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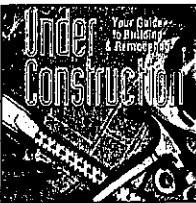
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DANGEROUS DRIVING

■ Meadowbrook at 10 Mile city's worst spot

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

City officials plan to take steps in the near future to reduce the number of vehicular crashes after learning about Novi's most dangerous roads and intersections. Engineers from Orchard, Hiltz

& McCliment in Livonia recently received crash data from the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County for 2002 through 2004 for major roads and intersections in the city.

The data shows crash frequency, which is a simple total of the number of crashes that have occurred in a year. It also shows the crash rate, which requires a calculation to factor in traffic volumes on a street or approaching an intersection. The crash rate directly compares exposure and driver risk.

Be careful!
The top five most dangerous intersections in 2004 were:

- Meadowbrook and 10 Mile
- Novi and 10 Mile
- Grand River and 12 Mile
- Beck and Pontiac Trail
- 14 Mile and Haggerty

After performing a detailed analysis of individual locations and adding 2005 crash data, the following five intersections were selected for further study:

- Meadowbrook Road and 10 Mile Road,
- Beck Road and Pontiac Trail,
- Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road,
- Haggerty Road and Nine Mile Road and
- Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road.

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Gun range study OK'd

■ City earmarks \$5,800 for review

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

City council members recently approved funding for a study to assess specific needs for a firearms range and expanded training facility for the Novi Police Department.

At their March 20 meeting, council unanimously voted to accept a \$5,800 fixed fee for World Architects and Engineers from Troy to conduct the assessment.

The other firm being considered was Redstone Architects from Southfield, who presented a bid of \$33,990, which was not listed as a fixed fee.

Both firms have experience in designing law enforcement facilities, including firearms ranges.

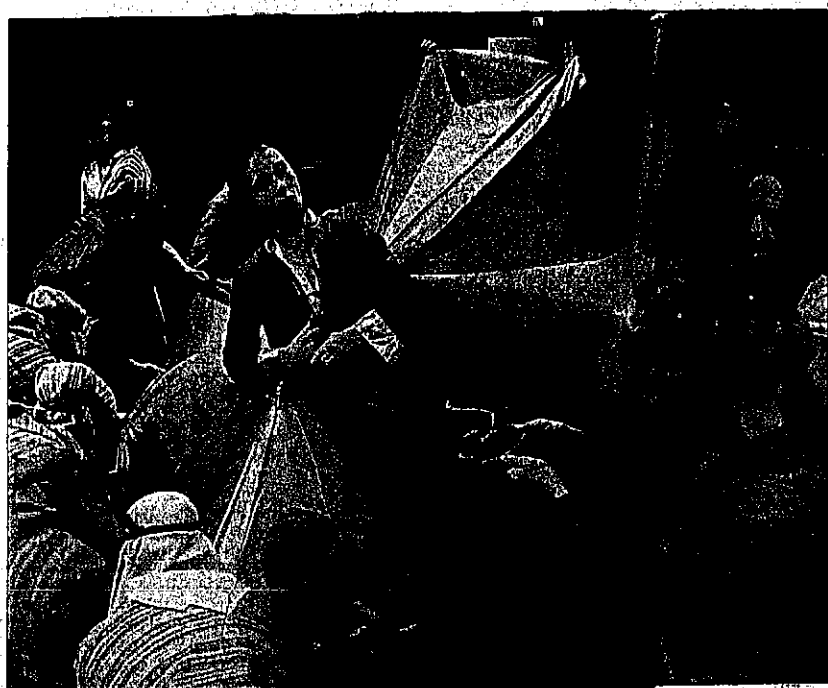
Council's action follows its \$1 million appropriation on Sept. 12, 2005, from federal forfeiture funds to build a firearms range and potential expansion of the current training facility.

The forfeiture funds came from a two-year investigation in which the Novi Police Department was instrumental in helping to bring down an international drug cartel.

The investigation began when \$4.8 million of drug money was found in a Novi motel and Northville home in March 2004.

As part of the analysis, World will conduct a needs assessment

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Simply Amazing!

Joseph (Dan Bruder), center, and others rehearse a scene from Novi High's upcoming musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. For the story and more photos, please see page 15A.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Freedom ringing loudly inside Catholic Central

■ Exchange Club dedicates display to school

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Father Richard Ranaletti had no idea what a Freedom Shrine was last fall.

That's why he was skeptical when the Exchange Club of

Livonia approached him at Detroit Catholic Central with a proposal to dedicate one to the school.

"They said it's a collection of reproductions of great historical documents of the United States," said Ranaletti, CC principal. "Everything from the Mayflower Compact, to John F. Kennedy's inaugural address."

Ranaletti and his staff gladly accepted the honor and found a spot in the school, outside the media center in which to display it.

"It's a perfect spot," said Ranaletti. "There are 30 documents framed on that wall now. We were very happy to have it."

The Freedom Shrine is a collection of original historic American documents, photographically reproduced and displayed in thousands of locations throughout the United States.

Ranaletti described Catholic Central as a school with many symbols. He said statues outside

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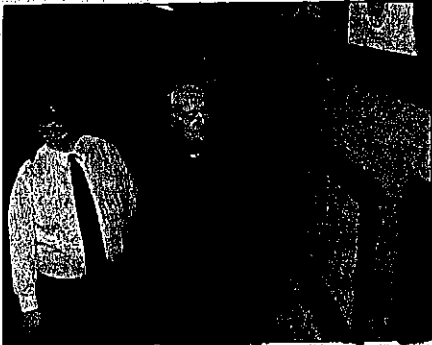


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Father Richard Ranaletti, right, principal of Catholic Central, and the school's assistant principal, Dave Lewis, take a look at the recently-installed Freedom Shrine documents inside the Novi school.

Novi man saved 6 in plane crash

■ Just another day at the beach turns Jamison into a hero

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Move over, Superman, Batman and Aquaman. There's a new super hero in town, and for his first heroic act he saved six people from an airplane crash on Lake Huron. All six are doing fine today.

Matt Jamison, Novi resident for over two-and-a-half years, was getting ready for a fun day at the beach on Lake Huron with friends and family last June, when he noticed a low-flying airplane quickly losing altitude.

He first heard the engines coming from Canada, and watched as the craft started to turn south along the shore line. At first Jamison thought the plane was going to land in the water, but as the sequence of events progressed, it quickly became obvious that was not the case.

"After looking at the plane closer it didn't have any pontoons, nor was it the right size to land in the water," said Jamison.

"I heard one engine go out and then the other. Then I saw it crash, it skipped twice in the water and then there was a huge splash."

"At that point, I thought, 'Oh my God, a plane just crashed,'" he added. "I really didn't think about it at all, and I just got on my Jet Ski and went to see if I could help."

Jamison traveled about three-quarters of a mile down the beach. When he got there he saw five passengers already in the water and a bloody-faced pilot clutching to the wreck.

The two women were hysterical and having a hard time staying above water. Jamison went over to them first and ended up pulling them up onto his Jet Ski.

"They were still in shock," said Jamison, "so I knicked so that they almost knocked the Jet Ski over, so I had to jump off."

After stabilizing the Jet Ski, Jamison hopped back on and took the women to shore. He left them there in good hands, as neighbors came out to comfort the women before fire and police crews showed up on the scene.

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What is a cardiac catheterization?
A cardiac cath, or angiogram, is a procedure used to take x-rays of the heart muscle and valves. It shows how well these are working, the extent of the damage after a heart attack, which coronary arteries are narrowed, and the degree of narrowing.

The procedure uses a catheter (a long, thin, flexible tube) inserted through an artery (blood vessel) usually in the thigh up to the heart. A colorless dye is injected in the catheter and x-ray pictures are taken of the heart and coronary arteries. This is a non-surgical procedure and a patient receives a mild sedative but remains awake during the procedure.

What is the difference between cardiac cath and angioplasty?
A cardiac cath is used to take x-rays or pictures of the heart. Once done, an angioplasty, or balloon angioplasty, may be immediately performed.

The angioplasty procedure uses a catheter, like the cardiac cath, with a deflated balloon on the tip and is inserted through an artery to the heart. When the catheter reaches the narrowed artery in the heart, the balloon is then inflated and deflated several times to open up the artery.

What do stress tests show?
These tests show heart functions and malfunctions - at rest and while under stress through exercise or IV medications to simulate exercise. There are four types of medical tests: two using echocardiography and two using nuclear imaging. Botsford General Hospital was instrumental in pioneering ultrasound procedures. Testing is available seven days a week at our Chest Pain Center.

An electrocardiogram is a test used to record the electrical activity of the heart through electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs. It helps tell if there is a decreased supply of blood and oxygen to the heart, if there are any irregular heartbeats or rhythm and if a heart attack has occurred. It also tells what part of the heart was damaged.

A stress echocardiogram produces images of the beating heart made by bouncing high-frequency (ultrasound) waves off the heart. This is generally more accurate to diagnose blockage in arteries than an electrocardiogram. It also helps determine if more cardiac tests and treatment are needed.

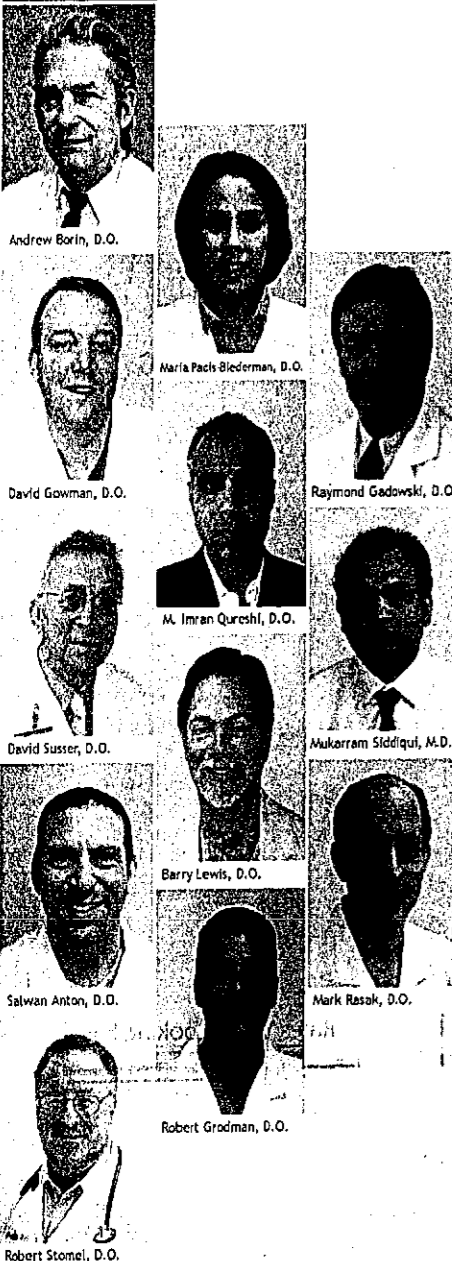
A nuclear medicine exercise treadmill stress test evaluates coronary blood flow to determine which areas of the heart are not getting enough blood and oxygen, how quickly the heart recovers after exercise, any irregular heart rhythms and if a heart attack has occurred in the past. During this test, electrodes are placed on the chest and an intravenous line allows the medicine to flow in the heart. A special camera to record blood flow photographs the medicine.

My relative has congestive heart failure and, when admitted to a hospital, stays seven or more days. I heard Botsford has a program to reduce this stay. Yes, some patients may be treated and leave within 24 hours with excellent results in our Observational Heart Failure Program. Botsford developed this specialized program in partnership with physicians at the Cleveland Clinic. It is one of the first of its kind in Michigan.

A lot of hospitals seem to be advertising that they give excellent heart care. How can I compare area hospitals and treatments?
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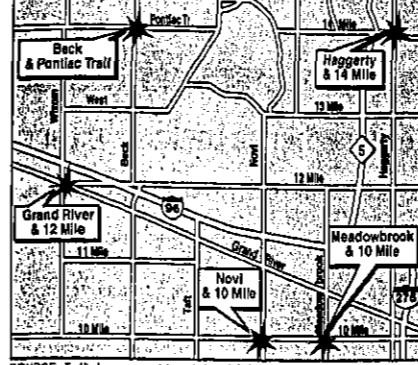
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Novi's Most Dangerous Intersections



SOURCE: Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County

Meadowbrook at 10 Mile city's worst spot

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Several intersections were excluded from analysis because of recently completed improvements, such as at Novi and 10 Mile roads, or pending improvements, such as at 14 Mile and Haggerty roads.

In 2004, Meadowbrook and 10 Mile ranked highest for the number of crashes with 4.56 per million entering vehicles. Crash information for road segments for 2004 showed 136 eastbound from Novi Road to Meadowbrook Road had the most crashes per mile with 240 and 2,654 crashes for every 100 million vehicle miles of travel.

"The prevalent problem noted at all of the various locations we examined involves driveway-related crashes," said Stephen Dearing, manager, traffic engineering, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment.

"While the city does a very good job limiting the number and location of driveways, there are several 'hot spots' that have developed."

Dearing recommends tracking these locations, modifying individual driveways and placing signs prohibiting turns and/or building traffic islands.

Clay Pearson, interim city manager, said his office will follow up on the traffic study with city staff, the Road Commission for Oakland County, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, and the Traffic Improvement Association on short- and long-term measures to reduce crashes.

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Just another day at the beach turns Jamison into a hero

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Knowing his job wasn't nearly complete, Jamison jumped back onto the Jet Ski and headed back toward the wreckage.

"The plane was essentially under water at this point and the pilot was still holding onto it," said Jamison. "He was exhausted and disoriented, and I couldn't get him onto the Jet Ski. I held on to him with one arm and dragged him to shore. Everyone ended up being fine, even the pilot."

A self-described "typical" person, Jamison describes himself as a helpful and considerate person who cares about his fellow man. And the folks he saved that day couldn't agree more.

"I've spoken to the father a couple times and everyone is doing great," said Jamison. "It was just very fortunate that I happened to be out there at that time to help."

Afterwards, Jamison headed back to his beach party to tell the story.

"It was a pretty wild day," he said. "It's hard to think of myself as a hero, but it sure was an interesting day to say the least. It was pretty surreal from my perspective. It made for an interesting beach party, that's for sure."

Jamison is one of several who will be recognized by the Red Cross with an awards dinner at 6 p.m. tonight at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

For more information, visit www.seenredcross.org or call (313) 833-2611.

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City earmarks \$5,800 for review

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Capello has talked to 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie about Novi adding such a facility. MacKenzie, who Capello said is nationally known for his work in drug education, said local courts could use such a facility in many ways.

A recent drug education seminar at the Novi Police Department, for instance, attracted about 100 people.

Council Member Bob Gatt said the current police training facility is not adequate and that now is the time to renovate.

Members Andrew Mutch and Lynne Paul were against the firearms range when it was approved but were in favor of the needs assessment study because it will look at the entire facility.

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Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello mentioned during the March 20 meeting that he wants to explore the possibility of a drug education center as part of the training facility.

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Exchange Club dedicates display to school

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to look at the sample on the wall and to go read the documents to learn more of the freedoms of our country. Those are the same freedoms we take advantage of every day."

Students were invited to write essays on freedom, and two were given awards: Zach Crawford and Joey Khalil. Khalil wrote about how his father was an immigrant from Lebanon in the 1970s. He told the story of what his father had to go through to get to the United States.

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Guest speakers at the dedication

included Novi Mayor David Laundy; Planning Commission Chair Victor Cassis representing his wife, State Senator Nancy Cassis; U.S. Representative Thaddeus McCotter; Vickie Selva representing U.S. Senator Carl Levin; and Larry Wallace representing U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

"It was a nice celebration," said Ranaalathi. "We offer so many classes on social studies, but we thought it would be important for the kids to see the actual documents and realize there was a lot of passion put into them."

"These are not just dry school book documents," he added. "Seeing them on the wall is like seeing a picture of a saint who says this is a human being who has a value you should fear. Freedom is very hard to talk about, but the documents will make it make more sense to kids, and to everybody else, I think."

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Teen convinces school officials to seek alternative to Styrofoam

Schools to set date for switch

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Denise Rowe is on a mission.

One of two student members of the Novi Beautification Commission, the Novi High School senior has recently succeeded in getting district school officials to agree to eliminate Styrofoam plates in lunch rooms.

Rowe, who created the acronym T.E.S.T. (Eliminating Styrofoam Trays) for her cause, has convinced officials to soon use another material in district lunch rooms.

Rowe has a whole list of reasons why the schools, and everyone for that matter, shouldn't use Styrofoam.

On March 13, she talked about her latest efforts with fellow Novi Beautification Commissioners.

"She feels real strongly about Styrofoam plates being used in the schools because of various harmful effects and lack of decomposition in our environment," said Moira Robinson, chair, Novi Beautification Commission.

Rowe was even able to obtain signatures from more than a quarter of the high school's students and faculty members supporting the elimination of Styrofoam in Novi schools.

The environmentally-conscious student claims Styrofoam is a harmful substance, producing solid waste and harmful byproducts created in the manufacturing process.

Rowe has worked for the past three months on the project with support from Novi Beautification Commission members.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOV NEWS

Novi High School senior Denise Rowe is leading an effort to have the school's cafeteria replace its Styrofoam trays with a more ecologically-friendly alternative.

Rowe met with Peter Dion, Novi Community School District Superintendent; James Koster, assistant superintendent; and John Lawrence, Novi High School principal; and JoAnn Clements, director, Nutrition & Food Services, on the issue in January.

Rowe gave a PowerPoint presentation on Styrofoam and why she thinks school officials should eliminate its use.

Replacements include paper, potato starch and sugar cane

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

JoAnne Clements says the Novi Community School District staff is considering a couple of alternatives to the use of Styrofoam in schools.

Clements, director of Nutrition and Food Services for the district, has been working with senior Denise Rowe to eliminate Styrofoam from the cafeteria.

"I just want to say how impressed we are with Denise," Clements said. "We all admire her tremendously. Kudos to her for the effort she has put into this."

Clements said one of the products they are considering is a gray, rubbery material produced by Chincote that comes from recycled plastics.

"They're using a recycled product to create a recyclable product," she said.

Unfortunately, replacing foam with paper increases the cost almost 10-fold.

For example, a product that every school uses is the five-compartment tray made of Styrofoam, which usually costs about 3 cents apiece. But, a paper five-compartment tray costs 35 cents.

"On a daily basis, we use 2,700 trays in the nine schools that make up the Novi district. Picture the cost of that," Clements said.

"We're working with Chincote to see if they can work with us on a price for the paper trays. We're also looking into using sugar cane or potato starch trays. These are both biodegradable."

Clements added that school officials have learned a lot about the detrimental effects of Styrofoam.

"This has been a real eye opener for all of us," she said.

"We're going to investigate to see what is most effective for the district and healthy for the students," she said.

In the meantime, Novi schools are already serving single-serve items, such as pizza, on a recyclable paper plate instead of a Styrofoam tray.

Clements said another drawback of Styrofoam is that many recycling centers won't accept the product, including Novi.

"The closest school officials can find a recycling center is in Southfield, but people have to take the product there themselves since there is no pickup service."

"This is like an onion. You peel back a layer, and there's 10 more. It's not as simple as getting rid of Styrofoam trays and replacing them with plastic. That's just replacing one plastic with another," Clements said.

"People like Denise bring awareness, and it forces us to look for an alternative."

The director said as soon as school officials have something to report about acceptable alternatives to Styrofoam they'll have another meeting to discuss the next step.

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Styrofoam facts

- It is nonbiodegradable and made of petroleum, a nonrenewable source.
- Styrene accumulates in the body and can cause nervous system damage, depression, sleep disorders, Parkinson's disease, weakness, fatigue, loss of concentration, nausea, liver damage and cancer.
- Styrene is made of mandelic acid (a mutagen) and styrene oxide (a carcinogen).
- Styrene leaks into food, which was proven when a Styrofoam cup lost weight while in use.
- McDonald's stopped using Styrofoam about the same time the Novi School District started using it.
- Source: Denise Rowe, Novi Beautification Commission

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Open house includes contests, prizes, food

Library story hour will kick off activities

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Don't be a fool on Saturday. Visit the Novi Public Library Open House from 1-4 p.m. at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road just east of Taft Road.

Since Monday is the start of this year's National Library Week, the library staff thought it would be fun to schedule an event the Saturday before the observance.

Joellen Wayne, circulation department, has been collecting information from the library staff about some of their unique and unusual pastimes and experiences.

"We're creating a display for the public to refute the notion that librarians are fuddy-duddies," said Brenda Lussier, library director.

"There will be a small display for each library staff member who wants to share a little about their lives with the public," Wayne said.

For example, did you know that several of our local librarians are active members of the Sports Club of Novi?

Wayne said a library patron recognized her at the facility recently and acted surprised to find her there.

The woman said to her, "Librarians don't work out," according to Wayne, who begged to differ.

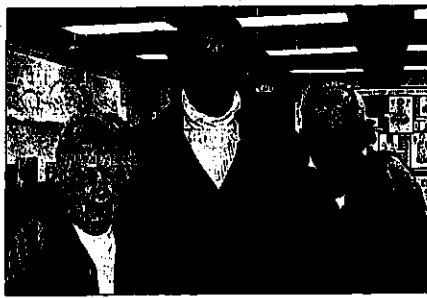
Volumes of fun for all ages

A variety of activities are planned for the library's open house, including a story hour from 1-2 p.m. Adults and children can work on crossword puzzles together to learn about some of the library's services from 2-4 p.m.

Other activities include contests with prizes being awarded, balloon creations and hands-on technology demonstrations.

"We're trying to let the public know about a few of the newer services we now offer at the library," said Marcia Dominick, administrative assistant.

She noted that the Novi Library now offers a self-checkout system as well as the "Creation Station" at which patrons can bring in digital



Courtesy photo

David Daouat, a professional actor who has appeared in off-Broadway productions, television and at the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, portrayed Thomas Jefferson at the first in the spring series of programs presented by the Friends of the Novi Library on Feb. 7. Pictured with Daouat are Evelyn and Norm Young of Novi. At the next program on April 7, Tom Stanton will present "The Final Season," chronicling that memorial time at Detroit's Tiger Stadium.

camera cards to download and print color photos for a nominal charge. Light refreshments will be served throughout the open house.

For more information about the event or other services offered, call the Novi Public Library at (248) 349-0720.

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Natural Features Expo exhibitors show how to benefit from environment

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Area residents and nature buffs are invited to the city's second annual Natural Features Expo next week.

The event takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Novi Civic Center Atrium.

"The environment is yours to keep," said Cindy Uglow, city of Novi Neighborhood Services Coordinator and organizer of the program. "Come learn about what you can do to help improve the quality of life in your own back yard and across the state."

The following organizations will have staff members at the event available to talk to area citizens about their concerns:

- The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality staff will be able to discuss statewide environmental issues.
- The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Environmental Department's representatives will offer information about seven simple steps for cleaner water.
- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' representatives will provide information on recreation, camping and wildlife habitats.
- The Resource Recovery & Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County employees will offer advice about recycling and proper hazardous waste removal.
- The Oakland County Drain Commissioner's office staff will be available to address storm water and sewer issues.
- The Friends of the Rouge's representatives will have facts about frog and water life and native plant surveys.

The City of Novi Woodlands and Wetlands Consultants will be on hand to talk about these valuable natural resources.

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Engineering, Planning and Neighborhood Services staff members will provide information on maintaining high quality trees, greenway pathways, native plantings and more.

Novi Beautification Commission members will feature a display on "What a Beautiful Property You Have..." which will describe how homeowners can enhance their property value.

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Michigan State Tollgate Educational Center is new to the Natural Features Expo this year. Roy Proffice from the center will explain what's available to the public, such as seminars and exhibits. Tollgate has a new bookkeeping exhibit and will sell honey at the expo.

"This event is designed for families or anyone interested in improving the environment around their home and their community," Uglow said. Special treats will be provided for children attending the event.

For more information, call Uglow at (248) 347-0437.

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Comedy ranges from war to parenting

Second City six keeps it coming

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

You know a comedy show's funny when your cheeks still hurt the next day from laughing so hard.

And, that's just what one audience member said happened to her the day after seeing The Second City's "Bobbie Heads of State" on March 22.

Written and performed by the six Detroit Mainstage actors that currently make up the Novi comedy troupe, members of the jam-packed, opening-night audience were begging for more by the end — even if their sides did ache from all those belly laughs.

The slice-of-life skits cover the gamut — from birth and old age to everything that happens in between, like the war in Iraq.

The cast earns an unbelievable amount of material into its 75-minute, one-act show with no intermission.

But far from being distracting, the frenetic pace is addicting; you just can't wait to see what they're going to do next.

The show combines fast-moving sketch comedy, songs and The Second City's famous interactive

improvisation.

If you're the type of audience member who likes to blurt out random concepts for the actors to respond to, this revue's for you.

"Bobbie Heads of State" is the 27th revue for The Second City, and the second at the new Novi location on Grand River Avenue just east of Novi Road.

Opening night delayed by fire

The show's opening was delayed six days after a power outage from high winds caused a minor second floor fire early March 13. A curtain too close to

an emergency light caught fire, setting off automatic sprinklers. Cleanup crews were on the scene immediately, however, and the building reopened Wednesday evening.

Caroline Rusch serves as the producer of the Detroit theater, with John Edwardski as musical director and Amy Duff as stage manager and set designer. Tam Nida is the show's stylist, with choreography by Dana Hicks.

The six members of the comedy troupe, who also starred in the 26th revue "In Pod We Trust," at The Second City in Novi include:

- Margaret Etner, who received a bachelor of fine arts degree in acting from Wayne State University and is a 10-year veteran of The Second City;
- Jenny Hagel, a native of Virginia who studied improv at the Improv Olympic and The Second City in Chicago;
- Shawn Handlon, who joined The Second City Detroit's mainstage in 2003;
- Quintin Hicks, a native of Flint who has more than 10 years of improv experience with several troupes;
- Tiffany Jones, who has been featured at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak and Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia; and
- Tophir Owen, who has worked with The Second City for more than seven years.

The show's director, Jim Carlson, also directed "Immaculate Deception" on the Second City e.c. stage in Chicago before coming to Novi.

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Cynthia Rimmel, left, and Jayne Cousineau have opened their Novi matchmaking service, Dating Made Simple.

Love struck

Look no further, local dating service finds your match

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

Jayne Cousineau knows that busy people don't always have the time to get out and meet new people. As a means to lead a hand, Cousineau, 49, and her long-time friend, Cynthia Rimmel, 48, plan to open the doors to their new dating service, Dating Made Simple, Tuesday, April 4.

sonal information. We don't give that out," she added.

Simple steps

Dating Made Simple doesn't allow clients to skim through hundreds of pictures and have their choices on locks. "We find out what they want, what's worked in the past and what hasn't worked," Cousineau said. "After an interview with a client, (which includes a basic background check), we match them with other pre-screened members with the qualities of what they're looking for." She said clients will have their own personal consultant that will work with them one-on-one, until they find their perfect match. Dates are set up for 30-minute dates, depending on convenience for both clients.

Dates can be set up at several local restaurants, including Novi's Bone Fish Grill, Dirty Martini, Five Northville, Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth and Milford and Volare's in Witom.

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seek help from a dating service as it is now," she said. "Our service is a little indulgent. The benefit is we're local and personalized."

Cousineau said both she and Rimmel have experienced the need for their services. "We are both married and happy now, after the trials and tribulations of single life," she said. "But we've both been there."

"Everything is about love. Love songs are on the radio and in movies. Everyone is looking for someone," she added. Cousineau said the biggest thing to remember when seeking services from a Dating Made Simple is to have an open mind and faith.

"We're not promising love," she said. "We're promising the opportunity to meet new people, and we're looking forward to attending our first wedding."

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It's a whole new world

New salon combines beauty with relaxation

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

Sara Rozzell brings new meaning to "walking all over you."

With her belted to the aromatherapy filled rooms, Rozzell, Ashitsu massage therapist at Tricho Salon & Spa in Twelve Oaks Mall, uses her feet to provide deep tissue massage for her customers.

Tricho's opened Oct. 17, 2005, by owners Lynn McMullin and Michael Stein.

McMullin, of Novi, said she wanted to provide an environment for people to step out of the mall setting and into a whole new world. The 7,000-square-foot facility is split in half, with one section specifically for a spa and the other a salon.

Spa amenities include Ashitsu massages; deep tissue massages; Swedish massages; hot stone massages; a vichy shower room and a quiet room.

"This is one of the few spas in Michigan offering Ashitsu massages," Rozzell said. "It is described as 'the deepest, most luxurious massages in the world.'"

Rozzell added that Ashitsu is an all eastern-based tight massage with a western flair.

"We want this to be an experience for our clients," McMullin said. "Not just a service."

Enjoyable experience

McMullin said the name Tricho came from one of the first spas in ancient Rome.

"Our mission is excellence," she said. "Tricho offers 28 hair stations, seven nail stations and six spa treatment rooms."

Customers can also sit back and receive a pedicure, facial or dual treatments with someone special. "We look for experienced stylists," McMullin said. "We really want them to have a passion for what they do."

More than 50 staff members are employed and the business is located on the mall's lower level, between Marshall Field's and Sears.

"We chose the mall because we'll always have new clientele," McMullin said.

Tricho offers several items to purchase, including products by Fresh, Bumble & Bumble, Skin Ceuticals, Pureology, Jane Redhead and TIGI.

"We try and provide the most current and cutting edge products,"



Tricho Salon & Spa
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Contact: (248) 305-9111
Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday: Appointments can be made; walk-ins are welcome.



Tricho salon employee Sara Rozzell performs ashitsu massage on a customer. Ashitsu is massage performed using the feet.

McMullin said. "We want to provide the best products available on the market."

Tricho's current has two sister locations at Briarwood and Fairlane malls.

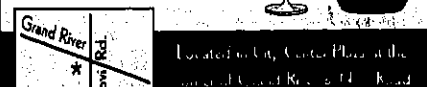
McMullin said she would like to open other locations in the future. "We really want the experience here to stand out," she said. "The goal is to set yourself apart from other salons."

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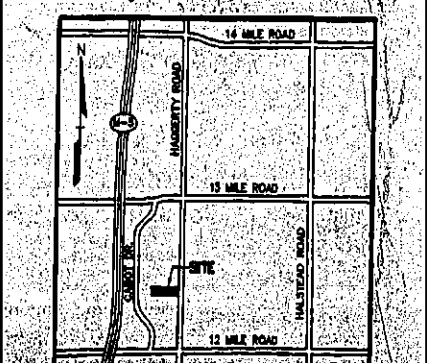
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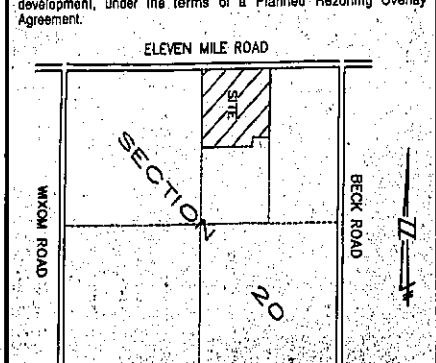
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

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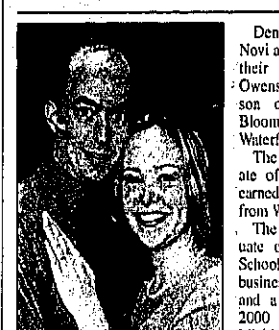
CHURCH CALENDAR

Meadowbrook Church will return in the video series "Questions of Faith" for its 2006 Lenten Program. The video is approximately 30 minutes long, and will be followed by discussion. Each class will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Book Club News: The church's next selection is "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire. It's a story of the Wicked Witch of the West. Spring into Scribbling: There will be a scribbling session held tomorrow from 6 p.m.-midnight to benefit the church youth group's trip to the National Convention in California. Cost is \$25 and includes dinner, beverages and door prizes. Experienced scribblers will have a valuable time to work on projects. There is a free beginners' class for new scribblers. Call the church to sign up.
Meadowbrook is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. The church can be reached at 248-348-7757 or at www.mbcc.org.
Normal Sunday worship service at 10 a.m.
For further information, ask for the Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt, Minister of Meadowbrook.
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Adult Bible Study is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Church for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.
Worship Service of Complete is held at 8:30 p.m. Rise 13 (ages 11-14) and 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com.
Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services. Adult Sunday school is offered at 9 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care is available at both services.
Dr. Henderson will be teaching an Amos and Hosea class on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Cost for the book and class is \$19. Everyone is welcome.
Women's Bible Study, led by Jani Martin, is the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345, or visit www.faiccommunity-novi.org.
The Holy Family Church presents Theology on Tap at Gus O'Connell Irish Pub, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday. Topic of discussion is Spirituality and Religion — "Do I have to go to church to be a spiritual person?"
Theology on Tap is a program designed for young adults but is all ages welcome.
The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, between Grand River and 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org.
Oak Pointe Church services times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. The church meets at Novi High School.
St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.
First United Methodist Church of Northville will be hosting a community-wide healing service, called Prayers for Healing of Body, Mind, Relationship and Spirit on the first Monday of each month. This service of hope is open to

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ENGAGEMENT



Soutar-Owens

Dennis and Marcia Owens of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Katrina Marie Owens to Jeffrey Campton Soutar, son of Jon Soutar, of West Bloomfield and Nancy Soutar of Waterford.
The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School. She earned a bachelor of accountancy from Walsh College in 2003. The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of West Bloomfield High School. He earned a bachelor of business administration in 1999 and a master of accounting in 2000 from the University of Michigan.
A July 2006 wedding is planned.

IN THE SERVICE

Lt. Michael Kurtli, a 1999 graduate of Novi High School, and a 2003 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, recently returned from a 12 month tour of duty in Iraq. Lt. Kurtli is a platoon leader serving with the 1st Squadron of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment which was deployed from Ft. Irwin, Calif. While deployed Lt. Kurtli was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.
St. Paul Concert Series will host Daniel Foster and Marsha Folts Violin and Harpsichord 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and The Music of St. Paul's, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21. The church is located at 201 Elm Street in Northville. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.
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Freedom from falling

Adjusting your environment could prevent serious injuries

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Alice Johnson relies on her wheelchair instead of her own two feet. Although the 78-year-old Novi resident has the ability to walk, she said she feels safer in her mobile chair.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Tony Logan supervises Fox Run resident Bertel Reis during an exercise ball session that focused on maintaining good balance.

"I broke my leg a few years ago," Johnson said. "I don't feel I'm strong enough to be walking around."

Johnson's daughter, Susan, said she believes her mother's dependence on her wheelchair is a result of fear from falling again.

"No one wants to see their parents sick or in pain," said Susan, 56. "I just want to make sure she's safe. And if the chair makes her feel comfortable, then so be it."

According to the Michigan Department of Public Health, more than 200,000 people who fall will fall again in the next six months.

It is also the number one reason people die of injuries, said Kay Renny, registered nurse and manager of community programs for the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan.

"It's sad, but a lot of seniors fall," Renny said. "It may be as simple as wearing improper shoes."

"There are little things (seniors) can do to prevent falling," she added.

The Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan offers seniors, age 65 and older living in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, a no-cost falls prevention assessment to reduce the risk of falling in the home.

"We go into the home and do a

free falls assessment, focusing on four major areas: environment, medication, vision and muscle strength," Renny said. "When was the last time they had their eyes checked? Who fills their prescriptions? Are medications they are taking leading to drug interactions?"

Renny said nurses also perform the "Get Up and Go" test.

"We ask them to sit, stand up and walk out about 10 feet, turn around and come back and sit down," she said. "Most people can do this in about 10 seconds."

"But this way we can see how they sit, how they turn and how they walk. We can relay the information back to their physicians and they

may need physical therapy."

Renny said nurses will also assess each room in their client's home.

"Bathrooms are the number one place where most falls occur," Renny said. "When we're done, we leave behind recommendations and 40 ways to prevent a fall."

Getting in shape

Tony Logan said the best way to avoid falling is to stay active and in shape.

"As people get older, their bones get brittle," said Logan, wellness coordinator for Novi-based Fox Run Senior Community. "We in America have become lazy. The bones get

Preventing a fall

- Exercise regularly to maintain strength, flexibility, mobility and balance.
- Check your vision at least once a year. Poor vision can increase your chance of falling.
- Remove throw rugs or secure them firmly.
- Clear electrical and telephone cords from pathways.
- Use handrails to steady your balance; install handrails on staircases if needed.
- Use reflecting tape at the top and bottom of the stairs to see them better.
- Do not use your hallways or stairwells for storage; keep them free of clutter.
- Have an electrical install light switches at the top and bottom of a stairwell.
- Do not climb stairs while carrying packages that obstruct your field of vision.
- Paint door sills a different color to prevent tripping.

Source: Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan

Fox Run and several senior communities in Novi and Northville offer balance and strength classes to help older people keep up their strength.

"Health care pays between \$75 and \$100 billion a year as a result of falling," Logan said. "The best way to prevent this is to get up and stay active."

Logan recommends a solid 15 to 25 minutes of continuous exercise five to seven days a week.

"Getting up and staying active could be as little as walking up and down the street or to the mailbox," he said. "Strength in bones adapt to the amount of pressure put on them. When you don't use them, your bones get brittle and you could fall."

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Friday 3/21	Monday 4/3	Tuesday 4/4	Wednesday 4/5	Thursday 4/6
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9 a.m. Body Recall	10 a.m. Goodie Lady	8:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation	10 a.m. Blood Pressure	9 a.m. Medicare Part D Assistance
10 a.m. Lunch	11:30 a.m. Lunch	9 a.m. Line Dance	11 a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class	10 a.m.-2 p.m. Income Taxes by appointment
12:30 p.m. Dupli Bridge	12:30 p.m. Lunch	10 a.m. Asian Pacific	11:30 p.m. Clogging	noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo	2-3:30 p.m. Massage by appointment	10-11 a.m. "Low Back Pain-Anthritis" Dr. Kintz	noon Lunch	12:15 p.m. Contract Bridge
2-3:30 p.m. Massage	6:30 p.m. Clogging	12-4:15 p.m. Lunch	1 p.m. Came Day	1-2 p.m. Line Dance
		2-3 p.m. Beginner Computer Class	2-2:30 p.m. Massage	2-3 p.m. Beginning Computer Class

*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-0114.

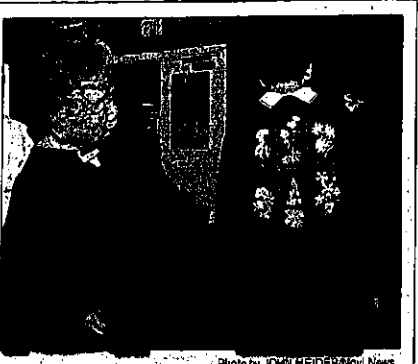


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In the spirit
Florence Baptista, left, checks out the fashion stylings of fellow Backwards Day participant Margaret Brenner at the Novi Senior Center last Friday. The center celebrated the wrap-up of its "spirit week."

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Evans wins fire inspector award

He helps city remain safe

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

In his 16 years with the city of Novi, Fire Marshal Mike Evans has obviously made a name for himself.

Evans was honored by his colleagues by being selected as Fire Inspector of the Year for 2005.

He was awarded the honor by members of the Oakland County Fire Prevention Society and was recognized at the March 20 city council meeting.

Evans has been with the Novi Fire Department since 1990 and was promoted to fire marshal in

1996.

In this position, he works closely with staff from the building and planning departments concerning new construction.

When a new business opens in Novi, Evans schedules firefighters to conduct an annual or biannual fire inspection for the business.

Evans also conducts the training specifically for the fire inspectors program.

Another aspect of his job is to pull information from businesses regarding hazardous materials on site.

Evans said, mentioning that Evans in-

aided Novi's fire safety inspection program during his tenure with the department.

Johnson added that Evans is also active in the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society as well as the Oakland County Fire Prevention Society.

"He's done a great job taking care of fire prevention efforts for the city and the citizens of Novi," said Jeff Johnson, acting fire chief.

"He works well with all of the city departments. I think we're real fortunate to have him as part of our team here."

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Photo by PAM FLEMING
Mike Evans, center, of the Novi Fire Department, was selected as the 2005 Oakland County Fire Inspector of the Year by the Oakland County Fire Prevention Society. Pictured with him following a presentation during Monday night's city council meeting is Jeffrey Johnson, acting Novi Fire Chief.

Novi Chief of Police appointed to national narcotics committee

Members' goal to combat crime

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi Police Chief David E. Molloy has been appointed to a highly prestigious and influential national committee: involved in the war against drugs.

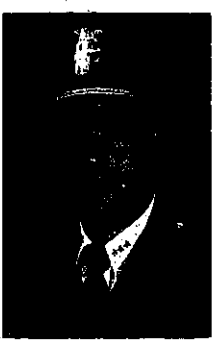
Molloy is a new member of the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.

Novi's previous chief of police, the late Doug Sheffler, who died of a sudden heart attack last August, was also a member of this committee.

The committee serves as a liaison with federal, state and local agencies and is responsible for combating crime related to illegal drug production, distribution and use.

Committee members study and report on drug-related crime, its effects on society; methods of operations and means for combating substances.

"It is an honor to be appointed to this prestigious committee," Molloy said. "There is no other factor that has caused such a huge and tragic impact on our society



David Molloy

than illegal drug activities. In the United States alone, illegal drugs cost citizens nearly \$70 billion a year."

Molloy said law enforcement agencies have historically used two strategies to combat drug use — reduce the supply of illegal drugs and curb the demand.

He noted also that most people think about efforts to reduce supply; more aggressive police investigations, tougher sentences for drug users and dealers, and greater efforts to intercept drugs before they cross U.S. borders.

However, "We must also remember the importance of reducing demand here at home through drug education programs

in schools, public service messages in the media, treatment programs and drug testing," Molloy added.

Molloy was nominated to the committee by Robert Coso, Special Agent in Charge, Detroit Field Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Karen P. Tandy, DEA Administrator, Detroit Field Division.

Molloy was involved in one of the largest international narcotic trafficking investigations in 2004-2005. This investigation dismantled a large-scale drug cartel by following the money trail and taking out the proceeds that were to be sent to drug lords in the southwest U.S. and Mexico.

"We obviously take a very proactive approach to drug education and drug prevention in Novi," Molloy said. "I and we will do everything within our power to reduce drug sales and use in our community."

The Novi Police Department has partnered with local businesses, such as Imagine Theater, to offer drug-free activities for local high schools students, as well as offering other drug education and prevention programs.

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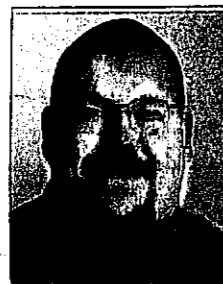
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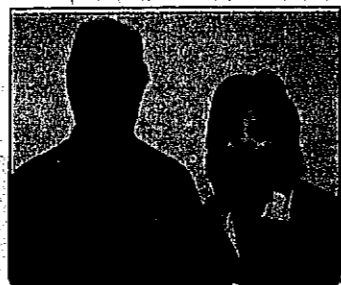
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EDUCATION

Students watch as homes go up near Orchard Hills

■ Construction brings out mixed reaction

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Tyler Mankiewicz misses playing in the forest by his school.

The Orchard Hills Elementary School fourth grader, who happens to live right next to the area, can only stand by and watch as construction crews knock down that same forest to put in Orchard Hills West, a new residential community of 42 homes.

"I live right next to it," said Mankiewicz. "I can watch the construction from school, and I really don't like it. The animals in the forest either died or went somewhere else."

Third graders at the school have been working on taking a stance on the change in their writing. According to Tricia Styles, third grade teacher, the majority of students agreed with Mankiewicz due to the elimination of many animals' habitats.

"But others are excited to make new friends with (potential) new students," said Styles. "Regardless

of the stance, students were able to make a real-life connection to change and stand behind their decisions."

Styles feels the new subdivision is a positive change for Novi. "This growth will bring more families and their children in the wonderful Novi Community School District," she said.

Ryan Kobakof, a student in Styles' class, agreed with her positive assessment on the situation, and expressed his opinion in a writing assignment. "I think cutting down trees and building a home/neighborhood is good," wrote Kobakof. "Because there are more families in Novi, that means there will be more jobs in Novi. I also think it's good because there will be more kids in Orchard Hills. It's a great accomplishment."

Taking good with bad

Dawn Capling, second grade teacher, explained there are going to be positives and negatives in anything, and this is no exception. She sees the building of new homes as progress.

"You can't stop progress," she said. "I would certainly hope and anticipate there will be kids moving into that area, and they will be welcomed with open arms here in our learning community."

Capling has lived in the Novi community for 45 years. She attended third grade at Orchard Hills, and remembers when apple orchards surrounded the school. She also remembers taking field trips through those orchards and picking apples in the fall.

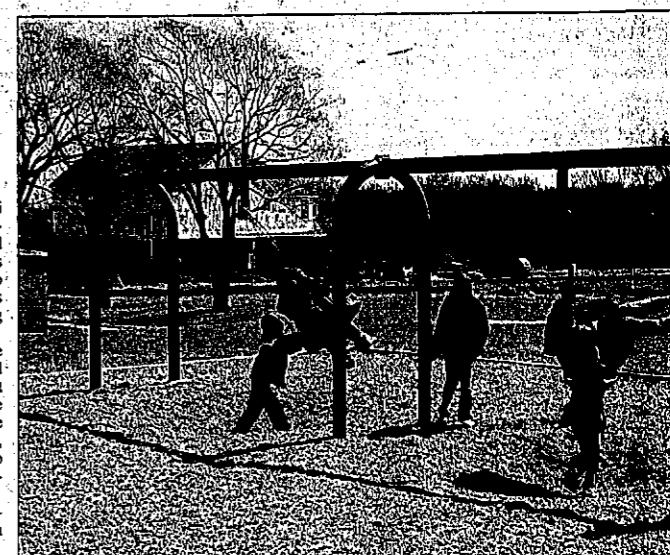
"That part is sad to see go," she said. "But I have seen a couple third grade boys stare out the window at the construction. There has to be some interest there. Building can be a very good and profitable career, and if a young person wanted to go into that field, it could be beneficial."

But for students like fourth grader Kirsten West, the construction is a sad turn of events.

"The only thing I've learned from this is how cruel people are to this environment," said West. "It was so beautiful the way it was. Now look what they've done. Just a bunch of smoke and pollution in the air."

"I got angry because it's not fair," she added. "Where are the animals going to go? Don't they care about their homes?"

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What it might be like
Fourth graders at Novi Woods Elementary School took part in a disability awareness workshop recently. The students rotated through various stations to see, equipment people with disabilities use, or to actually use the equipment themselves, to understand what it might be like to be disabled. Some physical disabilities they learned about were vision impaired, hearing impaired, wheelchair bound and mental disabilities, like learning impaired, just to name a few. Here, Christy D'Annunzio and Elizabeth Weigand use wheelchairs to complete an obstacle course.



Shamrocks win Quiz Bowl tournament

Team is the unknown gem at Catholic Central

By Adam Dubois
CC STUDENT WRITER

Imagine you're going back to high school for a day. You find out that you'll be taking a test. You sit down and glance over the test. You notice something odd. This isn't like any test you've seen before. Every question deals with a different subject.

You start the test.

The first question deals with Shakespearean plays. That's OK. You understand the plays back in high school. No sweat.

The next is on Bernoulli's Principle. You always liked science, so you don't have a problem with that one, either.

The third question asks about Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. History was always one of your favorite classes, so you breeze through that.

Next comes calculus. Math was a tough subject for you, but you get through it.

Then there's a question on Van Gogh's artwork. You think you know who that is, but you think all artists are so much alike and get confused.

Finally, the last question is

about Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5. You never took a music class in your life. You have no clue what a piano concerto is.

Right now would be a great time to have an expert on the subject to help you with this question. You can't, though. Right? Well, you can if you're a member of the Catholic Central Quiz Bowl Team.

Why, you may ask, would they get special treatment? It's not exactly special treatment; it's just the format that Quiz Bowl Coach Jason Jones, who is an English teacher at Catholic Central, chooses to use for his team's competitions.

"When we're in tournaments, I've found that it's better to have four players with mini-specialties than just have one player who has a broad general knowledge," said Jones. "That way, the players can feed off one another and get support from one another. If one player doesn't know the answer, we rely on the other players to pick it up. There are a lot of kids that have a great general knowledge, but on top of that, we like to have a math expert, a science expert, and so on."

State champs
The Quiz Bowl team worked that strategy to perfection last week, as they took home the championship at the state tournament at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. This is the team's third state title in a row and their ninth in 11 years. The team finished the tournament with a perfect 10-0 record, averaging just less than 500 points per round. A possible 800 points are available each round.

Senior Captain Joel Knight and Senior Nick Galea led the way for the Shamrock quizzers.

"They both answered many questions that were key to our success," said Jones. "They also had contributions from the major juniors on the team."

"Our whole 'A' team put together a great effort," Jones said.

"The experience was exciting, but it was almost terrifying at the same time," said Galea. "I got really hard to stay focused, and the nerves definitely got to you, especially in a mental game such as Quiz Bowl."

Jones said that the team practices after school on Mondays and Wednesdays, but that doesn't mean the team members stop there.

"I study a lot at home," said Galea. "Sometimes, I'll come in an study in the morning. I also study a lot on the way to the tournaments."

State championships are nothing new to the Quiz Bowl team at CC, but they strive for bigger and

better things. The team competes against anywhere from 16 to 96 other teams, and the bigger the field, the bigger the reward. The team has already qualified for the national tournament.

"In order to qualify, we had to win a tournament which consisted of more than 36 teams, and we made sure to do that early in the season. We actually qualified for nationals way back in early October," said Jones.

There are two different national tournaments that the CC team is going to. The first is in Chicago, and that is held the first week of June. That starts about the day after final exams. The second is in Raleigh, N.C. That's the week after the Chicago tournament.

"These kids are really dedicated," said Jones. "While most kids are on their summer vacation, the team is busy competing in national tournaments."

Jones said that more than anything, he feels the success of the team is attributed to the fantastic and stringent academic requirements. He says the team is a testament to the great teaching staff at the school, and he feels that the team brings a great deal of pride to the halls of Catholic Central.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Candidate Forum
The League of Women Voters Oakland Area and the Novi Parent Teacher Organization Interscholastic Council are co-sponsoring a candidate forum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road. One four-year term on the Novi Board of Education is open this year. George Konradt is seeking reelection and Katie Racon is also campaigning for the position. The election will be held Tuesday, May 2.

During the forum, candidates will answer questions posed by the audience. Information regarding each candidate can be found on the League of Women Voter's web site: www.lwvva.org, under "Voter Guides."

The candidate forum will be broadcast on Channel 10.

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The Fuerst scholarship is based primarily on financial need and is administered through the Novi Educational Foundation. Up to \$20,000 in scholarship funds are awarded annually to qualified applicants. Application forms are available from the Novi High School Counseling Office, the Educational Services Building on Taft Road, or by calling (248) 449-1200. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 7.

Destination Imagination
The following are the results of the Destination Imagination regional competition. 146 teams competed from schools all over the area. Teams in fourth place or higher will be going on to state competition in April.

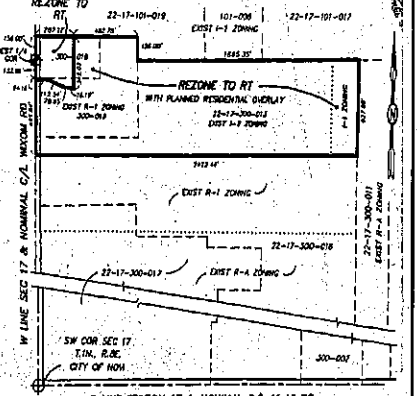
Novi High School
Team 1 consisting of Becky Sullivan Tina Jain, Danjing Tang, Ellen Smith and Katie

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.647

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To rezone a part of the West 1/2 of Section 17, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-17-300-013, -018, -019 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 17 (nominal C.L. of Willow Road), said point being N00°18'14"W, 2010.01 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 17; thence continuing N00°18'14"W, 436.54 feet; thence N89°40'46", 84.16 feet; thence S68°45'48", 112.54 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the left 78.65 feet, said curve having a radius of 219.00 feet, a central angle of 20°50'16" and a chord bearing and distance of S79°10'55", 79.21 feet; thence S89°36'04", 16.19 feet; thence N09°25'22"E, 342.02 feet; thence S89°34'38"E, 482.78 feet; thence S00°19'49"E, 156.00 feet; thence S89°34'38"E, 1665.35 feet; thence S00°51'26"W, 627.66 feet; thence N89°26'04"W, 2422.44 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 35.74 acres.

FROM: I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

TO: RT TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH PLANNED RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY

Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section 17; thence N00°18'14"W, 156.00 feet along the West line of Section 17 (nominal C.L. of Willow Road); thence S89°34'38"E, 287.22 feet; thence S00°25'22"W, 342.02 feet; thence N89°36'04", 16.19 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the right 78.64 feet, said curve having a radius of 219.00 feet, a central angle of 20°50'16" and a chord bearing and distance of N79°10'55", 79.20 feet; thence N68°45'48"W, 112.54 feet; thence S89°40'46", 84.16 feet to a point on the West line of Section 17 (nominal C.L. of Willow Road); thence along said centerline N00°18'14"W, 132.66 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2.04 acres.

FROM: R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
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ORDINANCE NO. 18.647
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 647
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

DAVID B. LANDRY, MAYOR
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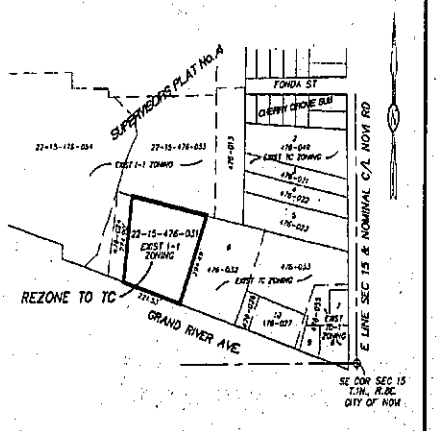
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To rezone a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 15, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-15-476-031 more particularly described as follows:

Part of Lot 6 of Supervisors Plat No. 47 as recorded in Liber 56A, Page 83 of Plats, Oakland County Records, described by beginning at the Southeast corner of said lot 6, thence S71°19'00"E, 221.63 feet; thence N18°27'00"E, 294.49 feet; thence N76°40'30"W, along the North line of said Lot 6 to the Northwest lot corner; thence S05°57'00"W, 274.90 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.57 acres.

FROM: I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
TO: TOWN CENTER DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.659
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 659
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

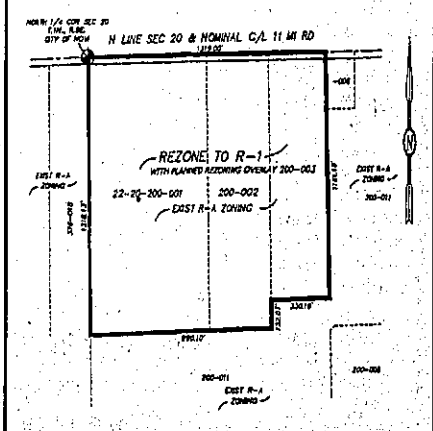
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To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 20, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-20-000-001, -002 & -003 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 20; thence N87°24'47"E, 1310.00 feet along the North line of Section 20, nominal C.L. of Eleven Mile Road; (said point being S87°24'47"W, 1320.71 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 20); thence S09°32'46"E, 1181.18 feet; thence S87°12'05"W, 1320.16 feet; thence S22°13'26"E, 1320.17 feet; thence S87°12'05"W, 580.10 feet to a point on the N-S 1/4 line of said Section 20; (said point being N02°29'20"W, 1340.50 feet from the center of Section 20); thence N02°29'20"W, 1318.13 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Containing 38.86 acres.

FROM: R-1 RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY

ORDINANCE NO. 18.654
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 654
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

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Simply AMAZING!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Novi High School

Students will perform an operetta-style musical

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

For about 58, Novi residents can enjoy country western, rock and roll, calypso, disco, rap and jazz — all in one show at Novi High School.

And for the first time in school history, the students will be performing an operetta-style musical. This year's selection is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

"An operetta is sung all the way through," said Kristen Patee, director. "That's why it might help some people to brush up on the story before they come and see it."

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a biblical story of Joseph, his father, Jacob, and his 11 brothers, performed in song and dance. Joseph is the favorite son because of his abilities to

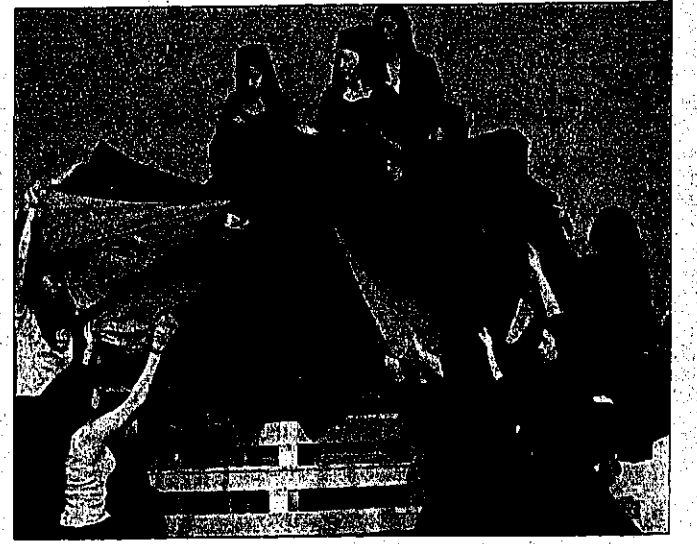
interpret the future through his dreams. And because of that, he is given a multi-colored coat to wear.

Joseph's 11 brothers are jealous and scheme to kill him. They rip his coat off and throw him in a well because he dreams he will be king one day. But instead of keeping him down there, the brothers decide to sell him into slavery.

"This story has a good moral ending," said Patee. "And each part of the story has a different musical style to it, so the audience never gets bored. It flows, and it's also the shortest musical we've done here in Novi. It's a great show for all ages."

Senior Dan Bruder is performing the lead role of Joseph. It's his fourth and final musical at Novi High, and though he had a pretty big role last year, he's excited about being the lead.

"Operettas are a little bit harder to perform because in other musicals there are set rolls characters play," said Bruder. "In this you're telling a story and you have to fill in some of the holes in places where there's a defined character. It's a lot of fun, and it's a good ending to a high school career."



Senior Jason Margolis plays the role of Zebulun. He is particularly proud of the number of students who volunteered to make the show possible.

"In the past the musicals had a lot more parents driving them," he said. "This year we tried to get a lot more students involved and less parents. Students built the set, worked on costumes, we had more doing backstage work, and we had a great turnout in actors. It's just great to see."

Details, details

Patee said directing an operetta is quite an adjustment from directing a musical because every part of it needs to be filled with song and dance. She said there needs to be movement the entire time, and every actor has to know where they're going and what part of the song to sing at any given time.

"The orchestra pit also has an enormous roll," she said. "They don't get a break. For me, it's a lot of attention to detail. We're telling a story, and a tough element is bringing the audience into it in a

different way. This is an old story, but everyone can relate to it, and everyone can relate to the music."

Senior Katie Colacino, who plays one of three narrators, said it wasn't that difficult adjusting to the operetta style once she got used to it.

"When you originally go through the motions it's hard, but it's easier because you have fewer lines and fewer things to memorize," she said. "As narrators, our role is to tell the story of Joseph to the audience."

The other two narrators are seniors Rachel Mandeville and Laura Vanderstean.

Junior Cannon Styles, who plays Reuben, agreed with Colacino, saying it wasn't difficult adjusting to the new style, it was just something he and his classmates weren't used to at first.

"It's just a different way of doing things," he said. "We're going to make it the best possible show we can."

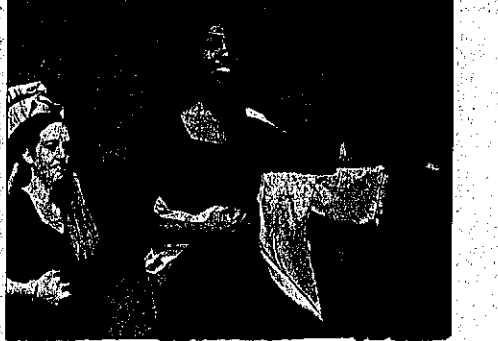
Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gannett.com.



Jacob (Mike Marsuplan), right, and Joseph (Dan Bruder) rehearse a scene.



One of three narrators for Novi High's spring musical, Rachel Mandeville, on stage during rehearsal.



Novi students run through a dance number for their upcoming musical production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

- Cast**
 - Joseph — Dan Bruder
 - Narrators — Katie Colacino, Laura Vanderstean and Rachel Mandeville
 - Pharaoh — John Gouba
 - Jacob/Potiphar — Michael Marsuplan
- Brothers**
 - Reuben — Cannon Styles
 - Simeon — Max Landry
 - Naphtali — Mark Gouba
 - Simeon — Adam Britten
 - Dan — Patrick O'Connell
 - Judah — Nick Guerra
 - Issachar — Sean McDonald
 - Benjamin — Stephen Soraisan
 - Zebulun/The Butler — Jason Margolis
- Others**
 - Mrs. Potiphar — Renee Hadley
 - The Baker — John Britton
 - Pharaoh's Guard — Majeed Abdul Wahab
- Wives**
 - Courtney Dotinga
 - Rachel Hadley
 - Kristen Lonsway
 - Kristen Engstrom
 - Rachael Kohl
 - Leah Rice
 - Khristen Fennoy
 - Eliken Smith
 - Armanda Roy
 - Katie Furman
- Choir**
 - Laura Jok
 - Stephanie D'Crux
 - Sarah Nabaty
 - Alicia McDonald
 - Courtney Morelock
 - Michelle Dwyer
 - Mandy Bannatt
 - Stephany Penwick
 - Andrea Jannens
 - Allina Bruder
 - Nar Shrivani
 - Mandy Metz
 - Rose Xie

- Student Production Team**
 - Stage Manager — Amber Jemson
 - Production — Rachael Kohl
 - Dance — Amanda Roy & Renee Hadley
 - Choral — Katie Furman & Mark Gouba
 - Andy Stevens
 - Elle Schullhoff
 - Kathryn Pamula
- Production Staff**
 - Director/Choreographer — Kristen Patee
 - Choral Director/Production — Donald Daniels
 - Assistant Director — Heather McKalp
 - Costume Design — Elizabeth Bertolini
 - Technical Director/Set Design — Sandra Nelson
 - Orchestra Conductor — Mark Hourigan

- Crew**
 - Michael Barbour
 - Kelli Herrick
 - Tina Jain
 - Kevin O'Keefe
 - Danielle Casello
 - Maegan Shavely
 - Meg Rao
 - Peter Kim
 - Andrew Stevens
 - Elizabeth Schullhoff
 - Kaitly Gray
 - Chelsea Thorpe
 - Kathryn Pamula
 - Elizabeth Gutowski

Show details

- What: Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- When: 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Monday and Saturday
- Where: Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium
- Admission: \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors and children under 12

CALENDAR

Cal Stone, editor (248) 348-1700 ext. 113 cstone@gannett.com www.novinews.com fax (248) 349-9832

EVENTS

Novi Concert Band Performance

DATE: Friday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: O'Leary Auditorium, Garden City High School, 6000 Middlebelt Road
DETAILS: Scott Cramer, Band Director of John Glenn High School, makes his debut as Director of the Novi Concert Band. The performance features Brian Kieckhefer (of Novi) on the clarinet performing "Stranger On The Shore." Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All proceeds will go to the Garden City Foundation for Educational Excellence.

2006 Minority Accounting College Leadership Conference

DATE: Friday
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Walsh College, 41501 Canfield Road
DETAILS: The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA), the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) - Detroit Chapter and Walsh College are sponsoring this conference for minority college and university accounting students. Topics discussed will be learning about the demand for CPAs and the career opportunities available in accounting and how to succeed in business. CONTACT: Alan Upchurch or Angie Jemal, Mars Layne & Company, (248) 855-0777

Second City Comedy Club

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m.
Wedsdays, Thursdays, Sundays, 8 and 10 p.m. Fridays, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: 42795 Grand River Avenue, across from Novi Town Center
DETAILS: "Bubble Heads of State" is the theme for this month's shows. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$20 on Friday and Saturday. CONTACT: Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 645-6666

Borders Bookstore Events

LOCATION: 43073 Crescent

tech solutions for daily living with disabilities, veterans benefits information, health and fitness and spinal cord research.
CONTACT: (248) 648-9000 or visit www.michiganpsva.org

Flower Sale

DATE: Saturday and Sunday, May 6, 13, 14, 20 and 21
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Oakland Schools Technical Campus "Southwest," 1000 Beck Road, Wixom
DETAILS: This sale includes annuals and perennials and is sponsored by the Agriculture Greenhouse/Landscape Class.
CONTACT: (248) 668-5673

Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night

DATE: Saturday, May 20
TIME: 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Lucky's Lucky Strike, Fountain Walk
DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. A variety of sponsorships are available, including attendance and donations. Sponsors are needed.
CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743

Wizard of Oz Dance

DATE: Saturday, April 8
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 41501 Canfield Road
DETAILS: The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) will perform the ballet "The Wizard of Oz." Tickets are \$8 per person.
CONTACT: (248) 380-1666 or email cscote5678@stglobe.net

Author Presentation

DATE: Tuesday, April 11
TIME: 6:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 415175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
DETAILS: Robert H. Bartlett, MD, will be discussing his first novel. He is a professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor. This program is presented by the Northville/Novi American Association of University Women (AAUW).
CONTACT: Beth Ann Knisley, (248) 305-8992

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) Open House

DATE: Thursday, April 13
TIME: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LOCATION: 40550 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248) 476-9000
DETAILS: This open house will include displays on accessible housing, modified cars and vans, highly-

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, April 6

TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi High School, 24002 Tall Road
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

BUSINESS

Oakland County Business Seminars

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Oakland County Complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
CONTACT: Registration is required, (248) 858-0783

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Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, April 4
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 415175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi Chamber of Commerce

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General Membership Luncheon
DATE: Tuesday, April 11
TIME: 11:30 registration; noon lunch
LOCATION: Fox Run Village, 41000 13 Mile Road
DETAILS: Reservations required. The cost is \$20 per person.
19th Annual Tycoon Tie-Off Golf Outing
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Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826
Business Card Exchange
DATE: Wednesday, April 26
TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Opdyke at Square Lake, Pontiac
DETAILS: The cost is \$10. Advance reservations and \$15 at the door. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. The host is Pontiac Regional Chamber of Commerce.
CONTACT: (248) 335-9600

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 9-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Walsh College, Troy Campus
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues and share solutions in a non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, email jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

CLASSES

Women's Empowerment Weekend

TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, and 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29
DETAILS: This seminar is sponsored by Suttle Enterprises LLC, Marijlynn Suttle. The cost is \$150; \$127 if paid before Feb. 28. Class is limited to 20 women. Marijlynn Suttle is a communication professional specializing in bringing life into balance with practical, usable skills that improve relationships in every area of your life.
CONTACT: To register, call Marijlynn Suttle, (248) 348-1023 or visit the Web site:

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DATE: every Monday and Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents.
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Spring Break



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Novi High seniors Ryan Heffernan and Angie Dietz will be headed south this spring in search of warm temps and relaxation.

Quick Hits

Statistically speaking

Just to make everything perfectly clear, the All-Area teams are not selected based on any one area. Statistics, coaches nominations and plenty of intangibles are considered.

That's why when we recently discovered there was an error in our reporting of All-Area Hockey Player of the Year Steve Rousseau and All-Area Dream Team Selection Tom Ciaverilla's statistics, we weren't sweating.

Ciaverilla actually led the Wildents with 54 points. Rousseau had 50 points.

What about Alex?

But every now and then we do mess up. Novi junior diver Alex Arbour was left off the All-Area team by an unfortunate oversight. Arbour, along with teammate Chris Alberty, was the only area diver to qualify for the state finals. With that type of performance, it's hard to deny his rightful place on the squad.

Being only a junior, Arbour has another season of diving left ahead of him and, hopefully, another trek to the state finals. With the kind of diving he's capable of, he'll probably make a splash right onto the pages of the Novi News and the All-Area squad once again.

What a guy!

Kudos to Novi News favorite Kevin Cislo, who recently pegged a clean-up triple to hammer in two runs for the University of Michigan Wolverines baseball team.

As a stand-out player for Novi, Cislo was the All-Area Dream Team Player of the Year for football and baseball, not to mention a slew of state honors and Dream Team and All-Star selections across Michigan. The most important thing about Cislo was that he always proved to be a stand-up guy, big on being nice and respectful and not so big on being egotistical and arrogant. Cislo's performance means he's officially a Wolverine now instead of a Wildcat. Though we miss him in these parts, we're sure those over in Ann Arbor will be appreciative of having plenty to write about in the coming years.



Kevin Cislo

OK Spring Broke?

It is the topic of countless classroom conversations, publicized with a brightly colored countdown on the window of the school store and advertised with an increase of tank tops and flip-flops in the hallways.

Spring Break: 14 days. For many Novi seniors, Spring Break is a top priority during the last semester of high school. Whether students travel or stay at home, the ten-day vacation is one of the final opportunities to spend time with family and friends before graduation.

However, for athletes in a spring sport, Spring Break has the potential to interrupt training and affect conditioning. This year, most vacationing students will not miss athletic contests — varsity baseball has the only scheduled game during the break — but spring sporting events resume on the Monday after Spring Break, impacting athletes who may not have trained during their vacation.

Many senior athletes, attempting to balance a much-anticipated vacation and goals for their last spring sports season, find that they must prioritize social and athletic commitments to determine the success of their season. Track captain Angie Dietz will be traveling with friends to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This year will

be Dietz's second Spring Break vacation in high school; she feels that, two years ago, her Spring Break vacation negatively affected the remainder of her sophomore track season.

"I was in shape, and I didn't work out (during the break). When I came back, it definitely set me back a lot," she said. "I had to work to get back to where I was before."

Dietz, formerly a sprinter, is planning to concentrate on distance events and eventually compete in the two-mile run; her main goal is to run in all events during the season. This year, she feels that she is more likely to continue track conditioning while on vacation.

"I don't think (Spring Break) will affect my goal," she said. "It's my last chance; it's my senior year, and I really want to get it done."

"If I take 30 minutes a day to work out on Spring Break, then I think it will benefit me when I come back. Instead of wanting to run, I'm probably going to want to be with my friends, but I think I need to look at reality and realize that I'm going to need to be doing something for when I come back."

Senior Ryan Heffernan, varsity tennis captain, will be driving to North Carolina



with five friends. The varsity tennis team does not practice or compete during Spring Break and athletes are encouraged to practice individually. Heffernan, who will not play tennis during his vacation, said that his Spring Break exercise will be "swimming on the beach."

As an underclassman, he noticed that a lack of training over Spring Break did not seem to have a lasting impact on the records or accomplishments of his senior teammates.

"We're not the only school going on Spring Break," he said. "Every other team

that we'll be competing against has Spring Break, too, so everybody's going through the same thing."

"Spring Break is just refreshing. I think it's going to take the first couple days of practice to remember how to hit the ball right, but after I get it back, I think I'm going to be more motivated than before. I'll be ready to go. I think I'll be even better."

Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports triathlete for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



Courtney Ratkowiak

SPARTAN PRIDE: Stanek headed to MSU

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Novi senior A.W. Stanek will have the chance to live out a dream next year.

The standout soccer player committed himself to play for the Michigan State University Spartans next year. It's a position that comes with no scholarship for the first year, but a chance for Stanek to do what he does best — prove himself.

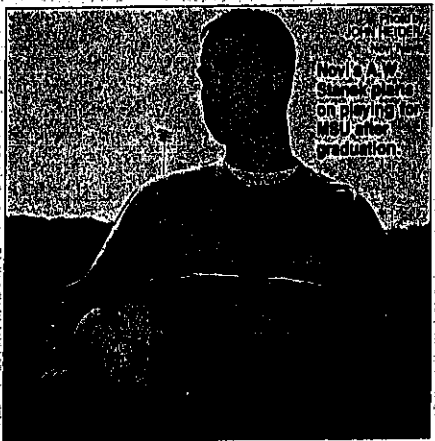
Playing for the Spartans is something he's wanted to do for a long time.

"I'm not getting any money my first year, and that's the only bad part," he said. "I've always wanted to go to Michigan State. I've been a Spartans fan since I was a kid." Stanek said in his talks with the coaching staff at MSU that it has been indicated he could earn a scholarship following his freshman year if he's able to showcase what he can do with a Big 10 team.

Currently, Stanek plans on studying in the field of sociology, though he admitted that could easily change. "The biggest draw to going to college isn't his chance to play with the Spartans, though that helps."

"I'm looking forward to college," he said. "I'm sick of high school. I'm ready to go away from family and on my own to become my own person."

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Novi's A.W. Stanek plans on playing for MSU after graduation.

Talk about a turnaround

Novi graduate Jennifer Sturgis should be beaming with pride right now.

The current junior at Western Michigan University helped lead the gymnastics team to the Mid-American Conference title last week after the Broncos finished last in the championship results last year.

Sturgis collected a career-high all-around score of 39.1 for first place while notching first on the beam with a 9.85. She also took first on the vault with an impressive 9.875.

Sturgis and teammate Chrissa Marier, who took second all-around, were recognized for their performances with selections to the First Team All-MAC squad.

Cheerleaders earn big honors

The Competitive Cheer Coaches Association of Michigan (CCCAM) named Novi cheer the top squad for the Class A Academic All-State Team.

They earned this honor for having the highest average team grade-point average. Jillian Harold, Laura Tollis and Jennifer Lozon were also awarded individual All-State Academic honors.

Compiled by Sam Eggleston

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Tips for Selecting a Repair Shop and Maintaining Your Vehicle

WIXOM, Mich., March 30, 2006 — When it comes to car care, the two challenges most people face are where to go and what to do. Louis Kirby, Allstate Insurance Company is offering tips on selecting a repair shop and creating a checklist of preventive maintenance activities.

"Recent studies show that about five percent of all motor vehicle fatalities are caused by automobile maintenance neglect," said Executive Director of the National Car Care Council, Richard D. White. "The National Car Care Council, like Allstate, encourages drivers to take an active role in maintaining their vehicle. It is the best way to avoid costly repairs down the road and ensure the safe up-keep of your automobile."

Louis Kirby says that many of his customers are not familiar with the preventive checks and are also unsure of how to select a repair shop. "I work with my customers to help them understand the importance of automobile maintenance," said Louis Kirby. "Preventive service will extend the life of the vehicle and, more importantly, ensure proper and reliable operation, which may mean increased safety for drivers and passengers."

Allstate, the largest insurer of private passenger vehicles in the state, provides its customers with the following tips for finding and working with a repair shop:

- Recommendations are typically reliable. Friends, family members, colleagues, and others whom you trust can sometimes be the best resources for selecting a repair shop.
- Find a repair shop before you need a repair shop. Decisions made at the last minute or under duress may not have the best results. Research and select your repair shop before you are pressured to do so.
- Seek a seal. When visiting a repair shop, look for appropriate licenses and certifications. Typically, those certifications indicate that some or all of the technicians on staff have met basic standards of knowledge. Also, check to be sure the certifications are recent.
- Shop around. Research capabilities, prices, and technicians for the best deal and most efficient service. Also, try to find a shop that honors your vehicle's warranty, if applicable.
- Get Estimates and Keep Receipts. Always get and keep a signed written cost estimate for the work to be performed. Make sure the estimate is detailed and states that the shop will contact you for approval before going forward with work. When completed, get a repair order that offers a detailed description of the work that has been done.

As Agent Kirby explains further, Allstate will always honor customer choice and work with any repair shop that the customer selects. However, if a customer makes a specific request to his or her claims professional about where to go for service, then Allstate may be able to suggest a local independent repair shop through the company's Direct Repair Program (DRP). The DRP program consists of independent repair shops and dealers across the country recommended by Allstate. With DRP, there is no need for a claim representative to estimate the damages as the estimates and repairs are performed by the repair shop. Finally, if a customer uses the DRP program, then there is also a guarantee on workmanship of the repairs for as long as you own your vehicle.

In addition, Allstate is offering the below preventive maintenance checklist so that all drivers have an itemized list of preventive service checks to be done.

- Change oil filter every 3,000-4,000 miles
- Check brake fluid
- Check power steering fluid
- Check transmission/transaxle fluid
- Check windshield Washer solvent
- Check anti-freeze
- Check tire inflation
- Keep engine tuned
- Lubricate chassis
- Check battery cables and posts for corrosion
- Check battery fluid
- Check lighting system, i.e. head-lights, signals, brake, and tail lights
- Inspect engine belts
- Check washer blades and replace at least annually
- Checked air filtration system
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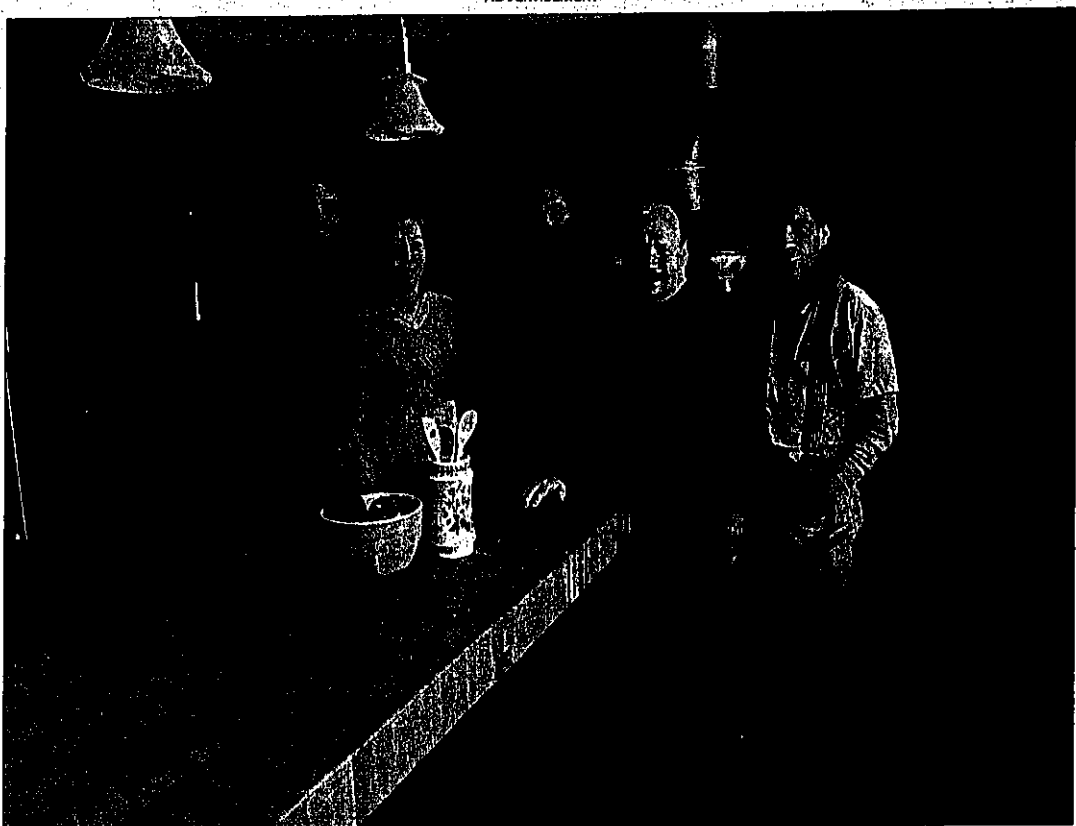


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Proud homeowners, Bruce and Deana, stand in their recently renovated kitchen with members of the Jim Seghi Renovations crew: Kevin Barnes, Jim Seghi, and Mike Schmitt.

Seghi Renovations: dream homes

Local builder transforms vision into home reality

He may not use a crystal ball, but builder Jim Seghi does have a clear vision when it comes to home design and renovation. While many homeowners may see only four walls in desperate need of improvements, the New Hudson builder sees only potential.

"I have the vision. I've seen ugly is as ugly does. My job is turning dreams into reality," said Seghi. "That's our motto."

As a specialist in renovations, he knows clients are always pleasantly surprised when they realize what can be accomplished with their existing home. After all, considering the costs of moving and building, remodeling often is the most cost effective solution.

Making It Happen

The first step is to focus on the homeowner's priorities.

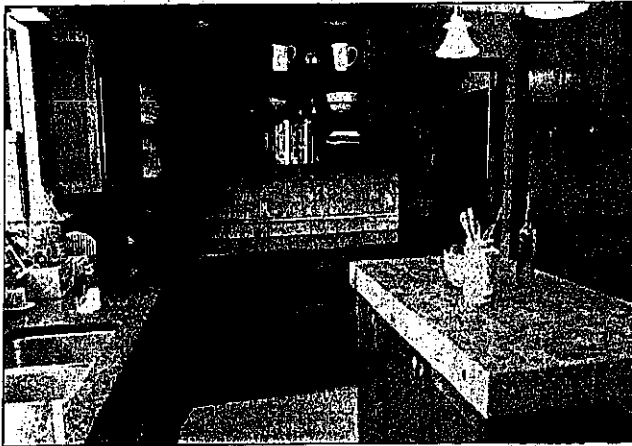
"That's why I go to the job personally. I take the time to listen to them," Seghi explained.

The initial consultation usually lasts an hour to two hours, depending on the size of the project. At the time, he's brainstorming the possibilities with the prospective client. It's kind of like putting together the pieces to a puzzle, he remarked. Years of experience help him guide customers through the planning process.

"I pull the whole job together. I help them choose everything from soup to nuts."

Most often he brings up ideas the owner hasn't considered. Mitch of Northville says he was impressed with the suggestions Seghi made during the initial consultation for his kitchen remodel.

"He just had a good vision since



Submitted Photo

Jim Seghi Renovations leaves customers with the home of their dreams.

he's done so many remodels," Mitch noted.

For example, he suggested that a partial wall could be removed, giving a more open look. Mitch said they also wanted a granite work island but didn't think they had enough room.

"We actually had more than enough room... Now there's no more bumping into people in the kitchen," he added. "We couldn't be happier with the way it turned out."

The costs came in within estimate and the project was finished ahead of time.

South Lyon homeowners, DeAnna and Bruce, were planning to remodel for several years before they contacted Jim Seghi. So, they had a pretty good idea of what they wanted. A couple who enjoys entertaining, their main goal was to "make the kitchen more user friendly and enjoyable," said Bruce. He credits his wife,

DeAnna with the original concept, and Seghi for showing them how it could be done.

One major change included removing two smaller windows and installing a large 10-foot window to open up the kitchen.

"That in itself opened up the area. It makes the kitchen warm and more alive," he added. The whole process "went more smoothly than we thought. Jim stayed on top of it, and cleaned up every day."

Upon completion, Bruce remarked it "doesn't look like a remodel" it blends perfectly with the rest of the home. "People are floored with the difference." It's now DeAnna's favorite room.

Joining the 21st Century

Now joining the electronic generation, a laptop and the internet are now Seghi's latest planning tools. With the addition of a

"portable office" he's able to show customers before and after pictures for illustrations or hook up to a supplier's Web site to help select materials, such as new faucets. It's just one of many ways Seghi works to make the entire planning process run smoothly.

"This is such a good starting point. It saves lots of legwork," he added.

True Value

As a contractor he understands the importance of providing value to the customer. He'll work hard to find the smartest choice by asking questions.

Is the investment worth the cost? Does the renovation and its products match the value of the home and the surrounding homes in the area? It doesn't make sense to use inexpensive cupboards in a \$500,000 home; the same as it doesn't make sense to overspend

JIM SEGHI RENOVATIONS

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as well. It's not unusual for him to drive around the block to get a feel for what fits best in the neighborhood.

"I'm there to prevent them from making mistakes," he adds.

Finally, his signature trademark is building a "wow" factor to polish off each home or project. "There are certain things you can do which don't cost a lot, but make the difference between ordinary and extraordinary," said Seghi. One of his favorites includes tumbled marble or ceramic backslashes in the kitchen and or bath. Color is another way you can "spice up" a décor without spending extra cash.

"It doesn't have to be off white to be neutral. There are a lot of great colors that you can use that will blend well."

Remodel Even If You Plan To Move

It may sound impractical at first, but in many cases, remodeling may be necessary to sell your home. Seghi says that often homeowners put their home for sale, and then realize they need to add features for marketability. Right now there are three popular items customers demand in the \$250,000 and up category, including a master suite with bath and walk-in closet, three car garage and first floor laundry. It's not surprising that once improvements are complete, the home owners like it so well they decide to stay.

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