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Photo by JOHN HEIGER/Novi News

Novi Police Department detective Mike Wilson instructs Novi High School drama students as they prepare for an intruder simulation. The simulation, including police officers portraying two alleged out-of-high school students, will take place this weekend. Intruders will fire blank rounds, and students will play "dead," including fake blood on their clothes. The simulation is designed to better prepare the police to deal with school intrusions.

UNDER SIEGE

Officials simulate high school crisis

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

Any training as real life as you can get is vital.

Deputy Police Chief
Thomas Lindberg
City of Novi Police

Police officers and firefighters will descend on Novi High School early Saturday — not for a crisis — but to prepare for one.

Authorities are staging one of the largest, full-scale emergency training sessions in the city's history. The simulation will feature "intruders" who get into the school during a regular day. Police, fire and school officials will have to react to different situations.

The training exercise starts at 8:30 a.m. and is being paid for by a federal grant.

"This is providing us an opportunity to be proactive and take school safety to another level," said Capt. Diglio, Novi High School dean of students.

The simulation will feature 18 police officers and about eight firefighters, said Lt. Victor Lauria, Novi police general services division commander. There will also be about 125 school district personnel on hand.

Realism is critical, officials said. Students and teachers will be "actors" in the simulation, adding an interactive element.

On Tuesday, they ran through a rehearsal to make the actual simulation more realistic.

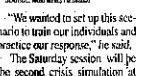
The goal is to get an "inside look" at the dynamics of how a takeover crisis like this would unfold, said John Lawrence, Novi high school principal.

Having Novi authorities trained for an intruder situation is critical, Lauria said, because it would allow them to take action prior to the arrival of a SWAT team.

UNDER SIEGE

Authorities are staging an "intruder" crisis at Novi High School to prepare for an actual emergency situation. Details include:

- 18 police officers
- 8 firefighters
- 125 school district personnel
- Simulated weapons will also play roles to make the simulation more realistic.



SOURCE: Novi News Research

"We wanted to set up this scenario to train our individuals and practice our response," he said.

The Saturday session will be the second crisis simulation at Novi High School in a month.

The city's volunteer Community Emergency Response Team conducted a training exercise in November.

"Any training as real life as you can get is vital," Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg said.

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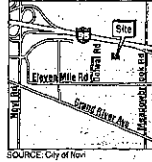
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Monday Council will cast gun range votes

Officials say facility could be built in a year

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

Proposed Gun Range



SOURCE: City of Novi

The police gun range, one of Novi's few true hot-button issues, is expected to come before city council Monday.

And it may draw fire.

If approved, the city will allocate \$1.2 million in federal drug forfeiture funds to start construction on the indoor facility and to pay for improvements on police headquarters. The city would also begin asking for architectural designs for the site.

The council was expected to consider the plan last Monday, but postponed the vote because member Tom Nagy was absent.

The gun range would be built at Novi's Field Services Complex off 11 Mile and Delwood. If the council approves the plan, the facility could be built and opened in about a year, Police Chief David Molloy said.

The plan has stirred controversy in the community and sparked debate among council members.

Police and the city administration have signed off on the plan, backed by some council members. Supporters contend it's important to spend the federal money on an enduring structure that will benefit officers years from now.

The police department has already used some of the money for adding officers, squad cars and updating its computer system. Now, the department has concluded the range is its top priority.

"We have really no other greater need," Molloy said.

Next Meeting

WHEN: 7 P.M. Monday
WHERE: Council Chambers
WHAT: Council members are expected to consider allocating \$1.2 million in federal forfeiture to begin construction on an indoor gun range and make improvements at police headquarters.

But skeptics remain, and council member Lyne Paul has been among the most outspoken. At a special council meeting in November to discuss the range, she grilled officials for details about the financial upside to the plan.

"I have a long time with the whole deal," she said. "You have to look at fiscal responsibility. I won't be supporting the firing range."

Project details

As proposed, the range would include eight firing lanes allowing police to simulate several additional shooting scenarios per month, Molloy said. Novi currently uses Farmington's range.

The new facility would also

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Sticky fingers: Shoplifting always a holiday problem

Officials expect spike as shopping increases

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

It's the most basic game of cops and robbers — shoplifting. And unfortunately for merchants, it increases this time of year as holiday sales and store traffic spike.

Novi sees a slight uptick in the shoplifting during

the holiday season, Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg said, although specific figures weren't available for the city. Nationwide, more than \$10 billion worth of items are stolen each year, the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention said.

Experts say the main reason for the surge in shoplifting is simple: More shoppers equal more shoplifters.

"Generally, there is an increase because there is so much more activity," said Tom Scott, vice president of public affairs and communications for the

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Spotlight on: Shoplifting

The holidays are upon us, meaning shopping — and shoplifting — peak. Novi Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg offers several common sense tips for merchants to keep their merchandise secure during the holiday season.



- Keep small, valuable merchandise under the counter or in a case
- Use cameras to monitor the facilities
- Shoplifters don't like attention — so employ a greeter to convey the message the store is secure.

SOURCE: Novi Police Department

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Happy Anniversary, Gatsby's!
Gatsby's owner Catherine Johnson and her son, Joseph Johnson, will celebrate the Novi pub's 20th anniversary 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday by offering their clients free food and live music. The establishment is located at 45701 Grand River Ave.

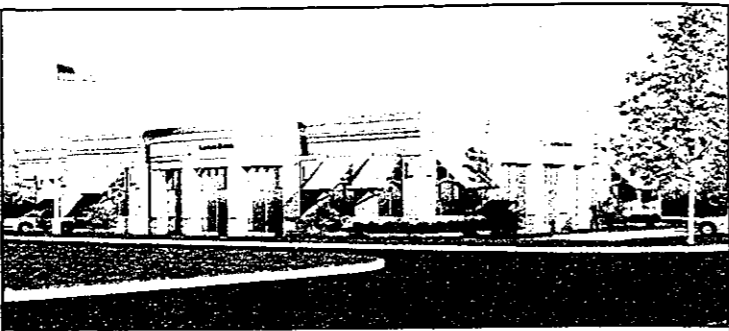
GUN RANGE: Council set to vote Monday

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There would be two to four officers at the range at any given time, Molloy said, and their presence would add another layer of security to the Facility Services Complex, which stores a slew of valuable



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Rock Financial Showplace hosts first Michigan Christmas Show

Inaugural event to include designer trees, crafts, food

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Looking for something to put on the holiday spirit?

Rock Financial Showplace has just the ticket.

For the first time in Michigan, the Michigan Christmas Show comes to Novi's newest exhibition center at 46100 Grand River Avenue.

The show opens at 10 a.m. today and runs through 5 p.m. Sunday.

Attendees may purchase holiday gifts and have them wrapped, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the holidays.

Area residents will find more than 200,000 square feet of holiday festivities and shopping under one roof.

They will be able to choose from hundreds of affordable, one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on Santa's list.

Visitors may also listen to holiday music and live entertainment on the Holiday Lights Stage.

Or show-goers may visit the edible Gingerbread Village for a fresh-baked gingerbread cookie.

See designer Christmas trees

Another option is to stroll down Designer Christmas Tree Lane filled with fragrant, fresh-cut, Michigan-grown trees decorated by professional designers.

Besides being able to get ideas from the decorated trees, attendees can see doors hung with holiday wreaths.

The show will feature arts and crafts, shops filled with gifts, gourmet items, jewelry, accessories, ornaments, tree trimmings, Santa figurines, stockings and more.

Get inspired to give your holiday

Christmas Show hours
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10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday
10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

able a fresh look with tables decorated by David McKnight, owner of Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills.

Children may skip down Candy Cane Lane, where they can hear the whistle blowing, sounds of an engine chugging and see a live, steam locomotive go around a small-scale model train track.

Youngsters' children can also share their wish list with Santa Claus in a letter or sit on his lap and have their photo taken with him.

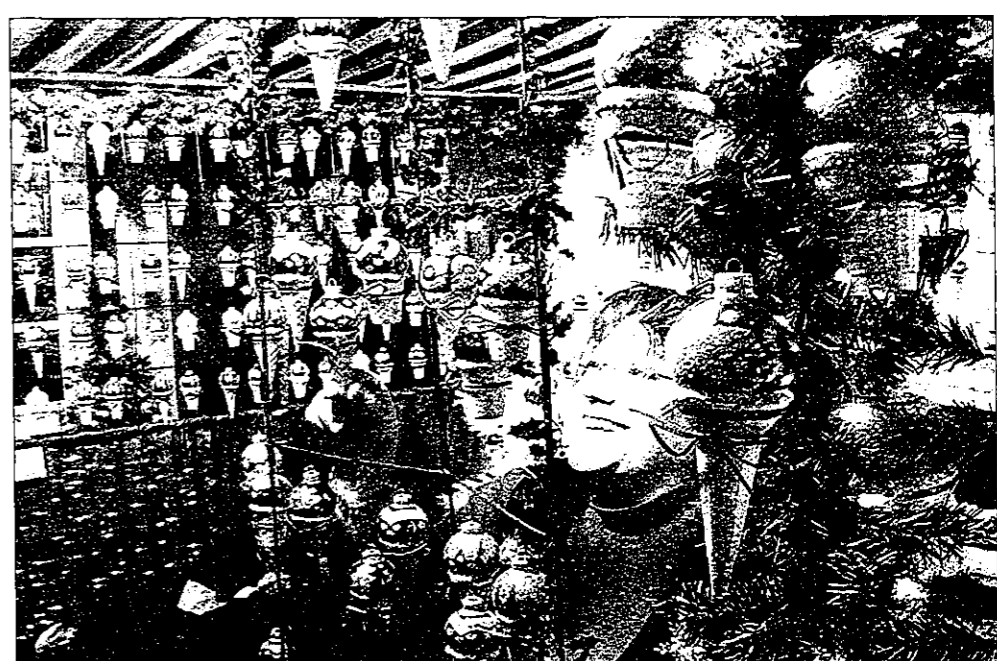
Providence Hospital to benefit

A Special Michigan Christmas Show Evening Extravaganza takes place 6-10 p.m. tonight. Proceeds from the benefit will go to the Providence Park Hospital Pediatric Unit.

Tickets are \$10 for adults at the door or \$8 when purchased in advance at any Meijer location. Local Meijer stores are located at Interstate 96 and Wilson Road in Wixom and at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville Township.

Tickets are \$4 for children ages 6-12, with children under age 6 accompanied by an adult admitted free.

For more information, call (800) 849-0248 or (704) 376-6594 or go to www.michiganchristmasshow.com.



The Michigan Christmas Show opens at 10 a.m. today at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The event will feature holiday crafts items, jewelry, designer Christmas trees and more.

Novi girl goes from ICU to state champion gymnast

Bone infection led to hospitalization

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

It all started with some pain in Logan Flint's left hip.

"It didn't seem very serious to me," said her mother, Amber. "The symptoms were pretty minor when it began."

The next thing she knew, after finding her daughter crying in her sleep, the two were making a trip to the Providence Park Hospital emergency room.

Logan, of Novi, at almost 4 years old was diagnosed with osteomyelitis, a serious bone infection that can be fatal. Amber remembered a 12-year old boy dying from a similar infection at another area hospital the same month.

Now, the healthy 9-year-old, who is a fourth-grader at Deerfield

Elementary in Novi, is a dedicated gymnast practicing four days a week at Michigan Elite Gymnastics in Farmington Hills.

She just won top honors in a Nov. 18-19 Level 6 state floor exercise competition.

Logan will be the guest of honor at tonight's Michigan Christmas Show benefit at Rock Financial Showplace. Proceeds from the event go to Providence Hospital's Pediatric Unit, where Logan was once a patient.

Amber, an emergency room nurse at Providence Hospital, said it was important during her daughter's stay at the hospital five years ago to have a dedicated pediatric unit.

She believes it aids in the healing process for children to be with patients their own age and in a child-like environment rather than in a typical medical-surgical unit with adults.

"Children aren't just little adults," she said.

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Holiday decorating: It's not just about red and green anymore

■ Design expert: Think outside the box

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Ray Boley encourages people to take a walk on the wild side when decorating for the holidays.

Boley, owner/operator of Shard Design in White Lake, said decorators are getting away from the traditional Christmas colors of red and green and becoming more creative.

"Think minimalist and acid green or match the color scheme of a room. Try copper and gold artificial hydrangeas.

Add fruit and other elements to wreaths or garlands.

Boley, formerly a visual-communication executive with Hudson's department store, appeared at the Novi Art Van Furniture store Nov. 14 to talk about the latest in holiday decorating.

He reviewed different techniques and concepts about decorating, how to put them together and demonstrated how making, allowing attendees to make their own bow to take home.

One tip, whether it be a tree, wreath or garland, is to reshape it after bringing it home or taking it out of storage.

"You have to tweak it a bit," Boley said. "Make sure it's very open and not flat."

Graping wreaths are still popular because you can mix a lot of elements on them.

Boley suggested finding fresh pine cones for wreaths. But place them in a 300-degree oven for a couple of minutes to kill any insects. "This also opens up the pine cone," he said.

For those with an artificial tree who miss that fresh pine scent, place pine-scented potpourri at the base of the tree.

Pine tree branches can also be purchased in bundles to use for decorations.

Decorations should fit decor

Boley feels one's Christmas tree should fit the overall decor of the home, whether it be traditional or contemporary.

Place smaller ornaments at the

"You have to tweak it a bit. Make sure it's very open and not flat."

Ray Boley
Shard Design, White Lake

top, bigger ones at the bottom and create your own tree topper instead of using the lighted angel every year.

Criss-cross candy canes with strands of red crystal beads or make a bow out of ribbon candy.

A secret Boley shared from his merchandising days at Hudson's is to string same-size ornaments on a small-gauge wire before placing them on a tree or wreath.

Mix shiny and matt-finish ornaments, small and large clusters for variety. Ornament clusters also look good in garlands.

Bows on wreaths don't always have to be at the top. Try placing them at the bottom or on one side.

And, wreaths aren't just for doors. Try hanging one over an archway or mirror.

Boley said most think they have to put away home accessories

like large vases and bowls when decorating. But, he likes to incorporate them.

Place same-color hubs or colored sand and a candle in a bowl. If using a vase, the rule is elements in the vase should be 1.5 times higher than the height of the vase.

When decorating a mantle, use varying heights of candlesticks or candles.

Boley, who likes white lights on trees better than multi-colored ones, reminds home decorators to shop for next year's decorations at the end of this season.

"You can get 70-90 percent off some items," he said.

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Photo by PAM FLEMING/Novi News

Design expert Ray Boley, owner/operator of Shard Design in White Lake, offered some holiday decorating tips at the Novi Art Van Furniture on Nov. 14. He suggests getting away from the traditional red and green and experimenting with other colors.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Novi resident enjoys sprucing things up

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Lynne Paul makes decorating for the holidays a family affair. Not only do she and husband, David, have individual Christmas trees in each of their three children's bedrooms, but they also allow them to decorate them themselves.

"Every year I buy them an ornament or two, as do their grandparents and grandparents that's specific to them," Paul said.

Paul, a Novi City Council member and independent interior decorator, said her children really enjoy this holiday act of self-expression each year.

She has many tips on home decorating for the holidays.

One useful idea: Rather than toss artificial Christmas tree branches, use them to form a wreath.

"We've made three wreaths from old trees," she said. Shape hunches around a wire wiring that can be found at local fabric or craft stores. "It's not hard to do."

Add a bow or some artificial snow. This method works well for a large wreath to be hung outdoors.

Another tip is to take worn-out ornaments, artificial fruit and pine cones, spray them gold or bronze and place them in a tree, wreath or garland.

"I wired them on a garland that goes up my railing," she said.

Decorating is her hobby

Although Paul does not have formal training in interior decorating, she has taken several classes.

"My interior design work is a hobby, but I have done a lot of it for different people," she said. "I've decorated people's homes for the holidays or parties as well as help them buy a couch, flooring or carpeting."

She said it started with people seeing what she's done in her own home in The Addington Park subdivision. "People then asked me to help them."

Paul's business' name, Caspari Design, comes from her maiden name. She made business is sporadic but noted that January is her busiest month.

"Usually when people take down their decorations is when I really get busy because they do not like how their house looks after the decedence of the holidays," she said.

Hot colors for holiday 2006

Paul said salmon is the hottest designer color for the 2006 holiday. "That's the hot color for ornaments, and they are beautiful," she said. "It was just starting last year, and it's even hotter this year."

A bronze-colored gold is still a popular color as well, she said. Paul places Christmas stockings for her family in the garland along her railing instead of the traditional mantle placement.

She also suggests working with different shades of the same color in holiday decorations as well for a more uniform look.

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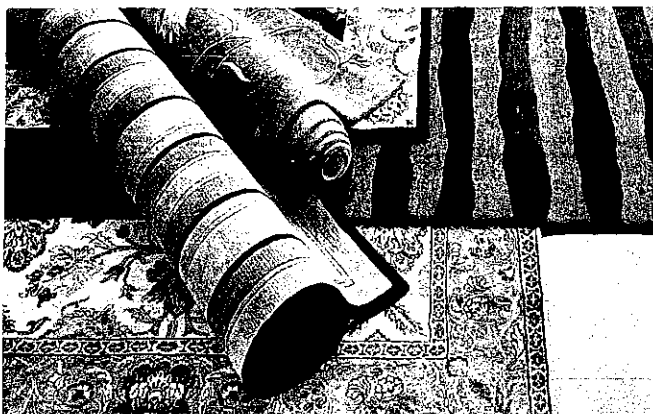
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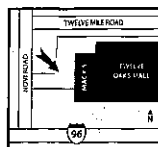
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EVENTS

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DETAILS: Area students are encouraged to submit essays based on the theme, "I Want to Make a Difference Because..." for the 2007 Optimist International Essay Contest. Winners will receive local recognition and the essays will be sent to compete at the district level. College scholarships are available to the top winners at district and International level.

CONTACT: Kevin Terry, (248) 345-6437

Ringling in the Holidays Event

DATE: Tonight
TIME: 6-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Main Street
DETAILS: Come enjoy the parade, food, and festivities.

CONTACT: Novi Parks and Recreation, (248) 347-0400

Novi Chorale's Christmas Concerts

DATE: Friday, Dec. 1
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 2
TIME: 7:30 a.m.

LOCATION: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 3
TIME: 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Church of the Holy Family, Novi

DETAILS: The Chorales will perform a mix of familiar Christmas carols and other Christmas music. They will be joined by the Talacota Handbell Quartet. Tickets are available from any Chorale, Novi Parks Department, and at the door for \$12 per person. (Groups of 10 or more are \$10 per person.)

CONTACT: Dick Bayer, (248) 349-3267

Deck the House Competition

DETAILS: The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission invites you to enter your home in a holiday lighting competition. To learn more, and register your home in the competition, go to www.socable.com. The deadline for entry is Dec. 11.

Santa Live at SWOCC

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6

DETAILS: Santa will be making an appearance at Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission studio. Kids will have the opportunity to personally talk to Santa, live, on television, and tell him their wish list for this year. This broadcast will be on Novi's channel 13. The program will also rerun on daily until Christmas Eve.

CONTACT: Santa's call in number will be (248) 479-2828, Dec. 6 only.

Mentor Volunteers Needed

DETAILS: The Oakland County Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers for their Mentor Plus program. Training and orientation sessions will be held at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac.

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9

CONTACT: (248) 858-0041

Novi Theaters' "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"

TIMES/DATES: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: This musical production features a day in the life of Charlie

Brown, Snoopy, and other beloved "Peanuts" characters. The cast will sing songs from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" 20 minutes before each performance in the Civic Center atrium. At 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 9, the Senior Variety Series chorus will make a special appearance to perform with the cast. Tickets are \$18, and now available at the Parks Desk in the Civic Center. Students tickets are \$15 for the Friday evening performance, and Senior tickets are \$15 for the Saturday performance.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, Dec. 4
TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 5
TIME: 6 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 5
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25245 Tam Road

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, pro-active advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3748

Chamber Holiday Luncheon

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 7
TIME: 11:30 a.m. Registration; noon lunch

LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace

Member Reception/Networking Event

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 14
TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Franklin Bank, 17900 Haggerty Road

NOTE: Please RSVP to the Chamber

GREATER NOVI CHAMBER

The Greater Novi Chamber is a non-profit business association. We provide enjoyable networking opportunities for our members; act as a bridge between local business and government; help businesses stay aware of other member's services and products and the activities of their community. For more information, contact Whitney Macklin, Executive Director at (248) 347-4622 or wmgno@yahoo.com

Holiday Party

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 7
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: MIXX Lounge

DETAILS: Event will feature wonderful food that will be provided. Bring, or become, a new member and

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CONTACT: (248) 328-9528

Holiday Mixer Open House

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 5
TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Maples Country Club

DETAILS: This event is to support the Open Door Outreach Center.

Please bring donations of cash, gift cards, non-perishable food, or paper and hygiene items. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available along with prizes and 50/50 drawing. Pre-paid reservations are required. Cost is \$10 per person. Call the Lakes Area Chamber office for reservations.

Morning Connection

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 7
TIME: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Invective World, 50168 Pontiac Trail, Suite 9, Wixom

DETAILS: Join us for a continental breakfast and network with local businesses.

BUSINESS

Females in the Family Business Alliance Group

TIMES/DATES: 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-competitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is free.

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, e-mail jhubard@walshcollege.edu

Novi Holiday James Bond Holiday Party

DATE: Friday, Dec. 15
TIME: 7 p.m.



Submitted Photo

Think safety!

Novi Woods Elementary School first graders listen to a fire safety presentation by the Novi Fire Department.

Assorted Art Workshops

Origami
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Dec. 5

DETAILS: The cost for each art workshop is \$4.

Decorative Scrapbooking
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday on-going

DETAILS: Combine various embellishments with your photos to preserve memories. There is a \$5 materials fee.

Caramels Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee.

Line Dancing

DATE: Monday and Friday, on-going

TIME: 8:30-9:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-8:30 p.m., intermediate

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

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.

50-minute session.

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi

CONTACT: (248) 465-6465

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INSTALECTORS
DETAILS: We are looking for people that have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops. Please call (248) 465-6465 if interested.

Colorful Pencil Workshop

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month

DETAILS: The cost is \$2. Beginners are welcome.

Arts in Residence

TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month

DETAILS: Join Arts-in-Residence May Oura favors and experiment with drawing, pastel, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome; there is a \$5 materials fee.

Yoga Class

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m., Mondays, 5-7 p.m., Wednesdays; 12:30-1:00 p.m., Fridays

DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in, \$30 for 10-class card and \$70 for seven-week evening session. Pre-registration required.

Massage

TIME/DATE: Various times, Mondays and Thursdays

DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is \$50 for a

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Internet Practice Lab for Seniors
DATE: Today
TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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GYMNAST: From ICU to big dreams

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Doctors thought it was a septal flap at first after viewing Logan's X-rays. "It was really important for me to take her to Providence, because I work there, and my mom has worked there for about 30 years as a nurse practitioner in the neonatal intensive care unit," Amber said.



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Surgery performed right away

Michael Mendicino, M.D., a pediatric orthopedic specialist, operated on Logan into the night, taping the hip joint, cleaning it out, placing her on IV antibiotics and moving her to the pediatric intensive care unit for a short time.

Through it all, Logan remained brave. "She was always a very mature, serious child," Amber said. "That's just her nature."

Amber and husband, Dan, a deputy for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, also have two sons, Gavin, 4, and Dane, 7. Logan started gymnastics training as soon as the infection subsided. Fortunately, Michigan Elite Gymnastics has Kim and Gabe Tanskanen, an athletic trainer and physical therapist, respectively, on staff.

Today, the spunky 9-year-old, who made a full recovery, has high goals.

"Hard work really pays off in gymnastics," Logan said. "I want to be an Olympic gymnast first and then a pediatric orthopedic surgeon," she said.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading. "She devours books," Amber said.

Logan may need a hip replacement at some point. But right now, she's healthy. She'll have a home scan every other year until she's in her mid-twenties. "She's been all the odds," Amber said.

Logan Flint, 9, of Novi, with two of her gymnastics teachers and coaches from Michigan Elite Gymnastics in Farmington Hills, from left, Melanie Hein of Livonia and Michelle Wimberly of Canton, and her mother, Amber. Logan will be the guest of honor at tonight's Michigan Christmas Show benefit at Rock Financial Showplace aiding Providence Park Hospital's Pediatric Unit. She was treated at the hospital when she had osteomyelitis at age 3.

"I want to be an Olympic gymnast first and then a pediatric orthopedic surgeon."

Logan Flint, 9 Resident, Novi

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SHOPLIFTING: Holidays steal more than hearts

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Michigan Retailers Association. Nowhere is that more apparent than in Novi, which has cultivated a reputation as a shopping mecca, and Mayor David Lantry estimated the city's population doubles during peak holiday shopping hours.

To handle the throngs of shoppers, malls usually beef up security and take extra precautions. "We definitely add (security) hours during the holiday season," said Dan Jones, general manager of Twelve Oaks Mall.

"Certainly, people get very creative at times where they will conceal merchandise," he said. "The almost guerrilla warfare-like element of shoplifting means authorities have to be innovative to catch criminals." The Novi police recently played host to a fraud prevention seminar with mall officials, and Lindberg said security measures like cameras and locking down merchandise can reduce shoplifting substantially.

Plus, simply having a greater in-the-door can further discourage the crime, he said.

"It's that first eye contact that they make — that one-on-one contact does more than anything else to prevent retail fraud."

Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg
Novi Police Department

OBITUARIES

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Novi High School junior Angela Vanwimeersch washes her hands before heading off to class. Frequent hand-washing can prevent the spread of a virus.

Novi schools, seniors avoid flu — so far

Prevention is nothing to sneeze at, officials say

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

It's a familiar feeling. Your muscles ache, your nose is stuffed, your throat burns and you feel like crud. It's the flu. And for the moment, it's under control in Novi, but officials warn there could be an outbreak with the next sneeze.

Every year, about 10-20 percent of Americans get the flu, or influenza as it's officially called, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The school system is always vulnerable to contagious viruses, and about 10-20 students could be out with the flu at any given time, said John Lawrence, Novi High School principal.

"We're kind of a reflection of what's occurring in the community," he said. The peak so far was mid-October, when 21 students were laid low by the virus, Lawrence said.

School officials take several steps to limit the spread of germs, including cleaning and sanitizing high-traffic areas like

THE FLU
• 10-20 percent of Americans catch the flu every year.
• About 35,000 will die from it every year.
• Symptoms include stuffy nose, sore throat, fever, fatigue and muscle aches.
• It usually takes about two days to a week to run its course.

"Flu in the elderly is really different because sometimes their resistance is so much lower."

Rachel Zagoroff
Senior Services Manager, City of Novi

The flu is one of the most common ailments in the United States. Many Americans will be hospitalized with the virus, and about 36,000 die from it annually, the CDC said. Symptoms include a stuffy nose, sore

throat, fever, fatigue and muscle aches. It usually takes about two days to a week to run its course.

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125 years later: University Women celebrate their progress

Joyce Murdock knows women have come a long way, baby. So, the president of the Northville-Novati branch of the American Association of University Women celebrates the club's 125th anniversary by naming a day in their honor.

The cities Northville and Novi officially proclaimed Nov. 28, 2006, as American Association of University Women Day, recognizing the group as one of the oldest non-profit organizations dedicated to advocating for women's rights.

Founded on November 28, 1881, by 17 female college graduates, AAUW has developed a rich tradition of leadership, scholarship, advocacy and action, said Murdock, citing the

branches and 500 college and university partners. Murdock said AAUW has shaped the social, political, and economic scene for women, including the fight for pay equity, a woman's right to vote, and legislation that protects women at home, in schools, and in the workplace.

For the community, branch members have also served on the Northville District Library Board and have acted as trained peer educators at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center. The branch donates funds to an International Federation of University Women (IFUW) Program called Bina Roy Partners in Development.

Created in 1975, the Northville-Novati branch's community contributions have included scholarships to high school seniors and endowment funds at Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Get MADD, save a life

'Tis the season to stay safe and sober ...

The Oakland County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving launched its annual Tie One On For Safety Red Ribbon Campaign Tuesday. This is the 20th year members of the organization have asked people to tie a red ribbon on their vehicles to remind motorists to stay safe, sober and buckled during the holiday season, since a seat belt is the best defense against a drunk driver.

The red ribbon symbolizes the public support of MADD's new Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving, which promotes intensive enforcement, alcohol ignition interlocks and vehicle-based technologies to stop drunk driving.

The MADD Tie One On For Safety campaign comes at a critical time in the year when road travel and traffic fatalities traditionally increase between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve.

"Implementing proven strategies like increased enforcement and using current technology will ensure that this time of year will bring joy and thankfulness to local families, rather than tragedy," said Michele Compton, MADD Oakland County executive director.

Ribbons are available at police and fire stations, public libraries, hospitals, businesses, Old World Center Village shops in Lake Orion and the Oakland County Chapter office at 3525 Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford.

Get involved. Save a life this holiday season.

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Turkey tunes!



Novi Woods Elementary School students perform a Thanksgiving musical, "Turkey Tunes." Songs included "Albuquerque Turkey," "Fat Turkey," "To Gramma's House" and "Tommy the Turkey Star."

LETTERS

Support the Girl Scouts

Novi residents, when you are enjoying the Ringing in the Holidays celebration on Novis Main Street, be sure to stop in the atrium to purchase some baked goods. The Novi Girl Scouts are sponsoring a bake sale in raise money to brighten the holidays for some Novi families. All the proceeds of the bake sale will be used to purchase holiday gifts and much needed items for members of our community. Please note that the Ringing in the Holidays celebration is from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Thursday November 30th. Thank you in advance for your support.

Julia Gunkelman
Girl Scout leader

Thanks for your support, Applebee's!

The Applebee's Restaurant on Grand River in Novi recently hosted a Flip Jack fund-raiser for Novi Youth Assistance. General Manager Bill Jones organized an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 28 to

Greater What?

If I were calling to open a fast food restaurant and naming it "Bigger McDonald's" or manufacturing a beverage called "Better Coca

Cola," I know which federal judge I'd want to decide any consequent copyright dispute. The un-named federal judge who decided in favor of the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce would be my first choice.

In the leadership of the GNCOC as limited in vocabulary or simply unimaginative? Or, perhaps, they are like a second- or third-rate copy-cat enterprise attempting to delude the public by mimicking the original producer? I believe seem non-existent amongst some business people.

Kimberly Ziegler
Novi Youth Assistance

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

GUEST COLUMN: TOM WATKINS

Finding a route for Michigan jobs

The election is over, but the fight is on. This fight should bring the warring political factions together to pull for the home team — Michigan. OK, Republicans, Democrats, labor and business, let's see if you can drop the political swords and come together to create jobs and opportunities for our struggling state.

The immediate fight? To convince the U.S. Department of Transportation to select Northwest Airlines to offer a daily, nonstop flight between Detroit and Shanghai, China, the world's fastest growing economy. The decision is expected by year's end.

Our competition, like all efforts to create jobs, is steep. Northwest's competition for this new route and the host cities for the proposed new lucrative China routes are: Continental Airlines, (Newark, N.J.) United Airlines (Dallas, Texas) and American Airlines (Washington, D.C.)

If the decision is made based on which carrier plan will benefit the most consumers and business, Detroit should win hands down. However, like most decisions of this magnitude made in our nation's capital, politics will play a big part. Michigan needs all hands on deck, pulling hard in the same direction if we hope to be victorious.

Take any statistic you like, and you can see the China economy is on a roll and picking up steam. Michigan, reeling with the nation's second highest unemployment rate and still shedding jobs, needs this new "silk route" to China to help transform our economy and position us to take advantage of the global economy. The China wave is coming. We can do nothing and be swamped, or learn to surf and ride the wave.

This air route can help build another lane on a two-way economic bridge that will create

jobs and attract Chinese investment in Michigan. We need the jobs and the investment, and China has excessive capital and is looking for places to invest. We should do all ways to provide a direct route for that investment into Michigan. We have much to offer.

Some suggest the slugfest for the governor's office and the heated rhetoric about outsourcing jobs to China will be a drag on Northwest Airlines' efforts in securing this new route.

Michigan's leaders need to show their intent to adapt to the changing world and seek opportunities on the global stage. Sure, it will make some uncomfortable and others angry. Yet, if Michigan is going to survive and thrive in the 21st century knowledge economy we need to stop looking at the world through a telescope. If we continue our nostalgic, myopic 20th century world view the world will simply pass us by. In a "flattened world" we need every advantage to tilt the world in Michigan's direction. Our goal must be to turn any and all negatives into positives. Let's use the recent election as an opportunity to create what Gov. Granholm calls for — "One Michigan!" — where we collectively will go anywhere and do anything to bring investment to our job-starved state.

The following is offered as a bold move to help develop a China agenda, secure this route for Michigan and show the world that Michigan is united and open for business:

- The Detroit Big Three auto executives should put securing the Detroit-China route on their agenda as they continue to talk with Michigan's congressional delegation, other members of Congress and the Bush administration
- Gov. Granholm could pull together a "silk route team" consisting of business, labor, edu-

cation, political and community experts on Asia and China to develop a comprehensive Asia/China strategy.

- The goal of this group should be to find ways to make the economic rise of China work for Michigan workers, families and businesses.
- Ask Dick DeVos, a business leader with political connections in Washington and business and political connections in China, to chair this effort.
- The first focus of this group should be to help secure this new China route for Northwest Airlines and the state of Michigan. Imagine the possibilities if we can follow the founder of Ford Motor Company Henry Ford's advice: "Coming together is a beginning ... Keeping together is progress ... Working together is success."
- Some may argue that digging a hole in China may be more realistic. However, if we are going to move Michigan forward we need to take our eyes off the rearview mirror and fly boldly into the future. Coming together to secure the China route would be a great beginning and obtaining the route a huge success!

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-05 and President and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, FL from 1996-2001. He has traveled to China numerous times since his first trip to China in 1989. Read his internationally recognized report: *The New Education (Re)volution* (now, translated into Chinese) at www.nacel.org. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

An open letter to Gov. Granholm

Dear Gov. Granholm: Congratulations on your re-election. You rolled up a remarkable winning margin — 533,409 votes — against a fantastically well-funded opponent. That establishes you as the most gifted political communicator in recent Michigan history.

With the House of Representatives now Democratic (led by Speaker-designate Rep. Andy Dilton, D-Redford, a smart and sensible guy) you are much better positioned than you were during your last term when the Republicans ran things. Back then, they were dazed if they were going to let you get anything done for fear you'd take credit for it during the campaign. This time around, I'd guess both the House and the Senate will be less partisan and more inclined to collaborate.

They'll need to. Michigan is facing its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The University of Michigan's economic forecasters have just issued a very gloomy prediction: They think our state will likely lose another 24,200 jobs next year and 9,200 more in 2008. That will mean eight straight years of job losses.

By the end of this year, according to those highly respected economists, Michigan will have lost a net total of 170,000 manufacturing jobs since 2001. True, we've seen worse.

The state lost nearly 15 percent of our jobs back in the early 1980s, double today's loss, but then the employment outlook improved sharply as the auto industry surged. It won't this time around. General Motors, Ford and Chrysler should sell around 8.8 million vehicles this year, two million fewer than in 2001.

All this brings me to the decisions you face in your political and legislative agenda for the next four years.

You have two basic choices. You can be bold, setting out a far-reaching agenda for restructuring our economy and laying the foundation for our future prosperity in a rapidly globalizing world.

Or you can be cautious and non-con-



Phil Power
Political Columnist

frontational, limiting your reforms to baby steps. Given that big-time but highly necessary changes are easier to make at times of crisis, I urge you to be bold.

Here's how I see some of the main issues.

Taxes: Sure, the \$1.9 billion hole in the General Fund created by the repeal of the Single Business Tax will have to be filled. But you have a terrific opportunity to go further and force a hard look at the structure of our entire tax system. Should the rate of the sales tax be reduced and the base broadened to include services?

Should the personal property tax which hurts capital-intensive industries like manufacturing be reduced? Should the income tax be made progressive so richer people pay more?

These things need to be looked at — hard.

Education: The Cherry Commission you appointed several years ago recommended we double the percentage of our high school leavers who go to college, but nobody discussed how to pay for it. You've said you want to increase the merit college scholarship plan to \$4,000, and you can probably get that through the legislature.

But why not go a bold step further? The "Kalamazoo Promise" pays full tuition to all graduates of the Kalamazoo public schools.

Why not look to see if there is a way that could be scaled up to create the Michigan Promise? A GI Bill for all Michigan citizens, whether kids leaving school or laid-off workers looking for serious retraining, would have a profound impact on our economy.

A profound impact, that is, for decades to come.

Budget and spending: Tom Clay, the respected director of state affairs for the Citizens Research Council of Michigan, has just finished a new study of our budget situation. He points out that Michigan has faced a chronic structural billion-dollar-plus budget deficit for the past six years. Now, all the relatively painless one-time accounting fixes to balance the budget have

been used up.

So he concludes that — unless serious changes are made — the budget deficit will certainly balloon over the next decade, causing a "fiscal train wreck." Sure, you can probably cobble together a budget fix for the next fiscal year. But wouldn't it make more sense to take a hard multi-year look at our financial affairs?

One small example, compared to our neighboring states, we imprison more people for longer periods of time. If our incarceration rate were only average, we'd spend \$500 million less each year on prisons. Could adjusting sentencing guidelines fix this?

Public investment: Businesses in trouble take a hard-eyed look at investments to beat the competition. We should do so, too.

We ought to concentrate on our "enduring assets," those that can't be moved, those that help us compete worldwide. Instead of cutting back state support for universities (especially research-oriented ones), we should be investing in them.

Instead of paying lip service to the environment, we ought to invest in our "North Coast" resources such as the Great Lakes. We shouldn't do this to please the "tree huggers." We should and must do it because the lakes and a healthy environment represent the future of economic development in our region.

William Shakespeare had it right in *Julius Caesar*:

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fortune;
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What you achieved in the election is very, very rare. A mandate. Use it boldly, and you'll go down as a great governor. Waste it in timidity and caution, you'll be remembered, if at all, as not much more than average.

With every good wish,

Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He is also the founder of *The Center for Michigan*, a moderate think-and-do tank. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@bcmnet.com.

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If you have ever heard of someone reacting allergy shots, you may have wondered if it's an option for you or a family member with allergies. An allergy shot contains small amounts of an allergen, and the exposure helps the body create antibodies. Doctors use shots most commonly in people with pollen, mold, animal dander, dust and bee sting allergies. The shots can also help some people with asthma improve their symptoms. People with severe asthma and children younger than age five, should cautiously approach allergy shots. Also, pregnant women should not start allergy shots, although if they have been doing them for a while, their doctor can discuss continuing the injections with safety during pregnancy.

The helpful column is important for all who suffer with allergies. Call the ALLERGY & ASTHMA CENTER OF MICHIGAN to arrange for a consultation. We are caring and professional, offer knowledgeable and sound advice. If

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- Are you a Novi senior citizen with an interesting job or hobby?
- Are you a working woman who has recently returned to work?
- Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?
- During the past six

months, have you moved into a newly constructed home?

- Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline?
- Are you a single parent?
- Has your home been for sale for more than one year?
- Is there something specific about Novi you would change, update or eliminate?
- Are you planning a unique holiday party or family get-together?
- Is there someone on your street who needs a helping hand?

Contact Novi News editor David Aguilar at (248) 349-1700, ext. 102, or via e-mail at daguilar@novinet.com.

WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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Draca Pointe Presbyterian Worship and the Arts Ministry
 CONTACT: (248) 397-3178 or e-mail: gmc@dracapointe.org
 TIME: 8:30-9 p.m.
 DATES: Mondays through Dec. 11
 LOCATION: Parson Bradd, How Road and Grand River Avenue
 DETAILS: This is a biblically based forum for those interested in the arts in the Novi area.
Inaugural Worship Service
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10
 LOCATION: Home of Pastor Brian Sleeth (please call or e-mail for directions)
 DETAILS: Please join us for the first inaugural worship service, and celebration of Advent and Christmas. Fellowship and refreshments following the service.

DATE: Dec. 8
 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Providence Medical Building, 4701 Grand River Ave.
 DETAILS: This is a day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living. It is open to the public. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.
 CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
St. John Providence Park Hospital-Novi Classes
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Infant Massage
 DETAILS: This two-session class teaches parents how to offer their infant the comfort of massage.
ONGOING
SWGCC Studio Tours
 LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington
 DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, local community television studio.
 CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248) 473-2840
Novi Concert Band Retirees
 TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday
 LOCATION: Novi High School, Tait Road
 DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players.
 CONTACT: Brian Kochyan, (248) 348-5735



Photo by JOHN HEIDEN/Novi News

Good tidings!
 Novi Kostal Automotive employees recently collected more than 7,500 pounds of food to be donated to Oakland County's Forgotten Harvest. Joining Forgotten Harvest employees Keith Lenton, second from left, are Kostal employees Juan Maya, Gene Shensky, Arlene Peters, Alan Haugh, and Esther Korr.

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The Michigan Christmas Show
 TIMES/DATES: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Today, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3
 DETAILS: Experience the entire Christmas shopping adventure all under one roof, all in one weekend. Hundreds of unique gifts, gifts for the home and family, food, entertainment, pictures with Santa, and designers with "how to" seminars on holiday festivities and decorating. Gift wrapping available too.
Opening Night Gala-Thursdays
 Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
 DETAILS: This is a benefit for the St. John Providence Park Hospital Pediatric Wing, featuring gourmet food, wine tasting, and live entertainment.

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8
 DETAILS: Dr. Misner is the author of the best-selling book "Truth or Delusion: Busting Networking's Biggest Myths." In this seminar, he will dispel the myths, and explain how to network more effectively and gain more business. Pre-registration is encouraged. Tickets are \$25 in advance, or \$35 at the door, if available. Download ticket registration forms at www.bninmi.com.

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Hollyhaz Bazaar and Fund-raiser
 DATE: Saturday, Dec. 2
 TIME: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 LOCATION: Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 25225 Middlebelt Road (between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills)
 DETAILS: Bazaar will feature wonderful food, holiday gifts, and popular name brand home and beauty gifts.

The dinner is a major fund-raiser, and will feature Steve Yzerman as the guest speaker. Tickets are \$200 per person, or \$350 per person if you wish to attend a private reception with Steve Yzerman at 6 p.m. before the dinner.
 CONTACT: Barbara Urbel, (248) 350-2203 or burbie@angel-space.com

Nutracker Ballet Performance
 TIMES/DATES: 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10
 LOCATION: Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, 911 N. University Avenue, Ann Arbor, on the University of Michigan campus.
 DETAILS: The ballet will be performed by the Majestic Dance Ensemble of Michigan.
 CONTACT: (248) 305-5500

Send your calendar items to David Aguilar, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9572; or e-mail to daguilar@novinews.com.

Woodworking Show
 TIME/DATES: Friday Dec. 1, 12-7 p.m.; Saturday Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 DETAILS: Everything you need for your next woodworking project. Save hundreds on tools, equipment and supplies. Learn new tips, free demonstrations. Try before you buy. Admission is \$9, children 12 and under free. Parking \$5.
 CONTACT: (818) 304-0505, www.thewoodworkingshows.com

Angel's Place Annual Dinner
 DATE: Friday, Dec. 8
 TIME: 6:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn
 DETAILS: Angel's Place provides respectful and loving homes for persons with developmental

Novi Town Hall Lecture Series
 TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 7

DETAILS: Michigan author and artist Mary Blocksma will be the featured speaker. Blocksma has published 23 books, and is an accomplished artist of paintings, posters, stationery, and jewelry. Much of her work reflects her passion for the Great Lakes, particularly Lake Michigan. Tickets are \$120 for the full lecture series (three lectures and lunches), or \$50 for an individual lecture and lunch, or \$35 for the lecture only.
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Woman files complaint against Detroit Lion, Novi resident

By Julie Edgar
 GARNETT NEWS SERVICE

A Birmingham woman filed a complaint against Detroit Lions offensive guard Danilo Woody Tuesday, alleging he's been harassing her with late-night phone calls and scaring her by driving by the house he bought for her.



Photo by GARNETT NEWS SERVICE

Clin Ballard, who sued Woody in October for allegedly texting on a promise to marry her and provide financial security, said Woody left a voicemail her answering machine early Tuesday morning that frightened her enough to go to police. She declined to provide further details.

"I'm scared for myself and my children," said Ballard, 35, who has five young kids. "It's crazy."

Birmingham Police Chief Richard Patterson also declined to divulge details of the complaint, saying that Ballard's concerns might warrant her seeking a personal protection order against Woody.

"We told this woman if she has any concerns to get a PPO. The whole thing looks like a civil case to me," said Patterson. However, police will investigate, he said.

Ballard, 35, said she brought the answering machine to the police station Tuesday as evidence. Ballard's lawsuit against Woody in Oakland County Circuit Court claims she broke off an engagement to divorce his wife and marry her and that she agreed to undergo cosmetic surgery for him. She is seeking more than

"I'm scared for myself and my children."

Gina Ballard
 Resident, Birmingham

\$250,000 in damages. She said on Tuesday that the lawsuit is proceeding.

Woody, 29, is a Novi resident who is married with four young daughters. He is on the Lions' injured/reserved list because of a foot sprain. He could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

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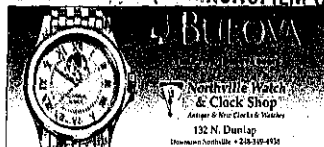
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AREA'S FINEST OF 2006

By Jeff Thelen
NOV NEWS

Novi and Catholic Central football came up short of the playoffs, but teams still place five players on the first-team All-Area.

Wildcats' offensive standout senior Brandon Carnegie, senior linebacker Mike Kolts and senior kicker Pat Sijan each made the first-team All-Area.

Making the first team for the Shamrocks are junior lineman Mike Martin and senior linebacker Jeremy Bednarz-Gray.

The All-Area list is comprised of the best athletes from Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, Novi, Northville and Detroit Catholic Central and is voted upon by the sports staffs of the Milford Times, South Lyon Herald, Novi News and Northville Record.

Receiving honorable mention for Novi are senior lineman Kurt Rice, Stefan Figurski, Ryan Figurski, Brad Petroskey, Tyler Hoover and John Brown.

Shamrocks receiving honorable mention include Dave Galiyas, Scott Schrimmscher, Dustin Heas, Chris Fischer and Rob Bennett.

Carnegie receives an unusual mention of offensive player because he played just about every position but lineman. He started the year as a quarterback because returning quarterback Adam Chandler got hurt in preseason practice and could not play the first few weeks.

"He's a very intelligent player, a three-year starter and extremely athletic young man," Novi head coach Tab Kelleppoury said. "He stepped in the quarterback slot after we lost our quarterback. It's a position he was not really comfortable playing, but he did it for the team."

When Chandler started to work his way back into the quarterbacking duties, Carnegie spent more time as a receiver and running back.

He was the most explosive player for the Wildcats that put fear into defensive coordinators, especially when they didn't know exactly where he would be playing.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Continued on 2B Novi's Patrick Sijan is one of the top special teams players from the area.

First Team Offense

MVP: Mike Petrucci, Senior, Milford
Brandon Carnegie, Senior, Novi
Dittrick Williams, Senior, Northville
Aaron Chew, Junior, Northville
Jordan Fox, Senior, Milford
Cory Williamson, Senior, Milford
Joel Foreman, Senior, Milford
Cody Leavenworth, Sr., Lakeland
Ian McGee, Junior, South Lyon
Marty Rochowiak, Senior, S. Lyon
Derek Gotham, Senior, South Lyon
Chris Groth, Junior, South Lyon
Ryan Moulding, Senior, South Lyon

First Team Defense

Mike Kolts, Senior, Novi
Mike Martin, Junior, CC
Jeremy Bednarz-Gray, Senior, CC
Greg Hasse, Junior, Northville
Kyle Frankovich, Senior, Milford
Jordan Kidd, Junior, Milford
Danny Taylor, Senior, Lakeland
Chase Lundin, Senior, Lakeland
Mieka Lampe, Senior, South Lyon
Mark Brostman, Junior, South Lyon
Chad Wright, Senior, South Lyon
James Hombrook, Sr., South Lyon
Nate Sarkissian, Senior, South Lyon

Special Teams

Pat Sijan, Senior, Novi
Paul Consiglio, Junior, Milford
Kyle McNulty, Junior, Lakeland
Tyler Hockey, Junior, South Lyon

Honorable Mention

Kurt Rice, Senior, Novi
Ryan Figurski, Senior, Novi
Stefan Figurski, Senior, Novi
Brad Petroskey, Senior, Novi
Tyler Hoover, Junior, Novi
John Brown, Senior, Novi
Dave Galiyas, Senior, Catholic Central
Scott Schrimmscher, Senior, CC
Dustin Heas, Senior, Catholic Central
Chris Fischer, Junior, Catholic Central
Rob Bennett, Senior, Catholic Central
Brian Smith, Senior, Northville
David Burke, Junior, Northville
Eric Markstrom, Senior, Northville
Andrew Devine, Junior, Northville
David Stewart, Senior, Northville
Kevin Katos, Junior, Northville
Brett Vandenbussche, Senior, Milford
Jeff Goodin, Senior, Milford
Ken Haller, Senior, Milford
Kyle Podvin, Sophomore, Milford
Mike Nevells, Senior, Milford
Matt Newton, Senior, Milford
Jake Thompson, Sophomore, Milford
Blake Heintan, Sophomore, Lakeland
Kevin Lanier, Senior, Lakeland
Bill Mitch, Senior, Lakeland
Dan Greiner, Junior, Lakeland
Ben Pennington, Senior, Lakeland
Alex Bennett, Senior, Lakeland
Cory Liest, Senior, Lake and
Andre Kalima, Scardivant, Sr., Lakeland
Ark Haby, Junior, South Lyon
Dan Vase, Junior, South Lyon
Luke Mullet, Senior, South Lyon
Derek Cain, Junior, South Lyon
Nick Oberski, Senior, South Lyon
Dan Gratebeck, Junior, South Lyon
Jason Middleton, Senior, South Lyon
Gaylon Clark, Senior, South Lyon



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Novi football players and All-Area team members (from left): Patrick Sijan, Mike Kolts, and Brandon Carnegie.

Milford's Petrucci selected MVP

By John Mueller
MILFORD TIMES

His approach to the game hasn't changed all that much since seventh grade, when he started playing with the Milford Mustangs.

"I've always gone into it like it's just another game," Milford senior linebacker and co-captain Mike Petrucci said.

Except that the games — and the players — got bigger and bigger over the years between seventh grade and 12th grade. But so did Petrucci's talents and, ultimately, his accomplishments.

Those talents and accomplishments culminated during his just-concluded senior season and helped Petrucci earn the 2006 All-Area Dream Team Player of the Year award.

The All-Area Dream Team list is comprised of the best athletes from Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, Novi, Northville and Detroit Catholic Central and is voted upon by the sports staffs of the Milford Times, the South Lyon Herald, the Novi News and the Northville Record.

From a coach's perspective, Petrucci was indispensable on



Milford's Mike Petrucci runs for daylight. He rushed for more than 1,400 yards and scored 13 touchdowns in being named All-Area MVP.

Photo by HAL GOULD.

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Gazley signs with MSU

Submitted to the Novi News

Michigan State announced today the signing of three players to National Letters of Intent to attend the university next fall. Corey Trapp (Grosse Pointe), Dustin Gazley (Novi) and AJ Stanges will join Jeff Petry (Farmington Hills) and Andrew Rowe (Muskegon) in the incoming class for the Spartans in the fall of 2007. "I think this class will well complement the elements we will have in our returning players," noted MSU head coach Buck Cooney. "I think that it will set our needs to round out what we expect to be a very competitive team in 2007-08."



Dustin Gazley celebrates a goal with the Slous City Musketeers of the USHL.

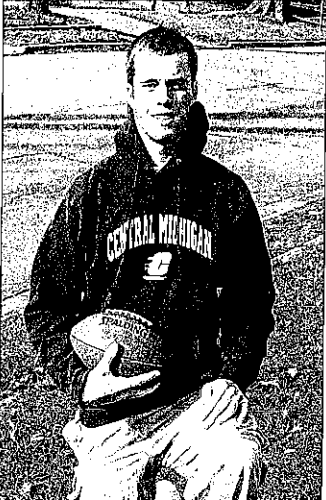
Gazley is another offensive-minded winger. Standing at 5-8, 150 pounds and in his second year with the Slous City Musketeers, Gazley has seven points (3-4) in 11 games, and is second on his team in penalty minutes (20). He has an October 1988 birthdate. "Corey has gained some great experience playing in the USHL, and I really think that he will be able to step in right away and provide some offense for us," noted Cooney. "I think that Dustin is a very hard worker with a great intensity, and he also possesses some speed in his game. I think he will be another addition who will be able to be productive offensively and add to that area of our game."

Trapp, a July 1989 birthdate, is in his second season playing for the Slous Falls Stormers of the United States Hockey League. A 5-10, 180-pound right winger, Trapp is the squad's current leading scorer with four goals and nine assists for 13 points. Five of his points have come on the power play (1g, 4a). He is well on his way to bettering his offensive numbers from a year ago, when he recorded seven goals and eight assists in 46 games — he had five points in 12 playoff games last spring as well.

■ PETRUCCI: Milford two-way player named MVP

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both sides of the ball. He terrorized the defenses of opposing teams with his bright defense at linebacker but was also a major scoring force for the Spartans in the slot receiver position. "He's a great athlete, a great competitor and a great leader," Milford head coach Pat Fox summed up simply.



Milford senior Mike Petrucci is the 2006 All-Area MVP.

As a defense, Petrucci finished the season with 70 tackles and eight quarterback sacks. And on offense, he scored 13 touchdowns on the season and rushed for more than 1,400 yards. He'll be playing for Central Michigan University starting in 2007. Petrucci seems to like discussing his individual accomplishments, though. He pointed out that Milford's success this season — which included a share of the Kensington Valley Conference title as well as a district title — was the result of the efforts of everyone wearing red and white and not just a few superstars. "We had great team chemistry," Petrucci said. "Everybody worked really hard, and everybody wanted to win. We wanted to win a KVC championship, and we did that. It's a great memory."

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Sports Shorts

Novi Athletic Boosters Club Meeting

The Novi Athletic Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 in the media center forum (room 198).

Crawford receives honor from Channel 7

Stephanie Crawford has been chosen as "High School Scholar Athlete of the Week" by a panel from WXYZ and McDonald's. This program is designed to recognize students who excel both on and off the field and who maintain a high degree of success in all areas relating to academics, good citizenship and outstanding sportsmanship.

Stanley Cup to be at Compusport on Dec. 8

The Stanley Cup will make a return visit to the Compusport Sports Arena on Dec. 8. Plymouth Whalers fans and hockey fans of all ages will be able to see the Stanley Cup from 6-10 p.m. in the arena, which will be hosting a Plymouth Whalers-Studbury Wolves game and the Midwest Elite Hockey League Under-16 Showcase at the same time.

Michigan Motion tryouts

The Michigan Motion girls basketball teams will hold tryouts Dec. 9-10 at the Novi Middle School gym. Dec. 9: Ages 14-17 at 9:11-30 a.m.; Ages 12-13 at noon-2 p.m.; Ages 10-11 at 2:30-4:30 p.m. Dec. 10: Ages 14-17 at 12:30-2 p.m.; Ages 12-13 at 2:30-3 p.m.; Ages 10-11 at 3:30-5:30 p.m. Athletes are asked to arrive 20 minutes early to check in. A parent or guardian must sign in the player along with a \$20 camp fee. For more information, contact Pat or Mike Tuck at (248) 349-8084 or by e-mail at michiganmotion@yahoo.com.

■ ALL-AREA: Novi places three on First Team

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Carnegie finished the year with 319 yards rushing on 61 attempts with four touchdowns and 306 yards receiving on 11 catches (27.8 average yards per catch) with three touchdowns. He only completed one pass on 11 attempts, but he was used mostly as an option quarterback. "It's a kid that's been offered a scholarship and accepted to Ball State, and it's because they know he has some tremendous abilities," Kellepoury said. "If someone ran near the Wildcat middle of the defense, the odds were really good. Kolis was somewhere in the pile. He racked up 77 solo tackles (87.5 total), had five sacks, forced a fumble and had 10 tackles for losses. Kolis also earned the ball a few times, recording a touchdown again Brighton.

He also took pride in being the team's defensive captain. "But he also took pride in being the team's defensive captain. He played out there on Friday nights. To me, that's important too."

Catholic Central junior Mike Martin takes up a lot of space on the defensive line (6-1, 295), but he isn't just a space filler — he's a playmaker. Martin touched every defensive set other than interceptions. He recorded 62.5 tackles, 5.5 sacks and had two fumble recoveries. "He's got good size and very good movement. He's very quick for a big man," Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach said. "He has a good sense of being in the right spot at the right time."

Novi's offensive line is the most boring plays in football, but that's his job. Pat Sijan consistently pounded his kickoffs into the endzone for a touchdown, stopping the return team from a big play and forcing the offense to go the length of the field against the slinging Novi defense.

Sijan boomed 10 touchdowns on 27 attempts and twice launched three touchdowns in a game (Pinckney and Lakeside). Eleven of his non-touchback resulted in the return man being tackled inside the 20-yard line, meaning 21-of-27 kickoffs left the opposition at or inside its own 20-yard line. "That was something that really gave our defense a chance to play with a long field, just a tremendous weapon," Kellepoury said. "He prided himself on kicking the ball and he worked hard at it."

Novi's All-Area defensive team is made up by Kyle Frankovich and Jordan Kidd of Milford, Danny Taylor and Chase Lomda of Lakeside, South Lyon's Mekia Lampe, Mark Brossina, Chad Wright, James Hornbrook and Nate Sarkissian. Northville's Greg Hesse and Mike Martin and Jeremy Bedazzar-Gray from Catholic Central.

Looking down the special teams spots are Pat Sijan from Novi, Paul Consiglio of Milford, Kyle McNully of Lakeside and South Lyon's Tyler Hockey.

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Wild ride ends for Wildcats

■ Rochester ends Novi's record-setting season

By Jeff Thiessen NOVEMBER 29

A record-setting year for the Novi basketball team came to an end Monday during regional play against Avondale. The Yellow Jackets rolled into Rochester with a 21-1 record and ended the Wildcats' season with a 49-30 victory. "The Wildcats finish with a school-record 19 wins with just five losses," said Bill Kelp. "I know the girls had the most fun this year, not just because of the district title, but because of the togetherness of team."

Stephanie Crawford and Caroline Johnson led Novi with eight and seven points, respectively. But the duo combined to shoot 5-for-25 from the floor. "The loss may end Novi's season, but it can't erase the new entry into the school record book. The Wildcats weren't picked to do much this year in the preseason, making things that much sweeter for seniors Taylor Graybiel, Crawford, Krivina Chuklos and Amanda Diacomo. Kelp wanted to thank each of his seniors for helping to lead the team. "Stephanie Crawford developed into one of the top players in the area, and could easily play college basketball. "Taylor Graybiel — she played

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FOOD



Vinegar is the Secret to Zing

Brilliance IN A BOTTLE

Savvy cooks today know a culinary secret that's been around for centuries. This solution to balancing flavors and adding a creative flair awaits in your pantry. Vinegar is a must-have ingredient to create intriguing and contemporary flavors in salad dressings, sauces, marinades and more. If a dish lacks pizzazz, a dash or two of one of the endless varieties of vinegar brings it to life or balances out flavors. The extended vinegar family includes such favorites as apple cider vinegar, balsamic vinegar, rice vinegar, wine vinegar and white distilled vinegar to name a few. Each variety offers its own distinct flavor and appeal. Numerous vinegar infusions can also be created with fresh herbs or fruit for countless flavor possibilities.

Whether you are preparing a four-course meal or more casual fare, vinegar is certain to add a special zing to your menu. Put more pep in your cooking by checking out the ideas at www.versatilevinegar.org.

Spinach and Baby Beet Salad With Balsamic Vinegar and Plum Vinaigrette, Hazelnuts, and Goat Cheese

Serves 4

- 1 bunch baby beets
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1/2 pound baby spinach
- 1 small red onion, peeled, sliced and caramelized
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 3 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 cup toasted hazelnuts

Vinaigrette:
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
4 to 5 dried plums, sliced
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
Freshly ground pepper to taste

Salt and Vinegar Shrimp on Stir-Fried Napa Cabbage

Serves 4 as an appetizer

- 1 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled (tails left on) and deveined
- 2 teaspoons rice vinegar

Combine salt and pepper in small bowl. Set aside.

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute. Add shrimp to hot pan in single layer (2 batches may be required). Add 1/2 salt mixture to each batch. Sauté shrimp 2 minutes per side; do not overcook. Transfer shrimp to platter. Sprinkle shrimp with rice vinegar. Serve immediately on bed of Stir-Fried Napa Cabbage.



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Warm Pasta Salad With Roasted Vegetables and Red Wine Vinegar-Garlic Dressing

Serves 4

White wine vinegar may be substituted for red wine vinegar. Replace oregano with 3 to 4 leaves of fresh basil, sliced. This recipe can also be served cold.

- 3 large carrots, peeled, halved and quartered
- 1 sweet onion, cut into wedges
- 3 zucchini, halved and quartered
- 1 red pepper, seeded and cut into chunks
- 8 ounces mushrooms, quartered
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces fettaguine pasta
- 3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano

Dressing:
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
3 teaspoons lemony
1 head garlic, roasted and cloves mashed
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Roasted Pork Tenderloin With Cider Vinegar-Peach Marinade

Serves 6

The pork in this recipe is excellent for sandwiches. To use exclusively as a sandwich, you can omit potatoes from the recipe. Let pork cool completely before slicing. Add 1/3 cup mayonnaise to cooled Cider Vinegar-Peach Marinade and use as a sandwich sauce.

- 2 pork tenderloins (about 15 ounces each)
- 10 to 12 small redskin potatoes, quartered
- 2 sweet onions (such as Vidalia), cut into wedges
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons freshly ground pepper

Marinate:
1/2 cup peach jam
3 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 teaspoon brown sugar
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme



Combine dressing ingredients in bowl with wine whisk. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Toss vegetables, olive oil and black pepper in large bowl. Spread vegetables in single layer on large baking sheet. Roast vegetables 20 to 30 minutes until beginning to brown, turning once.

While vegetables are roasting, cook pasta in large pot of lightly salted water. Drain pasta and transfer to serving bowl; keep warm. Add marinated vegetables to pasta and toss with dressing. Top with Parmesan cheese and oregano. Serve immediately.

Preheat oven to 400°F. In large bowl, combine potatoes, onions and olive oil.

Remove tenderloin from marinade (reserve marinade) and place on large baking sheet. Surround pork with potatoes and onions; season with salt and pepper. Roast, uncovered, 20 to 30 minutes until thermometer registers 145°F.

Meanwhile, simmer reserved marinade in small saucepan 10 minutes. Remove pork from oven; let rest 10 minutes before slicing. Serve with reserved marinade.

Home Owners Do You Know... What is Sick House Syndrome?

Sick House Syndrome is a consequence of poor indoor air quality. This can be caused by allergens, mold, chemical irritants, pesticides, radon, and carbon monoxide. These conditions can affect many people differently.

Indoor air contains particles, fibers, spores, and gases, all of which may be substances of concern. They may be categorized as irritants, allergens, sensitizers, toxic substances or toxins.

Particles:
- Of concern include fine and ultra-fine dust, carbon, asbestos, fibers, and mold spores. Particles may be carried by air currents, and body parts from mice and mold.

Fibers:
- Of concern include asbestos, fiberglass, animal hair, and carpet/fabric fibers.

Gases:
- Of concern include volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds and solvents, carbon monoxide, radon, and moisture.

There may be emissions from buildings, furnishings or cleaning materials, or from clothes, pets, air leaks in the home, or from the form of mold/moisture, or even in the air.

To improve indoor air quality, it is best to perform an audit to identify the sources, perform tests as necessary, and to ensure the heating, cooling, and ventilation equipment is cleaned and in efficient operation. Each substance has a recommended EPA method for remediation (clean up) and some like lead, asbestos, radon, and mold should be assessed by trained and licensed professionals. Always take caution on do-it-yourself projects and clean up projects in order to avoid serious health effects.

General Ways To Improve Indoor Air Quality Include:

- Install & maintain clean filters in furnace
- Clean Air Ducts on regular basis (every 3-5 years as required)
- Use leak & kitchen exhaust fans for proper moisture removal from home
- Ensure downspouts and landscape drainage is away from foundation (basement)
- Use mite proof mattress and pillow covers
- If you have allergies use non-allergenic blankets, etc.
- Avoid using pesticides and synthetic fertilizers for house plants
- Use mats in doors to wipe shoes prior to entering home
- Air out dry cleaning prior to bringing indoors. Hang in garage for 1-2 days
- Remove paints, solvents, pesticides from inside storage in home
- Use solvent-free, low toxicity, and hypoallergenic products
- Consider carbon filters on exhaust to reduce odors exposure
- Consider using a HEPA vacuum cleaner
- Do not smoke in the home

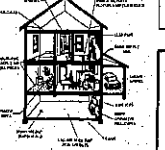
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO TAKE:

MINIMIZE MOISTURE EXPOSURE TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Once a mold problem has been detected, the two main causes of action are to eliminate the source or condition that allows the mold to grow. Second, you should remove (sanitize) any mold that has grown. A number of different molds can be removed by utilizing an anti-fungal solution or chlorine on the surface and by removing, and replacing, the insulation or drywall, if it has been contaminated. If the property is contaminated with a toxic mold it is necessary to remove all porous materials such as drywall, insulation, some types of sheetrock, carpeting, etc. Depending on the amount of penetration and contamination in the structural system it may be necessary to also remove and replace the framing. (Removal as required depends on amount of damage)

ADDITIONAL STEPS TO HELP INCLUDE:

- DRAIN AND VENTILATE AREAS UNDER & AROUND TILE FLOORS, ESPECIALLY CRAWLSPACES
- DECREASE MOISTURE AND KEEP HUMIDITY LEVELS LOWER THAN 60%
- REMOVE OR REPLACE PREVIOUSLY SOAKED CARPETS AND FURNITURE
- REMOVE ALL WATER-DAMAGED AREAS (drywall, ceiling, furniture, etc)
- USE DEHUMIDIFIER DURING HUMID MONTHS
- SEAL LEAKY AIR DUCTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN CRAWLSPACES & HOT ATTICS
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Custom jewelry from Rottermond makes the holiday special

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

Rottermond Jewelers in Milford and Brighton has a long history known for beautiful custom jewelry. Even as Dean Rottermond was first opening a small jewelry store in Milford 22 years ago, Rottermond's was already creating amazing custom pieces that are still worn lovingly, so many years later. Now Rottermond's wins accolades — bringing home three top honor state awards — for original designs.

"We built our business on our custom designs," said Dean Rottermond. "Our custom jewelry brings together the creativity of our customers and our designers, to make unique pieces that are unlike anything you've ever seen."

A custom experience

When customers come to Rottermond Jewelers for a custom piece of jewelry, it's more of a luxurious experience of self-expression than a purchase. It's the opportunity of a lifetime to partner with the staff for the creation of a unique piece that will truly become a family heirloom.

Rottermond Jewelers is a comfortable, elegant setting where customers can relax and feel well taken care of. Staff will bake cookies and prepare refreshments to make a customer feel welcome. During a custom-jewelry consultation, Dean or one of the GIA gemologists will spend time getting to know the customer, learn more about preferences, and what sort of jewelry would suit the customer's lifestyle.

Staff can show the customer various pieces in stock, noting aspects of each piece that the customer likes. While some people come in with a clear idea of what they want, others place together the perfect design that includes the best parts of a number of items.

Then designers make a mold and cast a wax model for the customer to try on. "This isn't a quick process," said Cindi Rottermond. "We want to make sure that the piece turns out just perfectly."

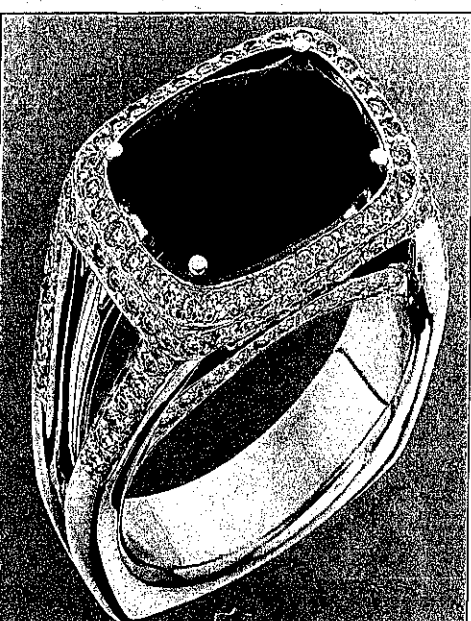
The jeweler can make changes to the design at that point, to make sure that everything looks just right. Once the customer is absolutely satisfied with the design, it is cast in precious metal — 18K yellow gold, 14K yellow gold, or platinum.

Gem stones are set to add beauty and sparkle to the ring. Diamonds are always a popular choice, but the store also works with the bold colors found in tanzanite, tourmaline, aquamarine, topaz, ruby, citrine and alexandrite.

Then when the jewelry is picked up, the customers can't help but fall in love with the works of art — after all, they created them.

Why custom?

A custom piece of jewelry is a bit like leaving a personal imprint on the world. Instead of buying something that is mass-



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produced, individuals can design something that reflects their artistic spirit, and their unique view on the world.

"The designers can bring your personality into the piece you are creating," said Cindi Rottermond.

For some, it's creating the ultimate ring — something they've been dreaming of since they were a child. It may be jeweled with brightly colored gems, pave' style, or it could be a smooth and sleek white gold creation.

Designing a custom piece can literally make a dream come true. Custom jewelry is the ultimate gift from the heart. There's nothing more personal than crafting a gift that expresses feelings that can't even be put into words. The love that went into the creation of the gift will shine through each time a person wears a ring or necklace created by a loved one.

Some customers create a piece for a child to commemorate a special birthday or milestone. Others create a diamond ring for a spouse or friend to wear every day of their lives together.

And there's nothing lovelier than wearing something created together with a loved one. It's a truly special way to mark an anniversary, retirement or an upcoming birth. It is the type of Christmas gift that is remembered each and every day — something that is well-loved because the couple spent time designing it together.

When couples design an engagement ring or matching wedding rings, they are linked as a couple, by these precious creations that are wrapped around their fingers — a symbol of their collaboration in the past, present and future.

Passing on a legacy

Those with family heirlooms that are outdated or impractical can rework them into new pieces that can be enjoyed again. It's a way to honor and memorialize family members that have passed on jewelry, by putting stones into new forms. When the new jewelry is complete, it is like walking around wearing a locket carrying the picture of a loved one.

Instead of keeping gorgeous earrings in a jewelry box or vault, customers can rework them and turn them into something more practical that they can enjoy everyday. It's a perfect solution for jewelry gifts that just don't get used much.

Instead of letting something sit around, collecting dust, we'd rather turn it in to something that can be worn and enjoyed now," said Cindi Rottermond.

Some customers redesign their engagement rings to mark an anniversary celebration. Others take outdated jewelry that they bought decades ago and turn it into something new and exciting. Custom designing is a terrific way to conserve resources and make things that are already treasured more of a treat.

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