the surrounding communities all lose.

Perhaps some altering of perception might prove to be helpful:

Realize that the person you are about to demean wants exactly what you want: It is

important that the person doing the yelling be made to understand that you are not deaf and you do understand. So, calmly ask them if they would like to sit down and explain to you, adult to adult, just what it is that they want. At some point during that discussion, it will dawn on them that both of you want the same thing.

Escalation and retaliation are the cornerstones of heated exchanges: The first rule of being hit is to hit back, only harder and with more longevity. Before committing to a heated exchange, know that many will suffer in silence, but not for long. Meanwhile, any shred of productivity has been ripped from the day and the person will spend most of their time imagining humorously brutal events to confound your life. Someone has to deflate the event before it gets out of hand. Remember, there was a whole generation of soldiers who grew up during the 100-year war between the British and the French and never really knew the gist of the conflict.

Most employees aren't fond of personal abuse and rarely seek it: Believe it or not, it is a rare employee who starts the day by saying, "Hmmm, I wonder what I can do today to upset (fill in the blank) so they can publicly humiliate me in my cube."

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## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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Winner

The winner of the Made in **Detroit Piston's promotion** is Cheri Pelic from Northville who received two special Pistons Made In Detroit T-shirts and a pair of tickets for the Jan. 22 game at the Palace, which she gave to friend Dan Young of Livonia.

### 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 façades. 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.

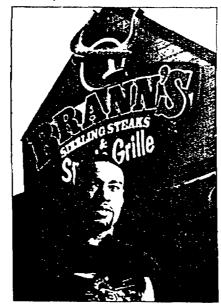
These competitive grant programs are set up as matching grants, where the business or . building owner will spend \$1 and the DDA will match it with \$1 up to one half of the project expenditure or the limit of the program. Both programs reimburse the applicants after the project or consultation is successfully 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 it 248-349-0345.

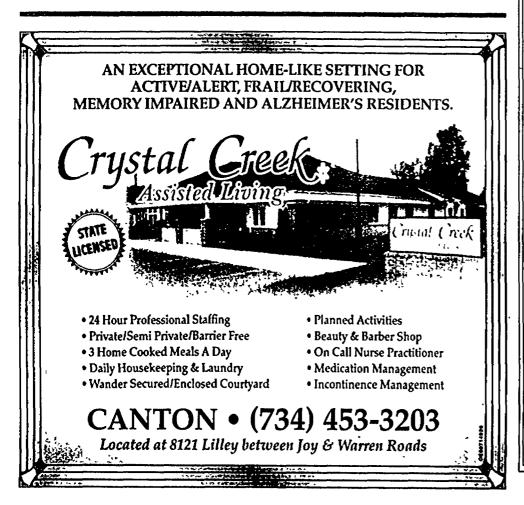
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### **Touchdowns for education**

At the start of this NFL football season, Brann's



Sizzling Steaks & Sports Grille (39715 Six Mile Road, Northville Township) brought in Detroit Lions receiver Calvin Johnson for a re-opening/remodeling party and announced they would donate \$181 for every TD he scored to Northville Public Schools. The restaurant wound up raising \$2,353 for the schools with Johnson's final tally of 13 touchdowns. Johnson. whose mother is a teacher, was very happy to do the fund-raiser, and you can see him making his first Pro Bowl appearance this Sunday.





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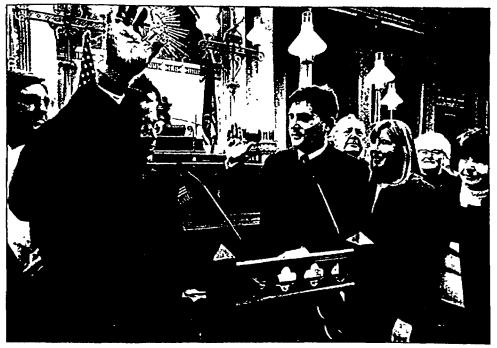


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### **Colbeck takes office**

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck announced that his Lansing office is open and ready to meet the needs of constituents in the 7th Senate District (the cities of Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Northville (part), Plymouth, Rockwood, Trenton and Woodhaven; and the townships of Brownstown, Canton, Grosse IIe, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Sumpter and Van Buren). On Jan. 12 Colbeck was joined in Lansing by his wife, Angie; father, Bill Colbeck; other family members and several dozen residents for the first day of Senate session and a ceremonial swearing-in on the Senate floor. Colbeck was officially sworn in on Jan. 3 in Plymouth before Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr. Colbeck's office phone number is (517) 373-7350. The toll-free number is (866) 262-7307. An e-mail address and website have been established to add convenience for district residents. They are senpcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov and www. SenatorPatrickColbeck.com. Colbeck's office is located in Room 1020 of the Farnum Building at 125 W. Allegan St. in Lansing, across from the Michigan Capitol. His mailing address is P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48909.





### Sworn in

Newly elected state Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth, 20th District) took the oath of office as he was sworn in at the Capitol to serve his first term in the House. Heise, an attorney, was appointed vice chair of the House Judiciary Committee and will also serve as a member on the Education Committee and the Families, Children and Seniors Committee. "I look forward to my role as vice chair of the Judiciary Committee where I can put into practice the knowledge and understanding I have gained during my many years as an attorney to keep Nichigan a safe place for everyone," Heise said. "I am also eager to serve residents by making sure education is a top priority, and working to assure the success of our families and most vulnerable populations." Shown, Heise is being sworn into office with his wife, Catherine, and daughters, Katie and Claire.



## For Hospice

, ,,,,,, DENISE SULKEY

The fifth grade girl scouts of Troop 1091, with members who attend Northville Public Schools' Thornton Creek and Amerman elementary schools, recently made fleece blankets to donate to Angela Hospice in Livonia. Angela Hospice was very appreciative to receive the blankets and thanked the girls for supporting its mission to provide comprehensive, compassionate care to the terminally ill. Pictured here are some of the troop members and the blankets they made. The Troop includes Megan Gron, Ella Duckworth, Shaylan Tucker, Nikki Skinner, Rachet Holmes, Emily Sulkey, Gasia Oknayan, Gina Gasparotto, Julia Gessert, DeAnne Pearson, Meredith Wilson, Bridgid Giannotta, Megan Mazuchowski, Celia NcGrath and Maya Simonte.

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Girl Scouts Troop 41476 at Our Lady of Victory fourth graders designed and made a quilt and two fleece blankets to be donated to Oakwood Health Care System's Spread the Love program -- a personal touch for someone ill ... just because they care.



### A Time to Give

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 41368, Northville, celebrated the holidays with Mitch Albom, Detroit radio personality. The girls made and presented 25 fleece blankets and 40 fleece pillows to Albom's guests and led crafts and karaoke for 200 women and children at A Time to Give, Albom's holiday party in Detroit. The donation was part of the girls' service project for the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award Girl Scout Cadettes can receive. Pictured are: (front row) Isabel Rocha, Alexia Spyrka, Megan Krings and Megan Kerr; (second row) Victoria Zaremba, Sarah Deng, Maddie Rainey, Kylie McGuirk, Alyssa Schmidt, Mitch Albom, Julia Slatin, Maria Demos and Isobel Bush.



## On the trail

Eric Roth skis out of the forest at Northville's Maybury State Park on Jan. 12. Even though the area had received about four inches of snow the night before, Roth said that for really good cross country skiing the Maybury trails still needed a deeper base.



### The Muses

"Bluebird" by Candace Brancik is one of the Works by the Muses on exhibit at the Artist Avenue Gallery at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield. The group of local artists includes Pat Bombach, Candace Brancik, Jeff Cancelosi, Patty Dombecki, Daria Fileta, Peggy Kerwan, Linda Logan and Barbara Eko Murphy who meet weekly to paint from a model. This exhibit is a collection of the artists' individual styles and subjects (figurative, floral, mixed and still life) in their mediums of choice (acrylic, ink, oil, pastel, stamp and watercolor). The gallery is located on 15 Mile between Halsted and Drake. Showing is Jan. 6-Feb. 28.

#### LOCAL NEWS

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had to wait," she said. She said students were patted down, too, upon leaving the classrooms and had to exit out a certain door. They were also not allowed to go to their lockers.

"If we wanted to go to our lockers, we would have had to get a police escort," she said.

#### **NO PARENTAL PICKUP**

No parent pickups were allowed. "Honestly, we had about 15 school buses waiting for us," she said.

"It was crazy, and the kids that usually got a parent pickup were told to go to the nearest elementary school and

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placed the call to 9-1-1 is asked to contact Northville High School Police Liaison Officer Derek Snider at sniderde@northville.k12.mi.us or the Northville Township Police Department at (248) 349-9400.

Male and female officers from other agencies joined Northville police in searching students as they were released out the west entrance, for a third time, as they left the building around noon. Although inconvenienced, Werth said students were "ecstatic" as they were being released and parents waiting outside were clapping their hands.

Werth said that since the Columbine incident, police have trained for years at Northville High and are very familiar with it.

'We don't know all the credibility of this incident," he said, adding that police were still taking precautions even though there is a "possibility" that the incident is a hoax.

Werth said it was a "successful outcome."

that there would be people and security waiting there to take them home."

"I wasn't scared at all," she said. "We were kind of in shock at first, but only for maybe the first 10 minutes.

Students weren't allowed to turn on any TVs in the school, but they were allowed to call or text their parents.

"We didn't know anything until the next day," she said. "We all agreed that we would rather have the schools overreact to an incident rather than under react. We thought it was a positive experience, because we feel really safe at our school now."

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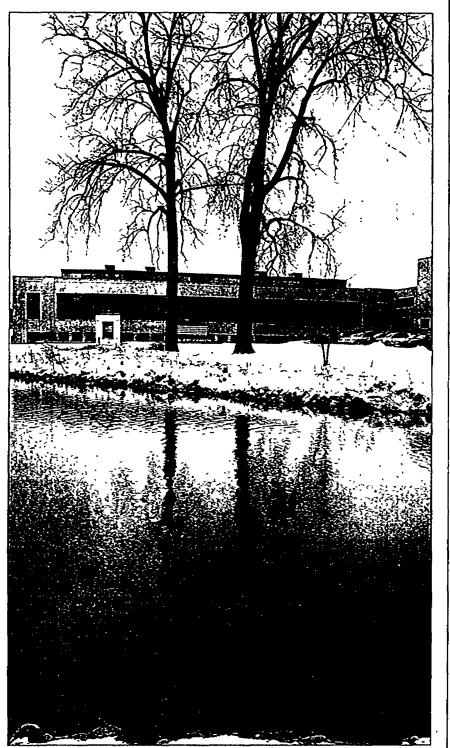
Police also received a description of a car in the east parking lot from a caller. The car came back out of Ypsilanti," Werth said. "There were Google maps on the front seat with directions to the high school. There was also some disturbing information on the front seat." Werth did not elaborate on the nature of the information.

There were only 14 of these types of vehicles in the parking lot, and this was the only such vehicle in the east parking lot.

The owner of the vehicle turned out to be a student teacher. "We interviewed the student teacher, and we are comfortable she is not involved," Werth said. "We have cleared her as far as the investigation."

The original call got disconnected from 9-1-1, so police were not able to trace the call or obtain the name of the student who called.

"We have been receiving tips of potential suspects who may have called this in," Werth said. "We're asking for anybody with information to call (248) 349-9400. We're actively investigating this information."



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### Reflection

A pair of cottonwood trees shimmer in their reflection on the pond in front of the Ford Valve Plant or Water Wheel complex. Henry Ford, as part of his "Village Industries" initiative, manufactured valves for automobiles on its location from 1919 to 1936 when the current Albert Kahn-designed building was erected along the banks of the Rouge River. It continued to manufacture automobile valves until 1978.

## **Trustees to** name firm to perform master plan

Study session scheduled Feb. 3 STAFF WRITER

The steering committee has made its recommendation after interviewing five candidates to develop the master plan for Northville Township's Seven Mile property.

Now, township trustees must look at the top five firms to see if they agree with the selection committee's recommendation of Stantec, or if they prefer to use another company. Stantec has worked with the community for many years of several different projects.

A special study session will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 3 in township hall to discuss the recommendation, with the decision going to a vote at the Feb. 17 board meeting. The board said that all five candidates for the master plan job are well-qualified for the work. None of the companies' representatives, including Stantec, are invited to the meeting.

The developers, REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company, will be invited to attend the session, however.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, thought they be interested in what's going on at the township's portion of the property, since REIS owns 82 acres of commercial development on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

Abbo said that the REIS wants to have further discussions later this month about the Seven Mile property.

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## State Rep. addresses Township trustees

### He supports new water quality bill

BY PAN FLENING STAFF WRITER

New State Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) paid a visit to the Northville Township board meeting this month to talk about what he's currently working on.

He said in light of the recent indictments in Detroit in the joint Water and Sewer Department, Lansing has a new Water Qualification Authority Bill, HB4112, in the works.

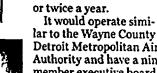
An outline of the bill is

available at www.michiganlegislature. org. "Everybody's looking it over," Heise said.

He said the Detroit City Council passed Heise a resolution

condemning both him and the bill.

The idea is that all 125 member communities in the Detroit Water and Sewer Department would meet once



Detroit Metropolitan Airport Authority and have a ninemember executive board and some rotating members that would meet once a month.

An executive director would also be hired.

"This has been done before," Heise said. "Times dictate that this is something important. We need to educate some of the other state reps."

Heise said L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, supports the bill as does a majority of the Oakland County Commissioners.

"There's a lot of momentum right now," Heise said. "We've gotten a lot of positive feedback."

Heise serves as vice chair of the judiciary committee, and he said about half of the reps from Wayne County are on that committee.

He is also a member of the education committee and the family, child and senior services committee.

In February, he will introduce coffees and library hours, or constituents can call him toll free at 1-855-REP-KURT.

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At the gym

Mitch Roberts, a Northville High senior, goes in for a layup during an open gym afternoon at the Recreation Center at Hillside. The gym is open for recreation every weekday afternoon for \$2 admission.

Rouge River frogs to stir soon It may be hard to think about frogs under all of frog and toad is a good indication of healthy this snow and cold but it won't be long before wetlands (see attached map with results).

our local amphibians wake up and begin their annual chorus. If you would like to help observe this interesting phenomenon contact Friends of the Rouge.

Volunteer training for the annual volunteer Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey begins in February. Interested volunteers attend a two-hour workshop where they learn the basics of recognizing frog or toad type by their call. Volunteers are assigned nearby wetlands they then survey on their own on damp warm evenings and submit results to Friends of the Rouge. Last year's results are available at www.therouge.org.

The survey has been conducted since 1998 and provides information on the health of Rouge wetlands. The presence of several species

Wetlands are critical in restoring the water quality of the Rouge River because they absorb rain water, filter pollutants, reduce flooding as well as provide habitat for many species.

As many as 600 people participate in the survey each year and include families (children welcome when accompanied by a participating adult), seniors, students, scouts, etc. Learning to identify the calls and hearing them in their survey block is what participants find fun and satisfying.

Survey areas are limited to wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed which encompasses 466 square miles in the Detroit area. Participants must be willing to survey after dark several evenings a month March through July.

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#### DETAILS

Interested volunteers need to register for one of four workshops at www.therouge. org. For more information, call Sally at (313) 792-9621 or monitoring@therouge.org. The first workshop is being held from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 12 at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Happerty Road, Following workshops include 7-9 p.m. March 2 at Canton Summit on the Park, Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway: 10 a.m.noon Saturday, March 5 at Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile Road; and 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 12 at Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph.

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## MEETINGS

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Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of

the month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Old Village School **City of Northville CITY COUNCIL** Date: First and third Monday of the month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St. **DOWNTOWN** Development **AUTHORITY MEETING** Date: Third Tuesday of each month on lower level, 215 W. Main St. Contact: downtownnorthville.com PLANNING COMMISSION Date: First and third Tuesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: City Hall HOUSING COMMISSION

month Time: 3 p.m. Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Date: Third Wednesday of month Time: 7 p.m. Location: City Hall **ARTS COMMISSION** Date: Second Wednesday of every month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St. BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION Date: First Monday of every month Time: 8 a.m. Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend. Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B Northville Township PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Second Wednesday of every

Date: Last Tuesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Date: Third Thursday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** Date: Third Wednesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hail **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION** Date: Third Monday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall YOUTH ASSISTANCE Date: Second Tuesday of every month Time: 8 a.m. Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

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## **OUR VIEWS**

# **Business breaks**

## State must review as it deals with \$1.8 billion deficit

Your views on tax breaks might well be shaped by whether you directly benefit from them. Those that benefit you or your business are likely seen as incentives that produce jobs and keep more money in your pocket. You might not have as charitable a view of a tax break that benefits only your neighbor or the business down the street.

Such distinctions may play a big role as new Gov. Rick Snyder and the Legislature wrestle with a deficit of \$1.8 billion. In an attempt to avoid drastic cuts to education, public employee compensation and critical services such as police and fire, lawmakers should be looking at tax breaks, tax credits and other loopholes.

There is a lot to look at. The House Fiscal Agency estimates that tax credits, exemptions and deductions amount to more than \$36 billion that is not paid to the state, according to the Detroit Free Press. It would seem that tightening up those credits would be a relatively simple way to close the budget gap. It's possible that closing a loophole might be palatable even to Republicans who campaigned on not raising taxes.

But it's not that simple.

For one thing, although tax breaks bring to mind huge breaks for big business, the fact is that only \$2 billion of the \$36 billion amount to tax exemptions for businesses.

Conventional wisdom and recent experience suggest that the bulk of the rest are politically untouchable. That figure, for instance, includes the lack of sales tax on food and drugs. It is difficult to imagine lawmakers of either party who would suggest reinstating that tax. It also includes \$11 billion not paid to the state because of property-tax credits and another \$9 billion for income-tax credits and deductions. Messing with those would surely be seen as tax hikes by the general public.

There is similar poison, apparently, in expanding the state sales tax to include services. Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm floated that idea during the end of her time of office to no success, even though she tried to sweeten the

deal by lowering the 6-percent sales tax on other products. Why not, then, go after the \$2 billion in tax breaks to businesses? Surely it's only fair to even the playing field for these favored taxpayers. Again, it's not that simple and not just because some interests have curried favor with lawmakers.

The credits were given in many cases to encourage job creation or to prevent jobs from leaving. It's unclear how effective this strategy really is, but no governor in recent memory has been willing to risk losing jobs to states that play fast and loose with tax credits. What is clear, howver, is that the state does little to measure how effective

### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

Is your family a dog or cat household and why?



'We were a dog household, but we lost one awhile ago. We might get a cat someday - my daughter gets to decide - but we're definitely a pet household."

Steve Iwan Northville



"We have a cat. I found him in a box that said 'free kittens' in the parking lot of Meijer's." Nicole Andreolli Northville



"We have a dog. We don't like cats - they're too sneaky and we have allergy issues."

**Carlos Pierre** Northville



"We have a cat because they're very easy to care for and he's fun!" Sherri McClain Livonia

## LETTERS

#### What's wrong with this country

In November, America voted to slow down Obamacare. A lobbyist manufactured proposal, mostly unread by our elected, it appeared one step toward Marxism pushing the view of no choice, a restraint seen by chickens in a chicken factory, next to demolish competition by hectoring a population into placid acceptance. American women might have seen the futures of their children dissolved by a lustiness for spending by a steamrolling Congress. Some may have even thrown up, helplessly watching trillion dollar pork bailouts passed to political favorites or scams like cash for clunkers, caulking, or windmills with possible inflation a threat to follow. In two years, America's freedoms became further indentured by \$5 trillion of added debt often to accommodate the chorus of high maintenance liberals.

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Our elected appear something like ping pong balls for the organized as their aristocracy is being formed. The worst example is California where public service unions have confiscated a waterfall of financially impossible accommodations. Providing states with bankruptcy and reorganization might be a way to flatten costs and avoid compounding mistakes. History is consistent; every bloated bureaucracy brings rattling pain, eventually capsizing and trashing the host. Cheering this chaos is the international manipulator of money and governments, "Spooky George Soros." America's Tea parties did plenty to disrupt several political wastrels. The opportunity to lead should be a gift of trust not an escalator. Yet some places needing leadership might remain vacant. The emergence of the American patriots energized many new people and the determination for reform. We will see

if it is done. So sad that some politicians can linger for generations unchallenged, riding a wave and hugging a fiction of indispensability. Many incumbents run short of useful ideas and achievement but still remain. Term limits may be a blessing as better farmers point out periodic crop rotation is vital to enhance productivity and avoid unhealthful ground. Young Americans with sharp minds are peeded in politics to challenge static roles and offer new management. Crop rotation can enrich the results in many organizations.

**Jim Nowka** Northville

#### **NHS faculty shines**

As I reflect on the events that reached the national news, on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Northville High School, the Hemingway quote, "Courage is grace under pressure," comes to mind. I am proud to be counted among the faculty of Northville High School. You have all gone above and beyond as public school teachers. We have faced many obstacles over the years, and we continue to prove the teachers at Northville High School are the most tenacious and devoted individuals in education. The commitment of the faculty to the students and community is extraordinary. Nay we continue to have a positive influence on the youth in the Northville community. Henry Brooks Adam said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." The students you kept calm and safe will remember your influence for a lifetime. Thank you, Northville High School teachers.

these programs have been. That must change.

Even when studies show that a program gives away more taxes than it brings in - such as with Michigan's overly generous film tax credits - defenders argue that there is a greater good that must be considered, such as creating a new industry in Michigan.

Then what else is there to cut? One target is the \$338 million Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income taxpayers. Snyder has also zeroed in on state employee pay and benefits, as well as other public employees including schoolteachers. There is also room to cut revenue sharing for local municipalities.

Such a strategy would seem heartless, though, without a more complete review of business tax exemptions. Otherwise, Lansing would be pursuing a budget strategy of protecting business while placing the budget-cutting burden on public servants and the state's most vulnerable citizens.

That can't be the reinvented state that Snyder envisions.

This editorial originally appeared in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus

Once elected, our chosen are frozen and become unwilling to make any structural changes needed to slow down the endless bureaucrat creep - promoted as brilliant and wizards of economic growth revealing performances fitted for the Gong Show. The current administration relies upon positive commentaries from media poodles while choking and hobbling our industries forced to export of investment and job growth elsewhere. Reagan, America's last example of heavyweight leadership, enhanced his qualities by choosing business-minded subordinates. Unfortunately, President Obama has done the opposite, stuck with several nightmares of lesser experience.

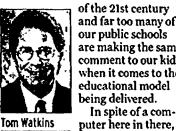
Ross Perot sensed giant sucking sounds from Mexico; now they come again from unrestrained public service unions and bureaucrats controlling public treasuries.

#### **Amber Lee Furst**

Northville High School special education teacher

## The impossible isn't! Reinvent our schools for the 21st century

enry Ford once remarked in the early days of the 20th century, You can have any color car you like - as long as it is black."



Fast forward to the second decade of the 21st century and far too many of our public schools are making the same comment to our kids when it comes to the educational model being delivered. In spite of a com-

**Tom Watkins** 

organized and operating on an outdated industrialized one-size-fits-all assembly line model, complete with a three-month summer layoff each year.

our schools are

Michigan has 550 smokestack factory school districts chugging along as though nothing has changed, when everything has! Clearly, there are islands of excellences and educational pioneers who are pushing the envelope for change, but they are the

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exception, not the rule.

We can change that. Change requires vision, leadership, and effort, but our schools must be challenged to innovate, not continue the fight to contain the change.

There is a need to fundamentally redesign our K-12 educational system around the student We cannot reinvent Michigan without reinventing education - a requirement for our state's future success.

We live in a world where ideas and jobs can and do move around the globe effortlessly. Other states and nations are passing us by, educating their citizens to thrive in a disruptive, technologically driven, knowledge economy.

The research is clear: We know how to make effective learners, yet there is a powerful anchor attached to the status quo.

We can use technology to personalize learning so that it is emotionally engaging, interactive, and social, allowing children to be active and lifelong learners.

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The role of the teacher needs to change from being the "sage on the stage" to being a facilitator of active and individualized learning, remove seat time" and replacing it with competency-based structures that personalize pathways to student success.

With technology, every students can and should have an IEP, an Individualized Educational Plan and make the new norm.

The world is changing in dramatic ways and our system of education must embrace those changes or be totally engulfed by them. Without change, our state will become a backwater in a sea of global progress.

An assembly line, one-size-fits-all educational model, based on fixed time, place, and pace with uninspiring and outmoded curriculum, is out of place in today's knowledge-based economy.

The protectors of the status quo want desperately to hold onto the comfort of what is. How do we then create a new vision for educational change? The answer is as simple as it is difficult to operationalize: Leadership.

New research and technology exists today to improve learning. We need leaders willing to take bold steps to lead change. Leaders who help others understand the present, and envision a better future.

We can lead the way in inventing a 21st century educational model built on learning sciences that use existing and developing technologies. How can we move into the information age/knowledge economy if our No. 1 information industry, education, remains mired in the Industrial Age? Holding onto the past and protecting the status quo are not prescriptions that help us thrive, be creative or competitive on a world stage.

Resistance? Of course.

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This new system of educating our youth must not be about educational associations or unions, school vendors or any other special-interest group. We must break away from an educational system that has morphed into protecting adults at the expense of kids and our collective futures.

This is not simply another ploy for more money and certainly not for the existing school system. Until we can demonstrate how additional investments in education will help teachers teach and children learn, gaining 21st century skills and knowledge, there should be no additional money for the educational system.

We don't need more money. We need to spend the money we already have based on different priorities. What gives the greatest return to our students, state and nation? "Our Kids, Our Future" must be our collective mantra.

Even Ford realized the time came to let go of an Edsel. Michigan has an opportunity to not simply reinvent itself, but to LEAD change.

Our economic and competitive futures are at stake. Will Michigan lead?

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## **NEIGHBORS**

Thursday, January 27, 2011

#### WEDDING

Rachel Stockhausen and Ryan Wright

Northville's Rachel Margaret

Stockhausen and Ryan James

Wright were married Sept. 11,

2010, at Cathedral of the Most

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The bride is the daughter

Stockhausen of Northville. She

Detroit-Mercy's dental school,

and she is employed as an endo-

Bethany How, Emily Gonzalez,

Nita Aquilina, Jen Priebe, Laura

The groom is the son of Cindy

and Tim Wright of Walled Lake.

He attended Western University

and is currently a nursing stu-

dent at Wayne State University.

His attendants included Andy

Anderson, Cory O'Neil, Logan

A reception was held at the

now reside in Northville.

Henry Ford Estate, and the couple

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Caroline Marino.

and Rick Howe.

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dontist. Her attendants included

attended Indiana University and

of Carole Jean and William

Denis Theroux officiating.

Stockhausen & Wright

ENGAGEMENT

Lindsay Dunmead and Robert

Lindsay Marie Dunmead

and Robert Carl Oberschlake

announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of

and James Dunmead, Plymouth,

is a 2002 graduate of Northville

High School, a 2006 graduate of

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio,

with a bachelor of science degree

in special education. She earned

four varsity letters as a defender

Miami of Ohio. She obtained

ber master's of education from

Ashland University in 2010. She

is employed with the Dublin City

is the son of Dawn and James

Her fiance, Bobby Oberschlake,

Oberschlake of Hamersville, Ohio.

He is a 2004 graduate of Western

Brown High School and a 2008

Oxford, Ohio with a bachelor of

graduate of Miami University,

arts degree in psychology. He

earned three varsity letters as a

pitcher on Miami's baseball team.

He is employed with Jason's Deli

They are planning a July 2011

Schools in Ohio.

in Dublin, Ohio.

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while on a soccer scholarship from

Connie & Terry Kogowski, Wixom

**Dunmead & Oberschlake** 

Oberschlake

#### ENGAGEMENT

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ENGAGEMENT

Nicholas Doinidis Local chiropractor Nicholas Doinidis, DC, attended a seminar last October sponsored by Texas Chiropractic College. The topic was 'Lumbar Differential Assessment<sup>\*</sup>,

Doinidis taught by Dr. Daniel Dock of Duluth Minnesota, a well known lecturer throughout the United States and

Topics included lumbar disc problems, hip and knee problems, leg symptoms, Restless Legs Syndrome, fallen arches and TMJ prob-

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**Rick Nork** 

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ment of Rick Nork, of Northville, as vice president for finance and business operations, treasurer, and chief financial officer effec-



Nork tive Jan. 3. Nork, who

has more than 30 years of corporate finance and administration experience, will oversee accounting and fiscal operations, facilities planning and mapagement, human resources, purchasing, administrative policies and procedures, and investment, debt and risk for the university.

Nork replaces John L. Davis, who is retiring after more than 25 years' service to the university.

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#### Agoston & Hinkle

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The bride-to-be graduated from Northville High School in 2005 and received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Dayton. She is employed by General Electric Corporation's Healthcare Division as a project engineer in Arlington Heights, Ill.

The groom-elect is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering and is currently working towards his doctorate degree in biochemical engineering at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

They are planning a June 18 wedding in Orchard Lake, Mich.



September.

ter of Kirk and Sue Hooper, of Northville. She is a 2000 graduate of Northville High School and is a logistics coordinator for the mobile dentists, Smile Programs.

of William and Judy Datson, of Taylor. He is a 1994 graduate of Truman High School is an estimator with The Envelope Printery.





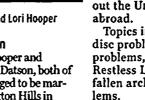
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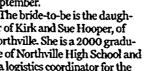
Lori Ellen Hooper and William Henry Datson, both of Taylor, are engaged to be married in Farmington Hills in

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The groom-elect is the son



# William Datson and Lori Hooper





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# Student musicians grow with symphony experience

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

It's break time. Before long the halls of North Farmington High School fill with laughter as members of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony rush to the snack area.

Welcome to Saturday morning rehearsal where students have the opportunity to play with the junior strings or advance ensembles including the string, concert and symphony orchestras.

The MYS program is designed to complement school music programs and provides rehearsal as well as performance opportunities. Now in its 28th season, MYS draws 212 students from nearly fourdozen metro Detroit communities including a large contingent from Novi and Northville. Students join for a variety of

reasons. Gabrielle Wells plays violin in the sixth and seventh grade orchestra at Hillside Middle School in Northville. She practices at least 1 1/2 hours every day.

#### CHALLENGING

'MYS is a lot more advanced than a regular school orchestra," said Wells, 13 of Novi. "I wanted to enhance my skills and get experience playing with a youth orchestra. I think it would be cool to play in an orchestra like the DSO. I'd also like to play Carnegie Hall one day.'

Claire Petrak never had the opportunity to play music in school and applauds MYS for providing an ensemble experience for student musicians. She signed up her daughter, Victoria, with MYS in seventh





Victoria Haltom conducts the String Orchestra at MYS. She was concertmaster with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in the 1990s and held the positions with the Michigan Opera Theater (MOT) Orchestra and as director in the Berkley Schools and Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. She regularly performs with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and LaCorda Ensemble.

PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA

Catherine Cui and Christina Hui both of Northville were photographed at a recent MYS rehearsal in North Farmington High School.

### NEXT PERFORMANCE

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony's next concert is Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit www.metropolitanyouthsymphony.org. altheast for a let in a

grade. Today, the 15-year old North Farmington sophomore still enjoys rehearsing and performing. She told her mom it makes her "so happy to come here every Saturday."

"I felt I missed out," said Claire Petrak, MYS president and one of its biggest supporters.

"After seeing the first concert

I was hooked as to what these kids could do.

#### **QUALITY ORGANIZATION**

"First and foremost, MYS is quality, but there's a maturity issue as well. If they're not ready socially they're not ready to make friends and communicate to be able to play music together, said Petrak.

John Robertson loved playing with MYS so much he's back as conductor of the Symphony Orchestra after playing with MYS from 1987 to 1991.

He earned a master's degree in orchestral conducting from Oakland University and is director of orchestras for Berkley High School and Norup International School. He also is conductor of the Royal Oak Symphony.

"MYS was largely responsible for making me want to pursue a career in music, gave me the love of playing, the first taste of playing in an orchestra," said Robertson of Madison Heights.

"It combines a high level of instruction with a warm student environment. I want to provide that for other students and I love the environment of meeting other people inter-ested in music."

#### **CONDUCTORS ARE PROS**

The conductors are all professional musicians. Their experience adds another dimension to teaching students how to play with an ensemble.

Victoria Haltom conducts

Symphony Orchestra and LaCorda Ensemble.

Geoffrey Benes leads the MYS Concert Orchestra. He began his teaching career in the Troy School District in 1988. Under his direction, the Athens High School Orchestras perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City March 2011.

Kathleen Grimes became the conductor for the newly formed Junior Strings in January 2009. The group is a steppingstone for children ages 7-13. She plays with MOT and is principal viola with the Ann Arbor Symphony.

"I was the kid who would have fallen through the cracks if music hadn't been offered free in Ann Arbor Schools,' said Grimes of Ypsilanti. "Being a professional musi-

cian adds a real world perspective," she added.

One of the reasons Grace Choi, 11, and Daniel Shao, 12, play with MYS is for enjoyment.

"It's fun yet very challenging," said Shao, a cellist and student at Novi Middle School and the Michigan New Century Chinese School at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"I appreciate the quality of music we make and commitment to playing well," said Shao.

#### **ON-STAGE EXPERIENCE**

"It's fun," said Choi of Novi, who plays violin with the String Orchestra. "You get to experience different music. For the concert you get to feel what it's like on stage. At first I felt scared but got used to it. Now I like it.' Erin Kim, 13, loves playing for audiences. The Northville girl plays cello with the concert orchestra. Her sister, Gina, 16, plays violin with the MYS Symphony. "It's fun to perform those big

places," said Kim. "It makes you feel, everything you've been doing is worth it. It makes you feel good about yourself."

The interaction leads to friendships inside MYS as well as school.

Catherine Culkin, 18, Christina Hui, 14, and Sandra Pui, 15, live in Novi and attend Northville High School where they play in the marching and symphonic bands. Culkin chose trumpet because she didn't want to carry a tuba. She loves big band jazz.

I love how MYS is cream of the crop from all around Michigan. I have the chance to play with good players who make it sound so easy. Everyone's awesome," said Culkin who also accompanies the children's choir at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

"My mom played bassoon and loved music. She always played clarinet music when I was small and started me on piano at age 5. I can't remember not playing music," added Culkin. Like Culkin, Hui began playing piano at age 5, flute around age 8. She also is on the lacrosse team in school. "My teacher got me interested in orchestra," said Hui now

Chen of Northville was photographed at a recent rehearsal of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony.

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in her second year with MYS. "Everyone tries really hard and the music is challenging. It's nice to share that with other people."

"I thought it would be a good way to increase my skills,' added Pui who's played clarinet since sixth grade and likes to listen to Korean pop music and run cross-country and track at Northville High School.

Several of the students are involved with extracurricular activities. Sarah Jylkka, 16 was leaving rehearsal to go home and take a nap before playing in the orchestra for the Walled Lake Western production of Hairspray. The Novi girl runs track as well.

Debbie Tylenda believes the orchestra experience helped her sons excel in math and science. She's one of the volunteer parents who make the non-

profit MYS successful.

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SYNOPSIS JANUARY 20, 2011 - REGULAR MEETING **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** 

DATE: Thursday, January 20, 2011 TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order

at 7:30 p.m. ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen ABSENT: Mindy Herrmann

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: at 7:30

1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas and to add item 2.C. Honor resolution and 3.A – set public hearing for Historic District -March 17, 2011

- 2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions Announcements:
  - A. Timothy Zawodny appoint to Planning Commission approved
  - Buolus, Gharib appoint to Board of Review approved
  - Al Smitley Resolution 2011-02
- 3. Public Hearings: Set public hearing for Historic District March 17, 2011

4. Brief Public Comments: State Representative Kurt Heise gave a brief update on House Bill 4112. Several residents had concerns regarding Chapter 53 of the Code of ordinances. John Werth, Director of Public Safety, updated the Board on the lock down at the High School and thanked all the organizations that responded.

- 5. New Business:

  - A. Steeplechase final plat 4 & 5 approved B. SEMCOG Annual Dues \$3,171.00 approved C. Stonewater -- set back modification request approved
  - D. Northville Bennett Arboretum Pathway Grant Agreement - approved
  - E. Wayne County Permits approved
  - F. Collection of Summer Tax Northville Public School District - approved
  - G. Collection of Summer Tax Plymouth Canton School District - approved
  - H. Collection of Regional Service Agency of Wayne County approved
  - Collection of Summer Tax Schoolcraft College approved
  - Seven Mile Road Master Plan -Recommendation REMOVED Consultant J.
  - K. 2009 International Fire Code REMOVED
  - L. Patrol Vehicle purchase Police Department approved M. Detective Bureau Vehicle purchase - Police Department -
  - approved
- 6. Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances
  - A. Chapter 53 Ordinance Amendments revisit February 17, 2011
  - B. Chapter 58.17 International Property Maintenance Code amendments REMOVED
- 8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$7,049,384.42 - approved
- 9. Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider
- 10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Discussion on the Seven Mile Road Property.

An unapproved draft of the minutes will be available after February 1, 2011.

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11. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:** Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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the String Orchestra. She was concertmaster with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in the 1990s and held the positions with the Michigan Opera Theater (MOT) Orchestra and as director in the Berkley Schools and Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills. She regularly performs with the Birmingham-Bloomfield

All volunteers are moms or dads," said Amy Han who coordinates Junior Strings. "Kids don't realize MYS can't

run if parents aren't involved," added Patty Jylkka of Novi. Her daughter, Sarah, 16, is a violinist in the symphony. "I tell them if you're part of something give your all to make it the best it can be."

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville Township Department of Public Services within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to:

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The above notice is issued pursuant to the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Northville, Chapter 58 2 Article II, Property Maintenance Code.

> Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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#### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Chuck Gaidica Signing at Barnes & Noble

Northville's Award-winning meteorologist Chuck Gaidica will sign copies of his new book, Cuddling is Like Chocolate, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville.



The author will speak briefly about how his awardwinning Cuddle Alerts have inspired him to take on the new role of writer, after which the signing will take place.

Cuddling is Like Chocolate was released in December 2010 and is Gaidica's first book. He will also sign copies of Tommy Starts Something Big, his new children's picture book. The books will be available for purchase at Barnes & Noble before and during the event.

#### **Best City competition**

The results of more than three months of hard work will be unveiled from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi as more than 1,000 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from southeastern Michigan, including Northville Christian School, will come together to compete for the tille of "Best City of the Future."

In its 16th year, the Michigan Regional Future City Competition is a nationwide competition that challenges middle school students to envision a city in the future in which they would like to live. Guided by their teachers and volunteer engineer mentors, students have three months to develop a computer model, write an essay, build a physical model using engineering and mathematical principles, and then present their creation to professional judges during a daylong competition.

The winning team from Michigan will go to Washington, D.C. in February to compete in the national Future City challenge against teams from across the country.

#### Yoga Center open house

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Northville Yoga Center is hosting an open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 to celebrate its newly expanded and renovated space and the beginning of its fourth year. During the afternoon, three mini-yoga sessions, each 30 minutes long, will be offered to allow visitors to try yoga. Mini sessions will run from 2:15-2:45 p.m., 3:153:45 p.m., and 4:15-4:45 p.m. Please wear comfortable clothing.

A special incentive of "Two for Two" is offered to current members who bring a friend or relative who has never visited the yoga center before. Each person will receive two free classes. Refreshments will also be served.

The Yoga Center offers free yoga each Saturday at

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noon during its Community Yoga class. It's located at 200 South Main St., across the street from the Chamber of Commerce. Please check the web site for a map with the location, class schedules and more information at www.northvilleyogacenter.com.

#### 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.

#### Business to host art show

The Menagerie Room @ Co Reutter the Salon, located at 116 N. Lafayette in South Lyon, will be hosting an upcoming student art show. Students of all ages and mediums can enter up to three pieces of art work for free. The entry deadline is Saturday, March 12. There will be a reception Saturday, April 2 from 6-8 p.m. The student show will run until Saturday, May 28.

For more information, call (248) 446-0411.

#### Emergency Food Assistance Program for Plymouth and Northville

Plymouth and Northville will be participating in "The Emergency Food Assistance Program" (TEFAP), which is a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne county residents.

Distributions will be the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-noon at St. Kenneth Catholic Church (14951 North Haggerty Road), with the first distribution scheduled for March 17. All recipients must be pre-registered to become certified for eligibility (meeting both income and residency requirements) before being able to receive food on distribution days.

Recipients who are not currently on any governmental program (Food Stamps, ADC and General Assistance) will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards, proof of income and residence and proof of the number of household members. Bridge Card holders will automatically be qualified to participate but must still register.

For more information and registration, please contact the Plymouth Community United Way office at (734) 453-6879 ext. 2.

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#### A murder mystery tea

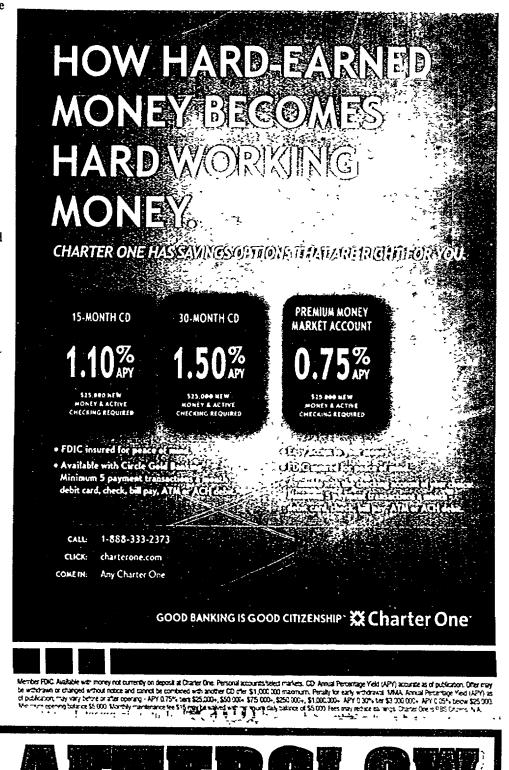
Northville Historical Society presents a murder mystery tea, The Decadent Housewives of Hysteria Lane, from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Mill Race Village, Cady Inn.

Elaine, one of the girls on Hysteria Lane, has been found dead. All of the decadent housewives are under suspicion, but what

could drive a person to murder? Hear the neighbors as they share the troubles they've had with Elaine, all the while claiming their innocence. Can we believe them? Who dunnit? Solve the mystery and win a prize!

Enjoy an afternoon of laughter and ponder the mystery at hand while enjoying a delicious assortment of tea sandwiches,

- delectable scones and decadent desserts along with our signature tea served on our finest china. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for NHS members); dead-
- line is Feb. 21. Contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.





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#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## LOCAL

#### Winter Blood Drive

Time/Date:8 a.m-2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 Location: Our Lady of Victory Church social hall, 770 Thayer, Northville Details: Open to the public; all donors welcome. To schedule an appointment, call Christine Abbey at (248) 701-5221 or email chrisabbey Recorncast.net. Walk-ins welcome but appointments, made every 15 minutes, help.

#### Pint Size Hero Blood Drive Time/Date: 9 a.m. 3 p.m. Sat., Feb. 5 Location: Amerman Elementary Gymnasium, 847 N. Center Street,

Northville Details: Please help the Brownies at Amerman Elementary learn the value and importance of blood donation by attending our upcoming blood drive. Through your generous donation of blood you can help save three lives and our children can learn the value of giving of themselves. You must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds. be in general good health and provide a valid photo ID upon donation. Please plan on being at the drive for 90 minutes. Appointments are recommended and can be made by registering at www.redcrossblood.org (enter sponsor code: amerman). You can also contact Mrs. Franchi or Mrs. Scavnicky if you

are unable to register online. Donor eligibility questions can be answered by calling (866) 236-3276. Contact: Alleen Franchi (248) 596-1021 or Katie Jodi (248) 344-8943

#### Free Travel Show!

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Feb. 8 Location: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville Details: Come for light refreshments and prizes! Hear about upcoming trips. Contact: Suzie Johnson, Senior Services/Adult Enrichment coordinator, Northville Community Senior Center, at (248) 349-4140, ext. 1943

#### Northville & Novi Garden Club Meeting

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14



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Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Details: The topic will be "Bees-sweeter that Honey" with Dave Zurek. Contact: Fran Gunderson (248) 349-6457

#### Northville Community Senior Center Winter Concert Series - Six Week Entertainment Series

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 20

Location: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville **Details:** The Senior Adult Services reserves the right to cancel due to inclement weather or circumstances beyond control; \$3 at the door. Jan. 23 - Picks & Sticks; Jan. 30 - Spirit of Detroit Chapter of Sweet Adeline's Insternationat Feb. 6 - Toppermost Beatles Tribute: Feb. 13 - Jerry Connelly, Feb. 20 - Girls' Night Out

Contact: Suzie Johnson (248) 349-4140 x 1943

#### Northville Chamber of Commerce

Lunch & Learn Google AdWords 101 TimeDate: 11:30 a.m.1 p.m. Thursday, Jan 27 Details: \$15 includes catered lunch Location: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, Northville Contact: (248) 349-7640 or chamber@ northville org

#### American Legion

Location: Northville American Legion Lloyd H. Green Post 147, 100 W. Duniap Contact:www.americanlegionpost147.

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Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays Details: Open to the public (including children); \$1.50 each for a slide or fries. Steak & Rib Nite Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. every first and third Fridays of the month Details: public welcome Contact: Cris Doering, Auxiliary president, (734) 756-7043



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### **5th Annual Member Exhibition**

The Northville Art House will present the fifth annual member exhibition showcasing the varied styles and mediums of over 50 artist members. This exhibition was developed to say "Thank You" to everyone who has supported the growth and creativity of the arts in Northville. The show will open with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. The show will continue through Feb. 19 during the Art House Gallery hours 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

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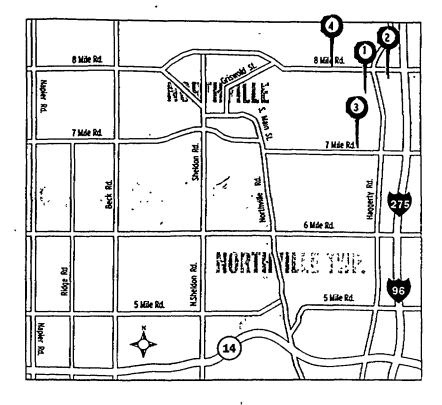
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#### NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

#### **Retail fraud at Kohl's**

A 50-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for retail fraud at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 22 at the Kohl's department store at 20155 Haggerty Road.

A loss detention detective watched on surveillance camera as the woman selected the merchandise, then proceed to the boy's fitting room area, where she concealed it in a shopping bag in her cart.

The woman stole two Playtex bras valued at \$64. nine Keurig K-Cup's coffee cups valued at \$117, five fashion bracelets valued at \$114, six sterling silver earring sets valued at \$175, a Napier nickel-free necklace valued at \$16, and a Fancy Feet Sterling Silver ankle bracelet valued at \$105.

#### Larceny at motel

2 An officer was dispatched to the Hampton Inn 2at 20600 Haggerty Road at 11 a.m. on Jan. 22 about theft of auto parts.

A 53-year-old Sterling Heights woman told police that when she left work she found her spare tire was missing from the back of her vehicle. The wheel was valued at \$150.

#### Operating with drugs

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**3**A 47-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at 10:45 p.m. on Jan. 19 at Seven Mile and Meadowbrook roads for operating while in the presence of drugs.

An officer noticed that the vehicle in front of him was driving between 10 and 15 mph under the speed limit.

The driver also drove left of the center line twice, crossing the yellow line. The officer could smell burnt marijuana

when he approached the vehicle.

The officer asked for her Medical Marijuana Card, but she could only produce an application.

She was asked if she knew it was illegal to drive under the influence of marijuana even if she had a valid card. She said she did not know that and that she was sorry.

The woman said she had smoked a couple of hours ago. Police found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the car. There were fabric softener sheets all over the vehicle, too.

#### Ring stolen from home

**4** A 56-year-old resident of Wintergreen Circle told police that someone stole some items from her home about 12:18 p.m. on Jan. 19.

Missing items included a gold pinkie ring with about 10 small diamonds attached to a butterfly on the band valued at \$500.

The suspect was an unknown Comcast cable company employee. Comcast said they would have a supervisor contact her.

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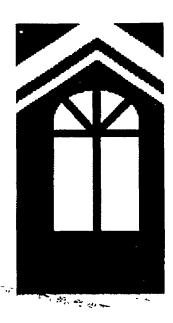
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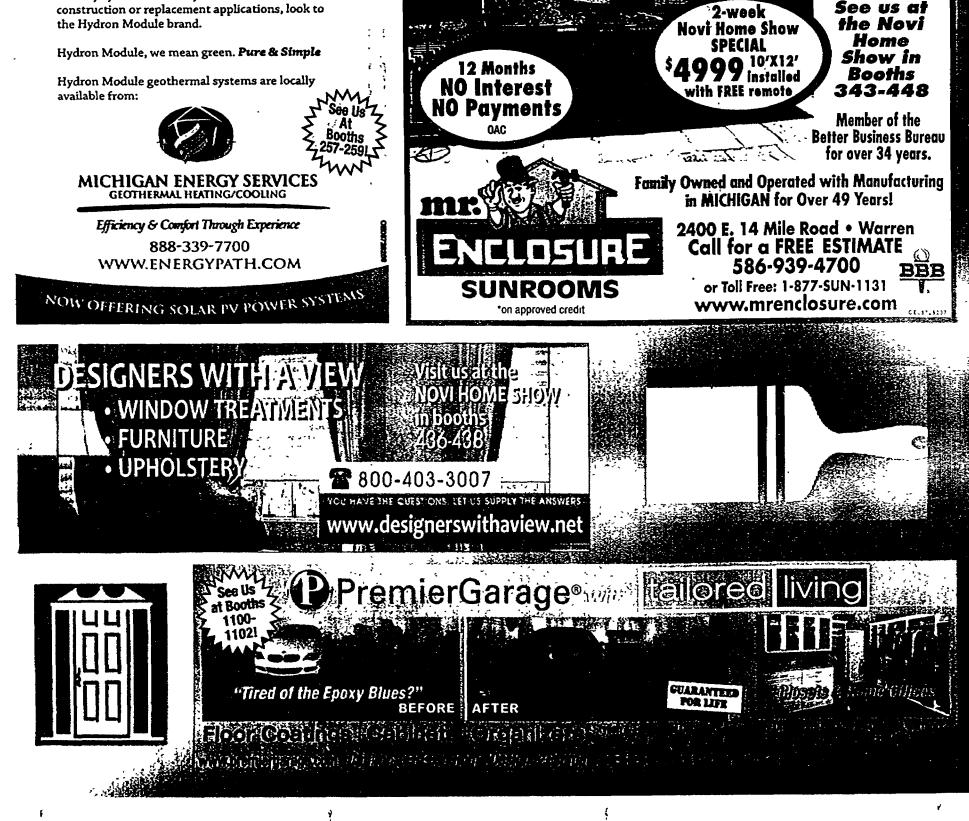


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# Mustangs gymnasts keep improving scores

## Squad bows to Salem, takes fourth at invite

#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

At this point in the season, Northville Mustangs gymnastics coach Erin McWatt knows that it isn't wins or losses that are counting for her team, but rather the experience they're getting along the way.

The young and inexperienced Mustangs have seen steadily improving scores throughout the season, and last week was no different. In a dual meet against Salem, the Mustangs took a 135.1-130.4 loss to the Rocks before scoring 131.35 points to take fourth in the Salem Invitational just days later.

ÔN TAP The Nustangs gymnastics team will be back in action today when they is shaping take on Brighton/Howell McWatt. on the road at 7 p.m. Section 1

proud of how the season is "We're rebuilding, for sure.

but so far we've improved upon our team all-around score each meet."

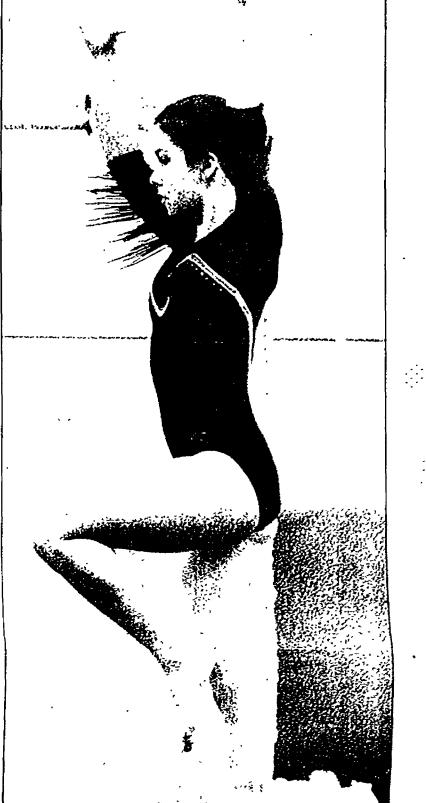
Northville's first and second meets of the year found the team scoring 124.5 and 122.05 points, respectively. Since then, the team had added 10 points to their all-around, with a season high coming last week with a 131.35.

"That's huge," said McWatt. That score came during the Salem Invitational, which doesn't award individual places, but rather combines scores to create a team place in each event. Northville finished second on beam, fourth on both bars and floor and fifth on vault.

Highlights from individual scores included Allison Kemp's 9.3 with her floor routine and impressive 9.1 on the bars, while Katie Park took an 8.75 from the judges on the beam and Victoria Clay finished with an 8.4 with her vault performance.

In the team's dual meet against Salem, the Mustangs had impressive numbers from several contributors. emp continued her comeba





a preseason injury and scored a 9.6 with her beam work and a 9.45 on the floor while freshman Morgan Price scored an 8.9 on the beam and an 8.45 on vault, which was the same vault score as teammates Clay and Taylor Dempsey.

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Mustang gymnast Julianna Lim practices at the Sports Club of Novi.



Mustang gymnast works on her balance beam routine at the Sports Club of Novi on Jan. 21.

## Mustangs collect win against South Lyon East game like this," said Sander. "For the Boys basketball team controls game from start

#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

It was the kind of game every coach hopes his team has when bouncing back from a tough loss.

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team, coached by Todd Sander, took a tough loss against Novi two weeks ago, but their response was a strong one as they came back and defeated South Lyon East, 71-34.

"I was proud of how we responded after getting kicked by Novi on Friday," said Sander.

Northville jumped out to a 25-9 lead in the first quarter to set a fast paced contest, and they never bothered to look back as they went up, 43-18, by the end of the first half.

'I was happy with how we kept our

foot on the gas," said Sander. "We didn't want to relent."

Andrew Baldwin had eight points in the first quarter while Bryce Groshek had 11 to lead their team by example. And if that weren't enough, Baldwin nailed a shot from nearly full court to end the half and add insult to injury for the struggling Cougars.

But Northville wasn't done, not by

#### ON TAP

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

a long shot. The Mustangs tacked on 15 more points in the third quarter for a 58-25 advantage before finishing the Cougars off with a strong showing in the fourth.

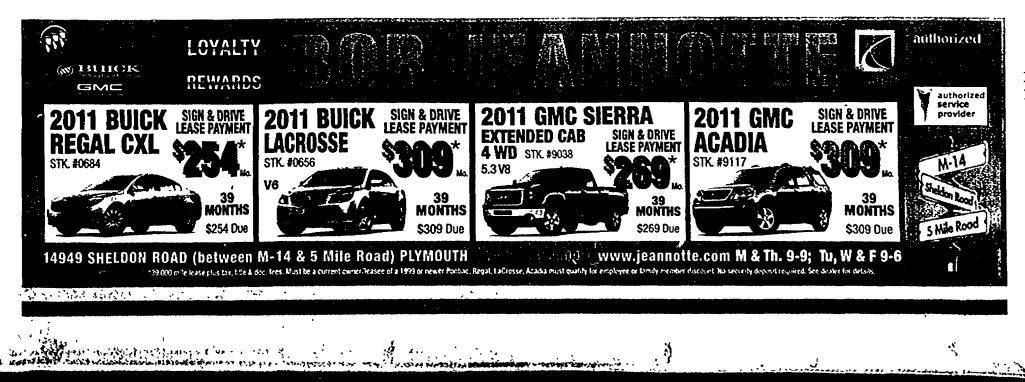
"It can be tough to keep focus in a

most part, I thought we continued doing what we needed to do, and didn't form bad habits."

Northville climbed to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the Central Division with the victory.

Groshek ended the night with 16 points to lead his team, while Baldwin added 15. Nick Raad chipped in 10 in the winning effort.

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## split against Girls cagers win back-to-back games division foes

### Northville topples Stevenson, falls against rival Novi

#### **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

Last week was one of ups and downs for the Northville Mustangs wrestling team.

The squad, coached by Bob Boshoven, earned a big victory over Central Division foe Livonia Stevenson, 54-15, but couldn't find the same magic against Novi and fell, 42-21.

Against Livonia, the Mustangs simply dominated from the start, winning 10 of the 14 matches to route the Spartans. Against the Novi Wildcats, however, the team found it to be a much closer situation and found that six of the day's matches were decided by fewer than four points.

Earning two wins on the day were Alex Coe, wrestling at 152 pounds, and John Montgomery, who was at 160 pounds. Both grapplers earned their wins by pin.

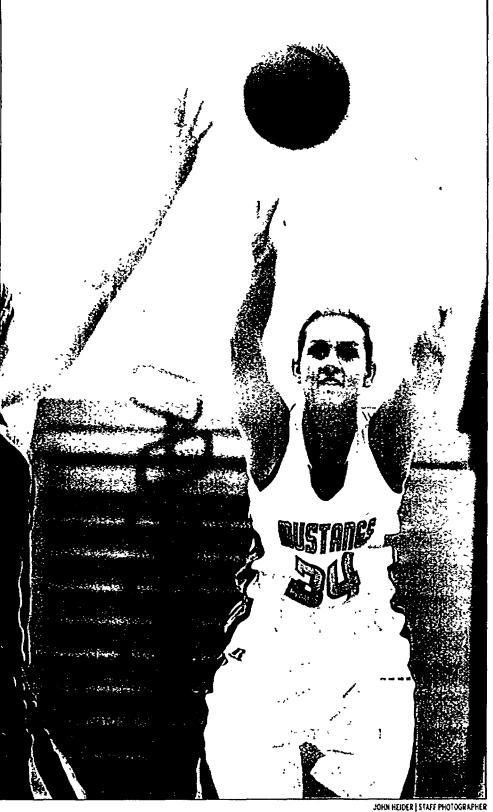
Ian Stirton, a senior captain, also earned two wins on the day, but he wrestling at 125 pounds--a full weight class higher--due to an illness his teammate was suffering. Also adjusting weight classes and earning two wins was Trevor Maresh, who wrestled at 171 and 189 and still managed to not give up a single point to his foes.

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The Mustangs will compete again next week in the KLAA crossover. No additional details were available at press time.



Megan Gertley fires an overhead pass during Northville's Jan. 11 game against South Lyon.

### Squad takes care of South Lyon East, Salem

#### **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

What's better than one win? Two wins, of course. The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team chocked up back-to-back victories over the past week as they collected a big win over South Lyon East, 57-23, before securing a defensive victory over the Salem Rocks, 32-17.

Against the Rocks, Todd Gudith coached his team to what he considers his team's best defensive game \* from start to finish.

We got them frustrated early and it snowballed for Salem from there," said Gudith. "Offensively, we were more patient and although we didn't take as many attempts as we normally do, our shot attempts were better quality."

That made a huge difference for the Mustangs, especially in the first three quarters. The squad started the game with a three-point basket by Kendra Brenner, followed immediately by a rebound put-back by Alex Moynes on the very next possession. The momentum led to an 11-3 lead in the first before Northville added six more for a 17-5 advantage at the half. The squad tacked on 12 points in the third and held Salem to just four to keep the lead, 29-9. Northville committed a

season-low 12 turnovers in the game.

The Mustangs were led by Moynes, who scored nine, while Brenner added eight in the victory.

The contest was a special one in more ways than just being a rivalry game. The two teams squared off for a Coaches vs. Cancer game, playing with a pink basketball and wearing pink socks while money was raised through a 50/50 raffle, concession sales and Wall of Hope cards. Proceeds went to the American Cancer Society. Stored be differences

#### ON TAP

The Northville girls will be back on the court when they host Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. tomorrow before visiting South Lyon Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The victory was extra special, putting Northville in a three-way tie for second place in the Central Division along with Salem and Livonia Stevenson with a 3-2 mark. All three squads are chasing Novi, which is 4-1 in the division right now. Against South Lyon East, there wasn't quite the low-scoring quarters. The Mustangs and Cougars were neck-and-neck after one stanza with a 12-12 game on their hands before the Mustangs used eight unanswered points in the beginning of the second to jump ahead and not look back. By the end of the first half. Northville led 20-13. After three, they controlled the game, 33-16.

"We lost some of their players in the first quarter in transition and East made some open shots," admitted Gudith. "I liked the way we found them the rest of the game and contested everything. We worked the ball better on offense in the second half and created some good looks without settling for just the first thing we could find. It was a complete team effort on both ends of the floor.'

Northville nailed six threepoint shots in the second half to finish 7-for-14 from beyond the arc. Junior Camyll Harajli went 3-for-3 from three-point land in the fourth quarter to not only keep her team's spark going, but to lead her team in scoring with nine for the game. Moynes and Brenner added seven each in the winning effort.

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#### CATHOLIC CENTRAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Shamrocks swimmers bow to Loyola Academy in Great Lakes State Invitational

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks were able to showcase their talent again this year in the Great Lakes State Invitation, hosted at Notre Dame University, and featuring some top-quality Catholic high school teams.

While the event usually has a team from Michigan, one from Illinois and one from Ohio, weather this year prevented the Cincinnati Arch Bishop Moeller team from being able to compete, essentially turning the invite into a dual meet. When all was said and done, the Shamrocks fell to Chicago Loyola Academy, 114-71.

The Ramblers won all but one event with the lone exception being Catholic Central's victory by Ryan Newman in the 100 yard breaststroke.

CC never gave up, with strong races in 200 medley relay, Joe Brinkman's second place finish in the 200 individual medley, Dan Szuba's runner-up 50 freestyle effort, captain Sean Ryan's 100 free second place swim, second and third place points in the 500, a thrilling 200 free relay race and Dan Burton's second in the 100 back.

Catholic Central will host "The Meet" today at 7 p.m. against Brother Rice. The Meet is a celebration of the sport. Each year, Catholic Central designates one home meet per season as The Meet does its best to make the experience a wonderful one--for the athletes and spectators alike. In past years, the Shamrocks have drawn exceptional crowds to see the unique high school dual meet event.

#### Shamrocks split day in Cincinnati

The Catholic Central Shamrocks made the trip down to Cincinnati this past weekend to dual Ohio's No. 4 ranked Cincinnati Moeller. The Shamrocks split into an "A team" and a "B team" to take on Moeller. The B team defeated Moeller, 28-26, and the A team lost, 30-28.

Picking up wins for the B team were: Dave Lilley, Zack Colone, Mike Babicz, Alex Kas-Marogi, Jay Peterson, Andrew Thompson, Joe Silvestri and Tim Naubert.

The A team split seven matches with Moeller. However the difference ended up being bonus points as the Shamrocks picked up two falls in comparison with Moeller's three. Winning for the A team were: Evan Toth, Malik Amine, Logan Marcicki, Riley Hanson, Alec Mooradian, Kevin Beazley and Miles Trealout Catholic Central also defeated two CHSL foes last week with

Catholic Central also defeated two CHSL foes last week wit wins over Warren DeLasalle, 48-18, and U of D, 77-3.

Leading the way for the Shamrocks and earning two wins on the night were Colone, Robert Coe, JT Ayotte, Beazley, Babicz, Tim Naubert, Chris Naubert and Casey Hagan.

#### Catholic Central hockey splits weekend with Culver

It's always a treat for the Shamrocks hockey team to travel to Culver Military Academy to take on one of the toughest teams on their schedule in back-to-back action.

This year, the Catholic Central icers split the week, taking a 5-3 loss last Friday before coming back to earn a 3-2 win n Saturday.

Culver jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first contest before the Shamrocks added three of their own in the second period to appear to be taking complete control of the game with a 3-2 advantage. But Culver, not known for giving up, came back in the final stanza to score two for the 5-3 finale.

Scoring for the Shamrocks were Carson Gatt, Michael Babcock and Tyler VanNorman while Charlie Green (2), Sean Gaffney, Ryan Keller and Michael Downing assisted in the goals.

In the loss, Alex Nork took the fall in goal while stopping 24 shots on goal.

In the second game, it proved to be a back-and-forth affair as Culver second first in the first period for a 1-0 lead before the Shamrocks tied it on a goal by Gatt at 16:58 in the second period with Nolan Gluchowski assisting on the score.

Almost nine minutes later, Culver scored again for a 2-1 advantage before the Shamrocks knotted it, 2-2, on a score by Keller with just over a minute left in the stanza. Downing and Pete Halash assisted.

In the third, it was the Shamrocks turn to make the final period count in their favor. Keller found the back of the net at the 11:26 mark to secure the victory for his team. Gaffney earned the assist on the winning goal.

Connor Pankow faced 30 shots and stopped all but two on his way to securing the victory between the posts. Catholic Central put 40 shots on Culver's goal.



### **Rolling along**

Mustang Daniel Jacoby practices at Novi Lanes on Jan. 10 along with the other varsity players.

## **Catholic Central bowlers defeat Brother Rice**

Shamrocks take first at Mt. Brighton

Shamrocks continuing high-quality season

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

If you're a Detroit Catholic Central Shamrock or know taken anything about them, then you'll know that no matter what sport is being played, it's always a season highlight to defeat Brother Rice. The Shamrocks' bowling

team was the latest team to do

just that, earning a 27.5-2.5 victory over the Warriors to stay tied for first place in the Catholic High School League. ., The Shamrocks didn't have much trouble, sweeping the Baker games, 213-119 and 199-169 before winning the first regular game, 931-799. The Catholic Central bowlers finished the job in style, earning a win in the second regular ON TAP

The Shamrocks will be bowling again Saturday at noon when they compete in the Tri-County Invitational at Five Star Lanes.

#### game as well, 981-617.

High scorers for CC were Matt Nugent (222), Tom Zahari (201), Jeff Conflitti (206) and Josh Moran (201). The team also competed in the Oakland County Championships last week and finished the preliminary round in fourth place to make the cutoff for match play. It was there that the team was unexpectedly eliminated by Waterford Kettering, 456-415.

High scorers for the Shamrocks were Conflitti (655 series), Scott Kujawa (642), Eric Pavlov (598), Nugent (628) and Zahari (653).

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-By Sam Eggleston Ski team follows lead of Jim Herzog, Ian Pierce to victory

## Mustangs icers earn tie, take loss

## Hockey team struggles in loss against Salem, ties Plymouth

#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

If there's one thing for certain in the world of high school hockey in Metro Detroit, it's that you're never going to get an easy win against a team from Plymouth's three high schools.

Last week, the Northville Mustangs discovered that first hand, finding themselves on the wrong end of a 4-0 loss to Plymouth Salem Rocks before earning a 1-1 tie against the Plymouth Wildcats.

Against the Rocks, Northville was stymied by goalie Brandon Price, who stopped all of their 25 shots.

Earning goals for Plymouth were Michael Manser, Ryan Quigley, Alex Zultowski and Kyle Downey.

In their game against Plymouth, it was Northville's goalie Sean Bretz making the impressive saves, stopping 23 shots on goal from the sticks of the Wildcats.

Bretz's biggest stop of the pight came on the final shot

#### ON TAP

The Mustangs hockey team will be back on the ice tomorrow when they host South Lyon at 6 p.m. before taking a break until Feb. 4 when they host Novi at 6 p.m.

of the game as Plymouth had a breakaway chance and fired a shot on the net with two seconds left, which Bretz stopped cold with his glove hand.

Northville scored first in the contest, finding the back of the net with 4:39 left in the second period off the stick of Clayton Neal for a 1-0 lead. Stephen Champagne and Brady Marotta earned assists on the goal.

Plymouth came back and scored just over two and a half minutes later to tie the game for good as Cody Staub managed to fit a wrist-shot past Bretz for the goal. Northville is now 4-8-2 on the season.

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#### BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central ski team secured a decisive victory last week with a firstplace showing in the Boys' Giant Slalom at Mt. Brighton. The squad, coached by Tom Gable, followed the lead of Jim Herzog and Ian Pierce, who finished fourth and fifth, respectively, while Eric Kurcz added a 13th-place showing. The Shamrocks defeated Okemos and Birmingham United to secure the firstplace team finish.

"After years of coaching CC ski racers, one thing we always stress is working as a team and finishing," said Gable, who has lead the Shamrocks on the slopes for over two decades.

The Shamrocks were not without their troubles, however. The team had to overcome a "did not finish" by Damon Rottermond in his second run. Jim Dooley also had a DNF with his coming during his first run. Two days prior, the Shamrocks took second in the season's inaugural slalom event. Catholic Central finished behind Okemos.

Rottermond, considered the Shamrocks' top skier, took second-place while Pierce finished third while Evan Hicks finished 12th:

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## Reynolds' 30 keys Stevenson win vs. Novi

#### BY BRAD ENONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson needed a big game from its 6-foot-9 senior center Jalen Reynolds in Tuesday night's KLAA Central Division showdown with unbeaten Novi.

And the Xavier University signee delivered with a careerhigh 30 points to go along with 14 rebounds as the host Spartans rallied for a 61-55 overtime victory.

Stevenson, which improved to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the division, overcame a 10-point third-quarter deficit and sent the game into OT when Reynolds delivered a clutch three-pointer from the deep corner to make it 53-all with 22.46 seconds go.

"I fired it off and let it go," said Reynolds, who also added four rim-rattling dunks. "I was ready, I felt it in my body and said, 'Hit this three.' I was ready to take it to overtime and prepare from there. Our coach has had us in here shooting every day and preparing for what just happened today."

Novi (8-1, 3-1) had its chances, but missed a pair of frontends of a one-on-one free throw situation, including one with 16.98 seconds remaining in regulation, giving Stevenson the ball one more time for an opportunity to win.

Reynolds, however, missed a free throw line jumper in the waning seconds.

Senior point-guard C.J. Mwila, who had suffered through a miserable shooting night, then came through with a seven straight points in the overtime, none bigger than his short jumper with 54.31 seconds left to give the Spartans the lead for good, 57-55 (after he converted a free throw while being fouled on the shot).

"I was open at the moment," said Mwila, who finished with 16 points. "It got tipped back to me and I just decided to shoot the ball and hope for the best. I saw my teammate tip it in the air, and my first instinct was to just go for the ball. I was going to go in for a layup, but I was open where I was and just decided to shoot it."

Mwila then made back-toback foul shots followed by two more by Charlie Swingle in the final 44 seconds to put the game out of reach.

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Stevenson junior guard Jonathan Campbell, who went scoreless during the opening half, came alive during the second with 10 points.

Campbell converted a rare four-point play with 2:02 left in the third period to pull the Spartans to within two, 41-30, to spark a 9-0 run.

They definitely stepped up," Reynolds said of the Spartan teammates. "They're happy, we're all happy and we got the win. This just puts us further up in the map. It puts us higher and makes us ready to take on whoever is in front of us."

Novi shot a blistering 7-of-8 during the first quarter, but led by only one, 16-15.

The Wildcats enjoyed a 28-24 advantage at halftime and stretched the margin to 40-30 with 3:35 to go in the third period on a triple by Scott Kempa.

But 22 turnovers on the night led to Novi's undoing and the Wildcats went cold during the four-minute OT, shooting only 1-of-10 from the floor.

"We didn't value the ball," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "The cornerstone of our program is to value and possess the ball.

"I understand some (turnovers) at the beginning of the game. You're jittery and nervous — but two travels late and jump ball late that should have been a layup. Those are the things that the kids hopefully will learn from, take advice from and get better from. It's very frustrating to sit there and watch because those are plays we haven't made in months."

Samer Ozeir, a smoothshooting 6-8 senior, paced the Wildcats with 17 points. Brian Bush and Chris Milon each added 12.

All of Bush's points came on triples as Novi made eight on the night.

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A triple by Ozeir from the deep left corner with only 1:38 to go in regulation had given Novi a 53-50 advantage.

"Samer — this guy can shoot," Reynold said. "He's a shooter. That's pretty much all I can say. He's a shooter. He puts the ball in the hole."

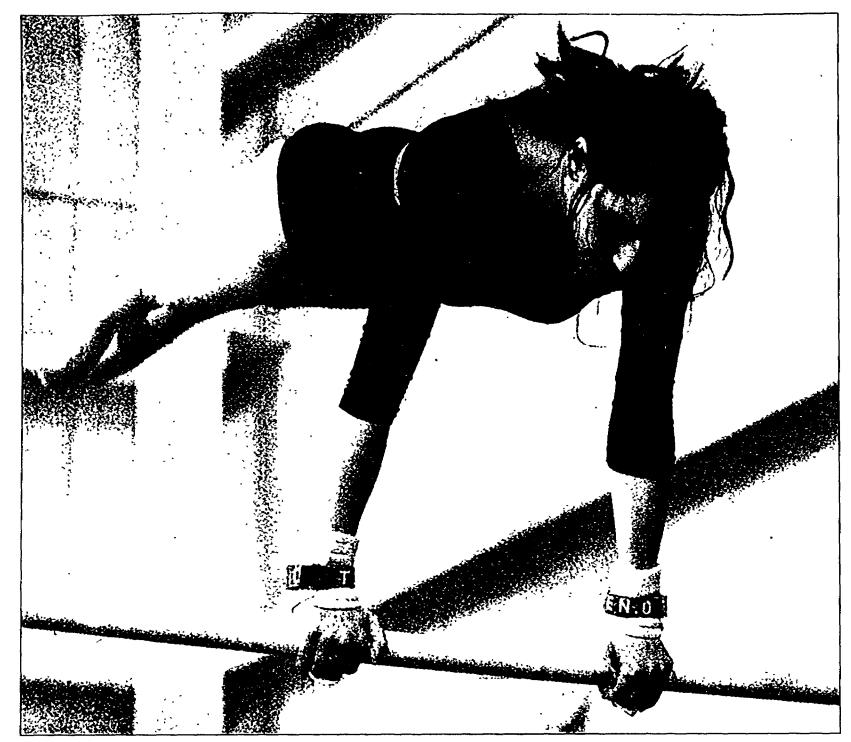
Novi connected on 21-of-51 shots from the floor (41.1 percent), while Stevenson was 23of-64 (35.9 percent).

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# Northville gymnastics



Northville gymnast Katie Parks.



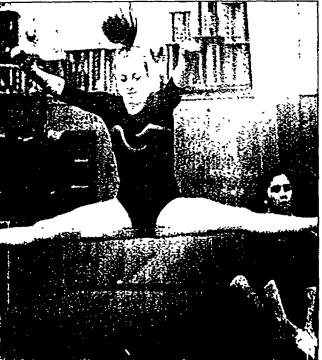


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Northville Mustang gymnast Yara Moussaed.



Mustang Morgan Price leaps off the floor during a practice on Jan. 21.



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Mustang gymnast Victoria Clay works on her floor routine on Jan. 21.



Mustang gymnast Jenn Upmeyer.

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## **Building Industry Association lauds leaders**

**Building Industry** Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its annual Industry Leadership Awards to President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development Co. LLC (President's Award) and the other distinguished awards honorees on Feb. 2 at the Sterling Inn & Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, in conjunction with the Builders & Remodelers Trade Show and BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon.

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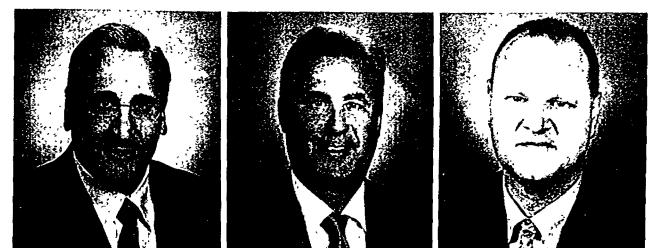
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Beachum is a Michigan and State University supporter who studied building construction at MSU before going to work for his father. He then worked for a Lansing builder of single family homes and apartment buildings. In the mid-1960s, he joined Amurcon Corp. and became a vice president. Beachum has served as



Jim Beachum of Beachum & **Roeser is receiving Hall of Fame** honors.

a director for the School of **Building & Construction at** MSU and has funded the Curtis M. Beachum Endowment for scholarships. He is married to Carmen and dad to Jim Jr., Bill, Chris and Barb. The Beachums also have five grandchildren.

Builder of the Year Pinnacle Homes opened its doors in 2004. Leaders of the firm praise its attention to detail, focusing on all aspects of the business. Locations and good school districts have also contributed to Pinnacle's success.

Pinnacle leaders also emphasize customer service. The group is excited about the opening of The Legacy of Farmington Hills during 2011 with homes to be offered from the \$290s.



Darshan S. Grewal, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, will be among honorees Feb. 2.

Young Builder of the Year Damiano DiMercurio is focused on Macomb County with DiLusso Building Companies. The firm's tagline is "A reputation for good judgment, fair dealing and truth."

Now in his early 30s, DiMercurio has built extensive office space and ventured to Newnan, Ga., outside of Atlanta, where he built homes.

Homes remain a main focus for the company. DiMercurio has ventured into the independent senior market in Clinton Township with one- and twobedroom apartments.

DiMercurio is a member of the BIA Board of Directors. He enjoys golf, tennis, travel and reading, and is a soccer fan. He has a daughter, Lilamarie, 6.

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Wierciak is a 20-year area resident currently living in Garden City. She is active in the community as a member of the Jaycees, H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group), and BNI (Business Network International). Her background includes work as an estimator for Union Steel Erectors.

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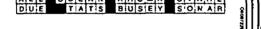
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# Résumé 101

### Kate Lorenz, CareerBuilder.com Editor

There are many rites of passage in every young person's life. Getting your driver's license, graduation day and turning 21 are just a few. But another rite of passage can be even more important to your future -- writing your first résumé. While it's not as exciting as learning to drive, creating your first résumé is a vital step in launching your career. The process may seem daunting. You have to put all of your best qualities on paper, make yourself look more attractive than the next person and completely sell yourself, all on one sheet of paper. "You have only a few seconds to snag the employer's attention," writes Seattle-based career coach Robin Ryan in Winning Résumés, (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.). "You must sell the employer within 15 seconds of looking at your résumé, or you'll lose the job." Here are seven tips to help you catch an employer's attention. 1. Start with the basics.

It sounds obvious, but your résumé must include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Be mindful of the address you include. College students, in particular, tend to move often, so include a permanent address, such as your parent's address. Take care with your e-mail address too. "Make your user ID related to your name, not any nickname attributions," Ryan says. If you want to appear professional to an employer, a user ID like

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"sexylegs2000" will not work. If your personal e-mail address is not appropriate, set up a new account just for job searches. **2. Include an objective and** 

#### summary of skills.

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Summary of Skills: Excellent writer proficient in copy editing and familiar with AP style. Extremely organized, with ample experience meeting deadlines and working in highpressure situations. Your "summary of skills" should

highlight experiences and qualifications that the employer is seeking. Remember, Ryan says, "a résumé is not about what you want. It's about what you offer an employer."

### 3. Choose the right résumé style.

There are three basic types of résumés: chronological, functional and combination. Chronological résumés focus on work experience, and list professional experience in order from most to least recent. Functional résumés concentrate more on skills. A combination style works well for first-time job seekers. You can point out professional experience, but also draw more attention to your skills, since your work experience is probably limited. Ryan suggests that first-time résumé writers divide their résumé into these categories: work experience, academic experience and community service/extracurricular experience. 4. Brainstorm your

#### experience and skills.

While you may be struggling to think of pertinent work experience, Ryan says that you have more than you realize. For example, if you have worked in a retail operation, your skills and qualifications include customer service skills,

dependability, accountability, the ability to work as a part of a team and experience in managing money. Were you a full-time summer babysitter? This means you coordinated schedules, handled finances, and were extremely responsible. Many skills learned in part-time positions are quite relevant to the corporate world. Don't underestimate the skills you have gained.

## 5. Your academic and volunteer experience is relevant.

Don't think that your schooling means nothing to an employer. Your

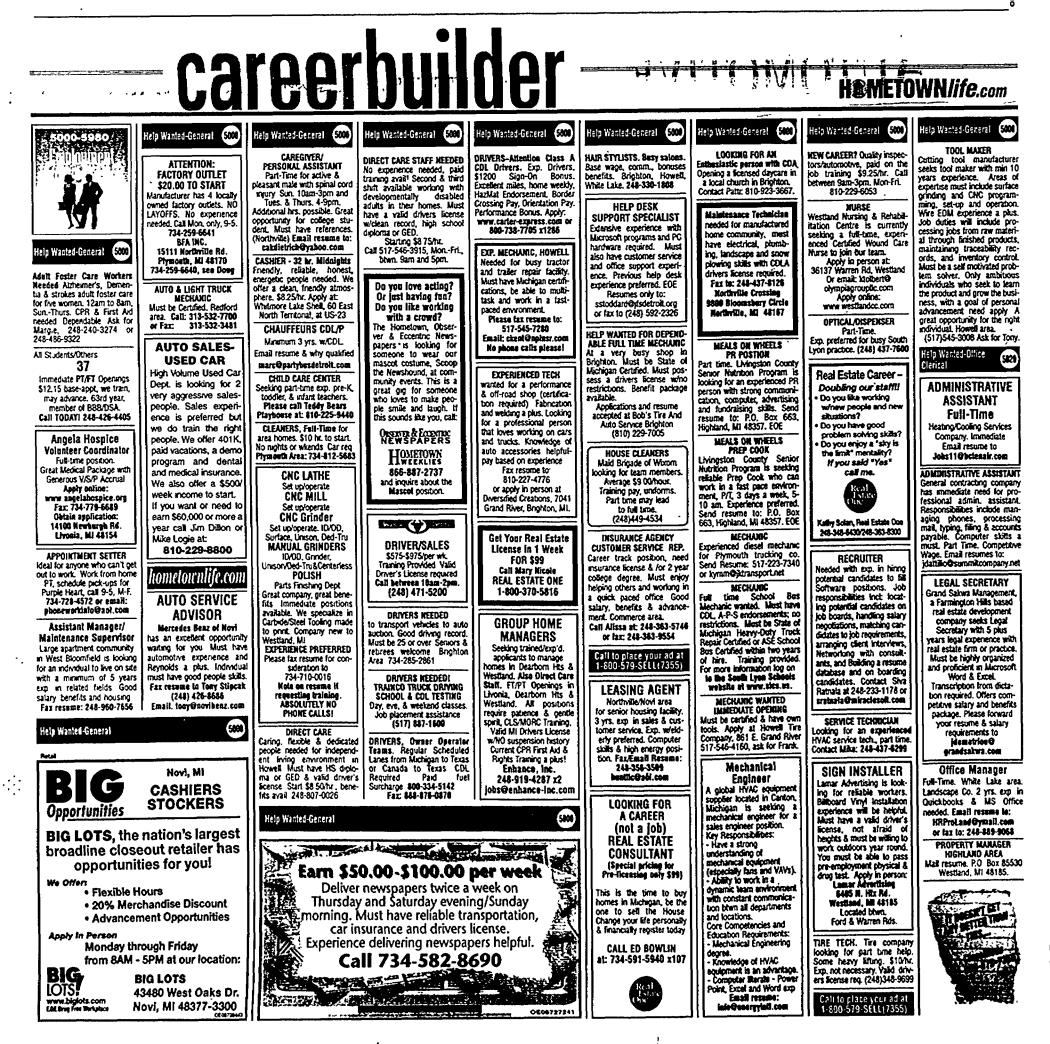
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computer skills will be particularly attractive and should be highlighted. You can also demonstrate your aptitude and strengths by projectspecific examples of class work you have done. For example, if you were a journalism major in college, tell the employer about major articles you wrote and the legwork you did to complete those projects. Also consider your volunteer and extracurricular experience. If you held an officer position in a club or fraternity/sorority, were an athlete, volunteered or took a leadership role in any other extracurricular organization, you have valuable experience to list.

### 6. Know the cardinal rules of résumé writing.

First, use strong action verbs and leave out the word "I." Words like created, developed, organized, motivated, and produced all say much more than "did." Next, remember that your résumé should be one page only -- no exceptions. And, finally, never send a résumé without proper proofreading. 7. Never, ever lie.

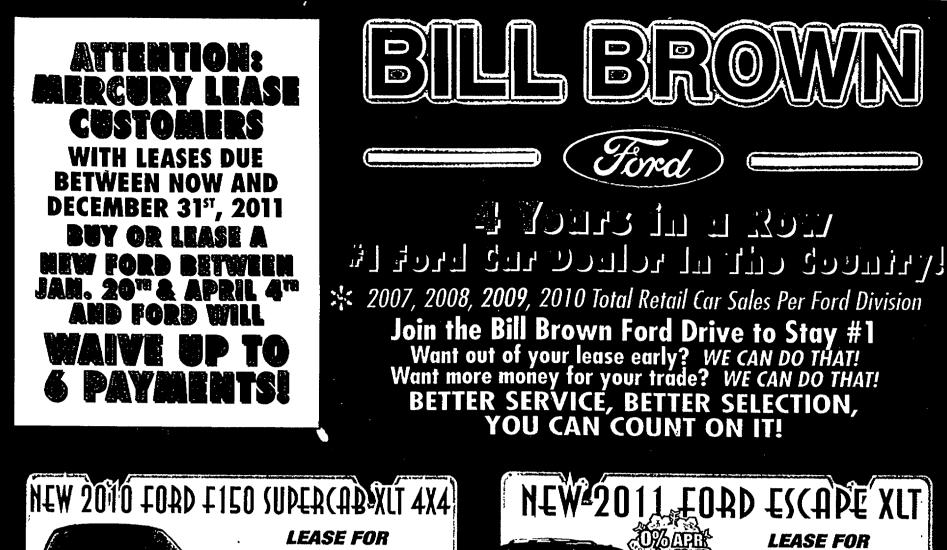
So you were just two courses short of your college degree and think the company won't figure out that you didn't actually get it? Think again. If you lie on your résumé, you will be caught. Don't misrepresent your past -- it will come back to haunt you. Kate Lorenz is the article and advice editor for CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues. Other writers contributed to this article.





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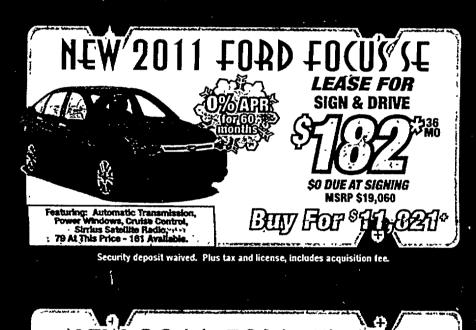
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