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### Fuerst Park opening

Final touches are being made at Fuerst Park, the City of Novi's new eight-acre park, in anticipation of the grand opening celebration on Friday, Aug. 21 from 7-10 p.m. The free community event will offer live entertainment, refreshments, family activities, the movie Kung Fu Panda, and a meet and greet with Novi's own Miss Michigan 2009 Nicole Blaszyk. All activities begin at 7 p.m. with the official ceremony taking place at 8 p.m. and the movie beginning at 9 p.m.

Adjacent to the new Novi Public Library (slated to open in summer 2010), the park features inviting landscaping with fieldstone walls and hundreds of perennial plants, walkways, a 150-seat amphitheater that incorporates Old Township Hall, and Wi-Fi accessibility. Both the City of Novi and the Novi Public Library look forward to expanding programs to the park, including puppet shows, musicians, theatrical performance, reading groups, and more.



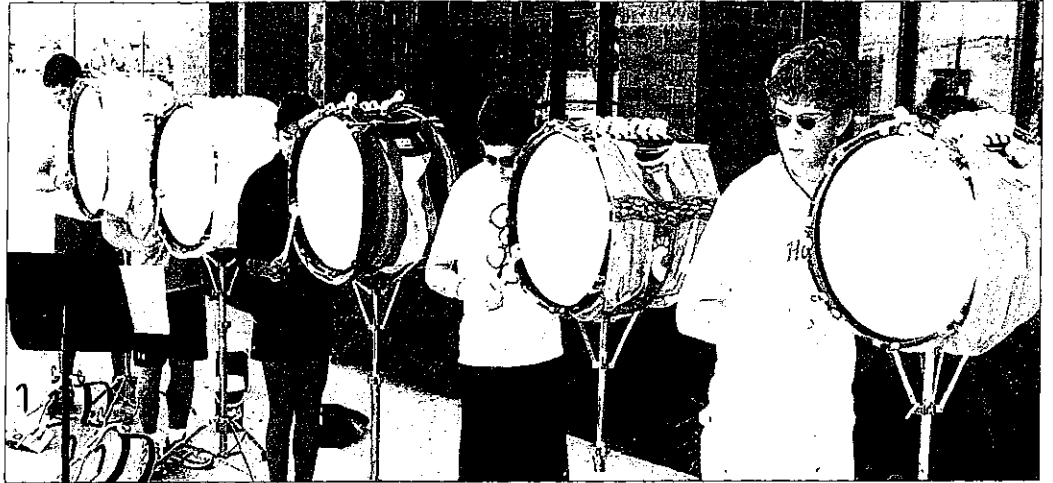
Gia Warner will perform Aug. 15.

### Free music/art

Twelve Mile Cross at Fountainwalk is hosting a free Summer Sidewalk Series with art and music from 4-7 p.m. every Saturday in August at the mall's roundabout.

Schedule includes: Aug. 15 - Gia Warner & Bobby Lewis (pop) with artists Peggy Kerwan and Patty Dombecki; Aug. 22 - Grievous Angel (Americana) with artists Mary Tassone and Peter Jackson; Aug. 29 - Spangler/Tope Trio (jazz). Artists who wish to participate on this day should contact artsnovi@yahoo.com for more information.

Please bring a lawn chair for this fun outdoor event (Lucky Strike will host in the event of rain).



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Part of the Novi High School marching band drumline practices on Aug. 7 as the group gets ready for its first halftime performance on Sept. 3 at Novi High School.

## Marching on

### Band's off-season program rivals those of sports teams

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER



Members of the Novi High School marching band work on their music during the week-long summer band camp.

Their feet hurt. Their backs ache. And their minds are exhausted from the constant repetition and memorization.

For five consecutive days, the students go through grueling 12-hour workouts with little time for breaks, in preparation for their debut performance on Sept. 3 in front of a near capacity crowd at the Novi High School stadium.

Voices are hoarse and exhaustion is the norm, but the week-long camp is intended to prepare them for the intensity of the three-month long season.

And no, this isn't the description of the off-season program for Wildcats football — although it may seem like it. It's the life of the Novi High School Marching Band.

"You live off adrenaline rushes," said junior drum major Jaime Cameron about how she survives the week. "There is never any relief

because it takes constant focus. It feels like three days all put into one, and by the end of the day you are beat."

A typical day consists of nine hours of rehearsal, with at least six of those hours spent marching outside in the August heat. Some students, like baritone section leader Alex Morita, have to carry instruments that weigh more than 20 pounds, and having to hold them up to their mouths throughout practice "gives you a lot of upper body pain."

Said senior Gwen Greer about the toll it takes on the body: "I was a swimmer and you would be tired, but in band you can barely stand after."

But for director Mark Hourigan, the physical part comes in time. It's the mental sharpness that is needed from the beginning.

"We ask for an incredible amount of focus from them," he said. "It's between the ears that is the hardest

Please see **BAND, A6**

## Police looking for man who robbed Payless, fled scene on foot

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Novi police are searching for a man who robbed the Payless Shoe Store in West Oaks Shopping Center early Tuesday morning.

According to a press release, the incident occurred around 9 a.m. when the suspect approached the business and knocked on the door. As the employee was opening the door, the

man pushed his way into the building and took the employee to the cash register and safe area. He then made the employee put the money into a tan bag before fleeing the store on foot.

Police were tipped off to the situation after the employee activated the silent alarm.

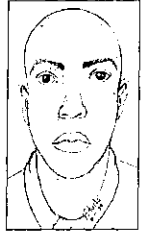
The suspect is described as a black male in his early 20s, six feet tall, medium build, clean shaven and had a bald or shaved head. He was wearing a dark col-

ored shirt with red patches on the sleeves and the chest area of the shirt was similar to that of a security guard uniform.

A weapon was not seen or implied during the robbery and the employee was not injured.

Anyone with information regarding the incident, should contact Det. Mike Wilson or Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest at (248) 348-7100.

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An artist's rendering of the suspect who robbed the Payless Shoe Store on Tuesday morning.

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## City approves road construction, water connection with Wixom

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council approved a construction contract Monday to pave Twelve Mile Road east of Napier and establish a water main connection between the Novi and Wixom water main for emergency purposes.

The emergency connection will serve customers adjacent to the connection in the event of a failure of the supply water main or a loss of pressure.

"It will be a back up source in case we have problems getting water from one of the other two main connections," said Novi City Manager Clay Pearson. "It gives us an extra level of protec-



Pearson

tion and another way to supply water into the Novi water network."

The total cost of the project is \$191,453, but is offset by a \$130,745 payment by the developer of Knightsbridge Gate, Grand Sakwa, to the city. The cost of the water main connection is \$24,180, and is included in the total cost. The money for that is coming from the water and sewer fund.

Construction is slated to begin in September and be completed by November.

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### City approves agreement for movie equipment

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Novi has entered into an inter-governmental agreement with three other nearby communities to purchase movie equipment for outdoor shows.

Novi City Council approved the agreement Monday, but the purchase of the equipment will not be finalized until the other communities — Northville, South Lyon and Milford Township — approve the agreement as well. A fifth community, Wixom, was involved initially but has since pulled out.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said there are still enough municipalities involved for the agreement to make sense, but there have been talks about finding another one to take Wixom's spot.

The total cost of a complete system is \$320,000, and split among the multiple communities, would save Novi money in the future. Currently the city is paying nearly \$4,000 to rent the equipment for the Sizzling Summer Art Series.

The estimated arrival time of the new equipment is late September.



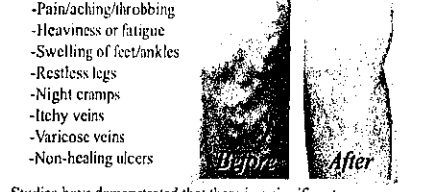
**In service**  
(From left) Sgt. Rolando Zapata, future soldiers and Novi residents Greg Najdich and Shremont Saxena and Staff Sgt. Brian Kath stand in front of the Stryker vehicle on display last Thursday at Emagine Theater in Novi. The U.S. Army was at the theater to promote the third version of the America's Army video game. The Army had 20 computers on-site equipped with the new version of the game and participants played to win tickets to the early screening of the new G.I. Joe movie.

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# Novi teen a leader for healthy living



Robert Hsu, 16, was recently named to the Youth Advisory Board for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

## Hsu wants district to look at better food choices

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Robert Hsu said he feels "privileged" to be named to the Youth Advisory Board for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

But to the 16-year-old Novi resident and Northville High School junior, being selected means nothing unless the honor is put to use.

As a member of the board, Hsu, along with 24 other students from across the United States will be leaders for healthy eating and physical activity and inspire their peers to make healthy lifestyle changes.

"This is special for me because I feel in the past too much of our health education has come from adults and doctors and people kids are scared of," Hsu said. "For once, these people are entrusting us with this task to teach each other to lead healthier lives."

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a joint initiative between the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation, started the empowerME Movement to get kids to take charge of their lives and be healthy. More than 1.38 million kids across the nation have joined the movement, which is pitched as being "by kids for kids."

Hsu was nominated for a spot on the board by the AHA because of his work with the Northville Awareness Society, a club he started at Northville High School that focuses on heart disease and cancer awareness.

Megan McIntyre, marketing and communications manager for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, said the youth ambassadors are armed with a variety of things to do in their communities, and one of Hsu's big events will be a youth-hosted forum on Sept. 29 on Detroit Public Television.

"To tackle childhood obesity) kids need to have a voice in this," she said. "They need to have a voice with each other, with their families, in schools and in the community."

The framework of the movement is student driven and all the events they participate in are approved by the board.

At the local level, Hsu said he plans to talk to school officials about switching to healthier lunches and putting healthier snacks in the vending machines, and also host forums to discuss the major issues.

"It is a humongous concern," he said about childhood obesity. "The problem is, it's the cycle that keeps going if you don't stop it now, and then it multiplies exponentially."

For more information about the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, visit [www.HealthierGeneration.org](http://www.HealthierGeneration.org).

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**Fire & Ice**

The Art Institute of Michigan's Fire & Ice Event was held Saturday and included ice carving, T-shirt judging contest, chili cook-off, fashion show, graffiti painting contest, raffle and character artist. Dave Balla, a chef instructor at the institute, showed students the fine art of ice sculpting, and did his first-ever summer carvings and said an ice-carving class will be offered in September as well as a team to compete. Balla's son Noah is shown enjoying his father's work.

**Northville Art House staff calls for entries to All-Media Show**

In recognition of its location as well as its members' philosophy of bringing something different to the community, the Northville Art House staff will present "West of Center," an All-Media Show from Oct. 2-24.

This exhibit is designed to showcase talented artists, as selected by Mary Ann Wilkinson, a highly-regarded juror.

"We plan to make this eclectic, exciting event an annual tradition," said Sue Taylor, Arts Commissioner.

Wilkinson earned an independent scholar and curator who specializes in modern and contemporary art. Throughout her career, she has been involved with public art and Michigan artists. During her long tenure at the Detroit Institute of Arts, she served as head of the Modern and Contemporary Art Department and later as Curator of European Modern Art.

Among the numerous exhibitions she organized at the DIA, in 2001 she coordinated "Artists Take on Detroit: Projects for the Tricentennial," an exhibition of contemporary artists' commissioned installations that had one of the first electronic catalogues produced by a museum. She also organized shows on the work of early modern masters such as Degas and Picasso.

Her work has included a strong engagement with sculpture, including a seven-year position on the executive committee of "Art on the Move," that sited temporary sculpture projects in the Detroit metro area. Her current projects include articles on German modern painters Paula Modersohn-Becker and Erich Heckel and French sculptor

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Entry forms for the "West of Center" show are available at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, from 1-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday or at [www.northvillearts.org](http://www.northvillearts.org). Questions? Call (248) 344-0497 during regular hours or send an e-mail to [arthouseinfo@scglobal.net](mailto:arthouseinfo@scglobal.net) and type All Media Show 2009 in the subject line.

**Germaine Richier.**

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Please find attached the call for entry form for the 2009 All Media Show. "We are very excited to see this scholar and former curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts," said Jeff Cangelosi, Arts Commissioner.

**CONTEST DETAILS**

Awards will be given for first, second and third place as well as honorable mention.

The Northville Art House staff will use care in handling all entries but cannot assume liability for loss or damage caused while works are in their possession or in transit. It is recommended that each artist provide his or her own insurance.

For artists who wish to sell their work, the Northville Art House will charge a 33 percent commission.

Entry into the show grants permission to the Art House staff to photograph and reprint art for promotional and/or educational purposes only. Artwork in an exhibition

may not be removed for the duration of the show.

Entries must include an entry form, entry fee, CD with three jpg images of each work and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for those who want their CD returned.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Entries must be original works in all mediums, 2-D or 3-D, made by traditional or experimental styles, including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, jewelry, clay and mixed media. Artwork cannot be bigger than 4-by-5 feet. No video as the Art House does not have the facilities to accommodate such entries. Work must have been completed within the last three years and not previously exhibited at the Northville Art House. Work must be properly framed.

**ENTRY GUIDELINES**

Entry fee is \$20 for up to three entries for those who are not Art House members or \$10 for members. Checks payable to the Northville Art House.

A maximum of three images on a CD in .jpg format is permitted for each entry, although sculpture may include a second view. All digital images must be labeled with: artist's first initial, last name, title, and size of art (example: DSmith, Untitled, 24x36). Images must not exceed 3MB. No e-mailed entries. CDs will not be returned unless self-addressed envelope is included.

Artists need to include their e-mail address or phone number for notification of jury results. Accepted artists will be asked for a brief statement about their work (to be included in the exhibition).

All shipping costs, including the return shipping and liability for damage, are the responsibility of the artist. Art House staff will take precautions to protect artwork but will not be responsible for loss or damage. Art not picked up within 14 days after the exhibition becomes the property of the Northville Art House.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Entry applications must be hand-delivered or shipped to arrive at the Art House by Aug. 27.

Notification of jury results will take place Sept. 4.

Accepted art must be hand-delivered or shipped to arrive between 1-5 p.m. Sept. 25 or Sept. 26.

An Artist Opening Reception, which is free and open to the public, is slated from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 2.

Work must be picked up between 1-5 p.m. Oct. 29.

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**Novi grads team up to help disadvantaged students**

Free camp focuses on science, engineering

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

A pair of Novi High School graduates and current University of Michigan students are volunteering their time next week to help kids from underprivileged backgrounds enjoy a free science and engineering summer camp.

The week-long camp, organized by a University of Michigan student organization called InnoWorks, is in its second year and will educate students in the science, technology, engineering, math and medicine fields. The theme this year is explorations, and the students selected from Lincoln Middle School will be discovering different environments from the deep ocean to outer space.

"When I was a kid my parents sent me to these summer camps instead of playing games all day and I learned something from them," said executive director and 2006 Novi graduate Eric Zhao. "Those camps impacted me, and when I heard about this program I thought it was a good way to give back to the community and use my science skills to impact these young kids."

Zhao said the camp, which runs off grants and donations, is focused on kids who are socioeconomically disadvantaged because many of those kids do not have opportunities



Students launched rockets at last year's InnoWorks camp at the University of Michigan.

"We want to target the kids who want to learn but don't

have the opportunity because many of these camps can be expensive," Zhao said.



The organizers of InnoWorks, a free science and engineering camp offered to kids from underprivileged backgrounds, hope to build on the success they had in their inaugural year. Pictured are the campers and volunteers from last year.

A typical day at the camp is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature everything from submarine experiments and DNA extraction from a strawberry to investigating how airplanes fly and building Lego robots. There also will be two guest speakers during the week.

Tiffany O'Hill, five-time NCAA hurdle National Champion, and BJ Opang-Owusu, former Weber State football safety.

Chris Mehrotra, also a 2006 Novi graduate, said last year's camp was a big success, earning a Michigan Leadership Award for Program of the Year and receiving honorable mention for Outstanding Student Organization.

"This program is clearly making a difference in kids' lives," Mehrotra said. "And by doing this for kids who might otherwise not get the chance, we could always find the one who could change the world."

For more information about the camp, which starts Monday, contact Zhao at (248) 496-4915 or via e-mail at [michigan@innoworks.org](mailto:michigan@innoworks.org).

on them. Last year, 91 percent said they learned something they can use from science in school and said because of the program they are more aware of the importance of science in every day living. The future plan is to follow the students through high school to see how the camp has impacted them going forward in their academic careers.

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**NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Sports Club opens learning center**

In addition to providing health, fitness and sports programs, The Sports Club of Novi announces the opening of its new learning center, a new club offering, featuring comprehensive tutoring for area students and computer support services.

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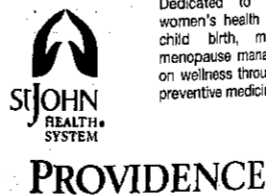
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The trumpet line marches in step during practice.



The tuba section of the Novi High School marching band works on its footwork during a morning session of their summer band camp on Aug. 7.

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**BAND**  
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thing because they all need to be on the same page or we will not be successful. Unlike a football team that only plays six, all 205 members of the marching band must be working together or the performance will suffer. And there are no cuts because Hourigan said "our job is to teach them so we take them."

Senior Stephanie Boileau, who also runs cross country in the fall, said the difference between the two is that band is not a "you thing, it's a team thing." "You have to be on your game at all times because you affect everyone else on the field," she said. "And while many people don't give band members respect because of the 'band stereotype,' their work ethic can never be questioned. A lot of these students are in honors classes, compete on sports teams or are active in clubs. And that is on top of three-hour band practices. 'Minute for minute and hour for hour these kids are every bit as dedicated as any athlete in this school,' Hourigan said.

And judging by the fourth place finish at the state championships last year, that dedication has paid off.

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Members of the Novi High School marching band work out on a recent Friday morning.

**NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**Before- and after-school child care registration open**  
The C.A.R.E. (Children's Activities in a Responsible Environment) program provides childcare before and after school for children enrolled in Novi's five elementary buildings, which includes Village Oaks, Orchard Hills, Novi Woods, Parkview, and Deerfield. Pre-Teen Club (P.T. Club) provides activities before and after school for students who attend Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School. P.T. Club is located in the Novi Meadows fifth grade gym. Hours of operation for traditional C.A.R.E. are 7 a.m. until school begins and after school until 6 p.m. C.A.R.E. is for half day Kindergarten and students enrolled in preschool program. Kindergarten are transported by bus to the Instructional Technology Center, Community Education Building, 25425 Taft Road. C.A.R.E. is open from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

To join the C.A.R.E. program the student must first be registered and then scheduled. Once the student is registered payment is made one month in advance for days that child care is needed. Payments and schedules are always due the 15th of the prior month. The registration fee is paid by check only. Schedule fees are paid separately by check or charge. For more registration information, visit [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us) and look under Community Education - C.A.R.E. C.A.R.E. is open during mid-winter, spring and summer breaks. Registration is ongoing throughout the year based on availability.

**Community, adult ed openings**  
Novi Community Schools has openings for adult education for students over 21, and students who are not in a traditional high school ages 16-19 yrs) to earn their HSC or GED. Classes are Monday through Thursday from 10:45 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Participants must have ID. All teachers are certified and highly qualified. On-line classes are available. Registration begins Aug. 24. Classes begin Sept. 5. ESL classes are available through Novi Adult Education. Classes are Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Childcare is available for a fee. Registration is on Sept. 9 and classes begin Sept. 15. Students must show ID such as visa/passport or driver's license. For more information on both programs, please contact the Adult Education office at (248) 449-1777.

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**ALEX M. BANK**  
Age 91 passed August 9, 2009. Memorial service at 11:00 a.m. August 15, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in South Lyon. Visitation 10:30 a.m. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**GERALDINE MARIE DOMENICO**  
Age 84, August 2, 2009. Funeral was held Monday, August 10th at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi. Memorial service will be held in Denver at a later date. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences: [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com)

**FAROLYN J. PARRISH**  
Age 89, a lifelong resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2009. She was born in Northville, Mich. on June 18, 1920 to John and Mabel (Lassay) Preston. She was united in marriage to Harold "Bud" Parrish; and they spent many loving years together until his death in 1989. Farolyn was a cashier at Kroger for 26 years. She enjoyed making crafts, such as quilts and doll clothing; and she loved to sew. Farolyn is survived by her sons, David (the late Tina) Ray and Richard (Brooke) Ray; 7 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, 1 brother and 2 sisters. Farolyn is survived by her sons, David (the late Tina) Ray and Richard (Brooke) Ray; 7 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, 1 brother and 2 sisters. Farolyn is survived by her sons, David (the late Tina) Ray and Richard (Brooke) Ray; 7 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, 1 brother and 2 sisters.

**GLENN DALE GOLIGHTLY**  
Age 59, went to be with the Lord on August 5, 2009. Glenn was born on Saturday, August 5, 2009 from 5-9 p.m. and Sunday August 8, 2009 from 1-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2009 at Oak Pointe Church, Novi. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**ANNA M. BARNARD**  
August 8, 2009. Funeral will be held Thursday, August 13th at 10:30 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi. Interment Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Online condolences: [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com)

**PETER JOSEPH "JOE" DOOLING**  
Age 77, died Aug. 5, 2009. Visitation was held Aug. 7, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral was held Aug. 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**ELIZABETH (NEE LENZ) BELL**  
Elizabeth was born April 13, 1928, in Germany. In 1948 she met an American soldier named George Bell and on November 20, 1948 they were married, and made their home here in the United States. After having 6 children and married for more than 60 years, on August 8, 2009, Our Lord God has called her home. Elizabeth is survived by her loving and devoted husband, George, their 6 children - Diana (Lynn) Allen, Frances (Bill) Rochelau, George Jr. (Susan), Dabra (Michael) Capaldi, Thomas (Karen), James (Michelle), their 14 grandchildren - Heather (Derek) Jenkins, Sarah (Kevin) Schmitt, Brandon Allen, Joseph Allen, Kevin (Kimberly) Rochelau, Christopher Rochelau, Natalie Bell, Nicole (Tim) Lary, Danielle Capaldi, Brittany Capaldi, Jonathan Bell, Kristin Bell, Ashley Bell, Nicholas Bell, and 8 great-grandchildren - Karmen and Syster Jenkins, Alisha, Meadow, Brooke, and Chloe Schmitt, Tristin and Lucas Rochelau. She will be missed very much not only by her loving family but also by her brother Herbert, sister-in-laws Ida and Dorothy and many, many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends not only here in the United States but also in her homeland Germany. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at Grace Lutheran Church in Howell. Arrangements by Niblack Funeral Home, Ollingham-Livance Chapel.

**ANTOINETTE "TONI" FOFINSKI**  
Mrs. Kurzwag, Age 58, October 19, 1940 - August 4, 2009. Funeral was held Friday, August 7th at Holy Family Church, Novi. Online condolences: [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com)

**DORIS LORETTA FERKETCH**  
Age 86, died August 7, 2009. Memorial Mass was held on August 11, 2009 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**MARGARET NORA HAGGERTY (TUCKER)**  
December 17, 1914 - August 7, 2009. Funeral was held Wednesday, August 12th at St. Aidan Catholic Church, Livonia. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Online condolences: [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com)

**ELAINE FRANCES (HANER) HEATER**  
Age 70, formerly of Milford, August 7, 2009. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, Monday, August 10, 2009. For further information call 248-684-5645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**ELAINE AUDREY SCHULZ**  
Age 81, passed away August 10, 2009. Visitation Aug. 14, Friday 2-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**MARY LOUISE INGLIS**  
Age 82, of Northville, passed away peacefully August 6, 2009. Beloved wife of the late James M. Inglis. Loving mother of James M. and Michael R. (Julie). Adored grandmother of five. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

**RICHARD KORASTINSKY**  
Age 74, died August 3, 2009. Graveside service will be held at a later date at Holy Savior Cemetery in Bethlehem, PA. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**KATHY ANN SPERANZA**  
Age 59, August 3, 2009. Funeral held Friday, August 7th, St. James Church, Novi. Donations to Garrett Wings, 8306 Lynwood Glen Dr., Charlotte, NC 28269. Online condolences: [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com)

**MARY EILEEN CARRICO**  
Age 91, August 8, 2009. Funeral was held Wednesday, August 12th at Church of the Transfiguration, Southfield. Interment: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Online condolences: [www.obrienfuneralhome.com](http://www.obrienfuneralhome.com)

**ALBERT J. GEISLER**  
Age 87, of Northville, passed away August 6, 2009. He was born August 21, 1921 to Edward and Noia May (Samler) Geisler in Coryopolis, PA. Albert grew up in the Steel Mills of Pennsylvania. After graduation from Donora High School his mother drafted him into the service. He proudly served his country from 1940-1957, first Master Sergeant in the Army and later a First Lieutenant in the Air Force. He graduated from University of Detroit with a Bachelors Degree. He was united in marriage to Helen Ryan and they spent many loving years together until her death in 2007. Albert was a Parish Member at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, where he served on the church board. He was also a member of the St. Francis Club at the University of Detroit. Albert served on the Lexington Condominium Board for six years, serving one year as Treasurer. Following his retirement from Chrysler in 1975, he was one of the founders of Harbour and Associates. He went on to work for McCally Tool in Livonia, and continued working until age 82. Albert enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Albert is survived by his loving son John M. Geisler and Daniel J. Geisler; his brother Edward G. (Mary Ann) Geisler; and his sister Mary E. Fisher. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen R. Geisler, his parents and his brother Herb Geisler. A funeral Mass was held last Monday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society, 39300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or Disabled American Veterans, VAWO, McKinnon Federal Bldg., 477 Michigan Ave., Ft. 1200, Detroit, MI 48226. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

**ELAINE AUDREY SCHULZ**  
Age 81, passed away August 7, 2009. Memorial Service was held on August 12, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**CATHERINE CORINE COVERT**  
Age 45 of Milford, and well known for her work at Baker Elementary School and Kensington Metro Park, died on August 8, 2009. She is survived by her parents, Dean and Sally Covert of Brighton Twp.; her brother, David Covert; aunts, Nancy, Shirley, Kathleen, Judy L., Judy H., Faye and Linda; uncles, Harold, Lance, Larry, Jim and Bart; nieces, Alice, Maria, and Reese; nephew, Garrett; numerous cousins and many, many dear friends, including her "Baker Elementary family" and Dr. Richard Simon, a very special person in her life, whom her family would like to thank for loving and caring for her for over twenty years. Plans for a Memorial Celebration will be announced at a later date. For other information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-5645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**MICHAEL J. KUZILA**  
Age 82, of Northville, passed away August 9, 2009. Visitation Thursday, 2-9 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Funeral Mass Friday 10am, instate at 3:00am at Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville.

**LOIS MARIE VALRANCE**  
Age 81, died August 7, 2009. Memorial Service was held on August 12, 2009 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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**How to Find Senior Discounts**

Dear Savvy Senior,  
It seems like senior discounts have been dwindling over the past few years. What's the best way to find them?  
Penny Pletcher

not all businesses advertise it, but many give senior discounts just for the asking - so don't ever be shy or embarrassed to ask. You also need to know that some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, while others may not kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 66. Here are some other tips that can help you find the best deals and discounts.

**WEB SEARCH**  
The single best resource for finding senior discounts is SeniorDiscounts.com. A savvy resource that lists more than 150,000 businesses offering senior breaks on a wide variety of products and services like airlines, car rentals, travel, recreation, local transportation, shopping, restaurants, hotels, state and national parks, medical services, pharmacies and museums. For an annual fee of \$8 you can find discounts by the city, state, or zip code, or by the category you're interested in. Or for \$13 you can find and get discounts through their members-only club, and receive a printed copy of their SeniorDiscounts Guide to boot. Also check out SeasonalSavings.com and DiscountSeniors.com, two less established sites that let you search for discounts and deals for free.

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organizations. The one you're probably most familiar with is AARP ([www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org); 888-687-2277), which offers its members (age 50 and older) a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses. Annual AARP membership is \$16. But that's not all! There are other groups you may not think about or be familiar with such as The Seniors Coalition ([www.seniorscoalition.org](http://www.seniorscoalition.org)), an education and advocacy organization that provides discounts to its more than 5 million members - you can join at any age for \$13.50. Or, if you're a current, former or retired federal employee, you can get discounts by joining the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, or NARFE ([www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org); 800-627-3394). Also consider AAA

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If you're interested in discounted travel there are lots of options, most of which can be found at SeniorDiscounts.com, or if you join an organization, through their Web sites and membership materials. In the meantime here are some of the best deals you should know about.  
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Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73079, or visit [www.savvysenior.com](http://www.savvysenior.com). Jim Miller is a regular contributor to the NBC Today Show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

**Your Invitation to Worship**

Grid of church listings including: Brighton, Milford, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, South Lyon, Northville, Livonia, White Lake, and Living Water. Each listing includes church name, address, phone, and service times.

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [csone@gannett.com](mailto:csone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

**Local events**

**LIVE BLUES & JAZZ @ THE GRAPEVINE**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays  
**LOCATION:** The Grapevine of Novi, 43155 Market Street  
**DETAILS:** Live music on the patio on Thursdays, inside on weekends, no cover. Schedule includes Thursday, Doug Deming & the Jeweltones; Friday, Peggy Carr Quartet; Saturday, Spangler/Tope Trio.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 344-4044

**BETTER HEALTH MARKET**  
**LOCATION:** 42875 Grand River, Novi  
**CONTACT:** (248) 735-8100 or visit [www.thebetterhealthstore.com](http://www.thebetterhealthstore.com)  
**MacroVal Cooking Class**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15  
**DETAILS:** Focusing on gluten free recipes. Also Herb the Juice Man will discuss fruit and vegetable juicing for better nutrition from 3 to 4 p.m.

**Mike Morelli**  
**TIME/DATE:** 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22  
**DETAILS:** Mike Morelli from The Biggest Loser will host an optimal weight seminar with another fitness trainer. Mike will talk about his changes and demonstrate exercises people can do at home to strengthen one's core.

**Kelly Cassise**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29  
**DETAILS:** Kelly Cassise from New Chapter will discuss how to strengthen the immune system for the upcoming school year - great for moms and kids.

**AUTHOR MARIA DISMONDY BOOKSIGNINGS**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 21  
**LOCATION:** Borders Bookstore, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi  
**TIME/DATE:** 9:11 a.m. Oct. 11  
**LOCATION:** Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty Rd., Northville  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10  
**LOCATION:** Walled Lake Public Library, 1499 E West Maple Rd., Walled Lake  
**TIME/DATE:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 21  
**LOCATION:** Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
**DETAILS:** Maria Dismondy will be on tour at local facilities, reading, selling and signing her book, "Spaghetini In A Hot Dog Bun." In today's society, it's important to remind children that, although we are different on the outside, we are very much alike on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the United States. It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Her book empowers children to positively handle tough situations through its timeless message: have the courage to be exactly who you are, no matter what other people say.

**JAVA AND JAZZ JAM**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9-11 p.m. Aug. 27  
**LOCATION:** Biggys Coffee, 43346 Grand River at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road  
**DETAILS:** Jazz has found a home once a month at Biggys Coffee. Since the New Year's Eve celebration, the Tony Lannen Jazz Quartet has entertained a growing crowd of jazz lovers on the last Thursday of every month. Owner Mike Waltersdorf has committed to continuing the jazz jam through the summer months. \$5 music donation. Musicians - bring your instruments and join the jam. Sign up sheet at the door.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 596-0100

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES**  
**TIME/DATE:** 4-7 p.m. Saturdays  
**LOCATION:** 12 Mile Cross at Fountainwalk, 44875 W. Twelve Mile Road, Novi  
**DETAILS:** Five free concerts in August by the roundabout in front



David Amamoto admires fellow artist Dani Pappie's work during the first Summer Sidewalk Series event at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk Aug. 1.

**Summer Sidewalk Series**

David Amamoto admires fellow artist Dani Pappie's work during the first Summer Sidewalk Series event at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk Aug. 1. Each Saturday in August, from 4-7 p.m., a band will perform live music and artists from ArtsNovi will display their creations. If it rains, the event will be moved inside Lucky Strike. This week, Gia Warner and Bobby Lewis perform.

**20: 7-5 Aug. 21**  
**DETAILS:** This educational conference will emphasize the latest technologies and hot topics in trauma care for pre-hospital care providers. There will be a total of 14 continuing education credits available to attendees including 10 practical (hands-on) sessions. Speakers will include local, regional and national experts. Credits for certification will be available at the MFR, EMT, EMT Specialist and Paramedic levels. One- and two-day registration options are available. Two-day registration is \$80 and includes continental breakfast and lunch both days. One-day registration is \$50 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. The online brochure and registration is available at [www.bolsford.org/emts\\_expo](http://www.bolsford.org/emts_expo). Registration available at [www.bolsford.org/emts\\_expo](http://www.bolsford.org/emts_expo). Parking is free.  
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**ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE**  
**LOCATION:** 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**CONTACT:** (248) 348-5600  
**Gun & Knife Show**  
**TIME/DATE:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 15, 10-3 Aug. 16  
**DETAILS:** Admission is \$6. Anyone under 18 years must be with a responsible adult to attend this show. Parking is \$5.  
**CONTACT:** Doug Carl at (517) 676-4160 or visit [www.mgunshows.com](http://www.mgunshows.com)  
**BMS Ford Hospital 1st Annual SEMI Expo**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Aug.

**TIME/DATE:** 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9  
**LOCATION:** DoubleTree Hotel, Novi  
**DETAILS:** The Novi Oaks chapter of ABWA (American Business Women's Association) is hosting this event with many different vendors on site for an evening of shopping, networking and fun. Admission is 99 cents and includes light appetizers, while they last. A cash bar will also be available.  
**CONTACT:** [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org)

**Library Lines**

**NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY LINES**  
**LOCATION:** 45245 W. Ten Mile Road  
**SUMMER HOURS:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Standard hours resume after Labor Day  
**DETAILS:** Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-0720  
**WEBSITE:** [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org)  
**Story Times:** Please see the library Web site or story time brochure for details.  
**Kiddie Crafts**  
**DATE:** Saturday, Aug. 15  
**TIME:** 10:30-11 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so dress appropriately. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required.  
**Library Tech Time**  
**DATE:** Mondays, Aug. 17 and Aug. 24  
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**Seniors**

**NOVI SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTER**

**LOCATION:** Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 347-0414  
**Massage by appointment:** 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday  
**Thursday**  
**9-11 a.m.:** Line Dance  
**9-3:15 p.m.:** Hearing exams by appointment  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** Income taxes by appointment  
**Noon:** Lunch  
**12:15 p.m.:** Contract Bridge  
**Friday**  
**9 a.m.:** Stretch & Strength  
**10 a.m.:** Body Recall  
**Noon:** Lunch  
**12:30 p.m.:** Dupl. Bridge  
**1 p.m.:** Bingo  
**Monday**  
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**12:30 p.m.:** Pinochle  
**6-7 p.m.:** Pilates Mat Work  
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**11 a.m.:** TOPS; Blood Pressure  
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**1:30 p.m.:** Humana Presentation  
**6-7 p.m.:** Dancing with the Stars

**WALTONWOOD AT TWELVE OAKS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

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**Open House**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily  
**DETAILS:** Join us for tours and refreshments.

**FOX RUN**

**LOCATION:** 41000 W. 13 Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** More than 800 people live at Fox Run in Novi, an Erickson full-service retirement community that combines a vibrant maintenance-free, active lifestyle with an ever-expanding host of amenities, social activities and wellness and medical centers.  
**CONTACT:** Please call (248) 926-5200 for additional information on the community's apartment homes. For general information, call (248) 668-8600.

**SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT**

**Novi City Council Meeting**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 347-0470  
**Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 347-0410

**NOVI ROTARY CLUB**

**TIME/DATE:** Noon every Thursday  
**LOCATION:** Novi Methodist Church, 4671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information: [novirotary.org](http://novirotary.org).

**ABWA**

**99 Ways to shop 'til You Drop**

**DETAILS:** Chill out with a movie for all ages. This week we're showing The Rescuers.

**WIXOM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**LOCATION:** 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
**HOURS:** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday  
**CONTACT:** (248) 624-2512 or visit [wixomlibrary.org](http://wixomlibrary.org)  
**Museum Adventure Pass**  
**DETAILS:** Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See [detroitadventurepass.org](http://detroitadventurepass.org) for more information.

**ESL Cafe**

**TIME/DATE:** 3:30 p.m. every Thursday  
**DETAILS:** Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help; free.  
**CONTACT:** Karin at the Information Desk.

**Kiddie Crafts**

**DATE:** Saturday, Aug. 15  
**TIME:** 10:30-11 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so dress appropriately. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required.

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**Musical Movements for Infants**

**DATE:** Wednesday, Aug. 19  
**TIME:** 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** This workshop is for infants and toddlers, who are not yet walking, and their parents or caregivers. Registration is required. Using finger plays, instruments, dance games, and simple toys, you will learn how to make movement a part of your child's daily routine. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Early On Oakland's experiences and enthusiastic therapists.

**2nd-4th Grade Parent-Child Book Discussion**

**DATE:** Wednesday, Aug. 19  
**TIME:** 1-2 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Just the thing to remedy summer boredom! Join a group of readers going into 2nd-4th grades and their parents or significant adults to discuss the book Half Magic, by Edward Eager. There will be a snack and a craft, too. Registration Required.  
**Library Board Meeting**  
**DATE:** Wednesday, Aug. 19  
**TIME:** 7-8 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** General meetings of the entire Library Board are usually held the third Wednesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center. The public is welcome and broadcasts of these meetings are shown live on cable channel 13.  
**Puppets in the Park at Lakeshore Park**  
**DATE:** Tuesday, Aug. 25  
**TIME:** 10-10:45 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Start your day off with a giggle as Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fez Puppets present a wonderful puppet show. It's a terrific way to spend a picture perfect summer day at Lakeshore Park! All ages welcome.  
**Tuesday Evening Book Discussion**  
**DATE:** Tuesday, Aug. 25  
**TIME:** 7-8 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of the Secret Supper by Javier Sierra. Please register. Limited to 20 participants.  
**Movie Wednesday at MPL**  
**DATE:** Wednesday, Aug. 26  
**TIME:** 1-3:15 p.m.



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 Brian Larson, owner of Larson Jewelry in Novi, recently created this 6.8 total carat weight diamond engagement ring for a customer. The ring was said to be valued at well over \$100,000.

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**Three running for two school board seats**

There will at least be one new face on the Novi Community Schools Board of Education this November. Current president Ann Ghibzinski has chosen to run for re-election to a second four-year term, while treasurer Jeff Nielson has chosen to step aside. Joining Ghibzinski on the ballot are Novi residents David Brown and Shari Lebo, and the three will be vying for one of two open seats. Lebo, who moved to Novi two years ago and has twins at Novi Meadows, said she wanted to get involved because she wanted to see the school district thrive and improve. "Whether voters have children currently in the schools or not, we must ensure our school district excels," she said. "Supporting our school district is necessary for our students as well as our community as a whole." Brown was reached at his home but refused to comment. The general election to decide the two new members is Nov. 3. [reuter@gannett.com](mailto:reuter@gannett.com) | (248) 437-2001, ext. 255

**NOVI ON CAMPUS**

**Grand Valley State University**  
 The following Novi students were placed on the winter 2009 semester Dean's List, which includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.  
 Novi: Kristen Barken; Eric Baumgarten; Samantha Bourque; Amanda Brandt; Kristina Bray; Steven Carr; Alexi Cirka; Amuce Cooper; Jennifer DeClerck; Chase Dehne; Amanda Ducon; Pauls Dietz; Jordan Duff; Rebecca Haller; Lauren Ilomaa; Joclyn Horning; Linda Janik; Christopher Jeffrey; Lindsay Kohls; Rebecca Kowal; Julie Kuhn; Melissa Ludke; Danielle Matley; Alyssa Meyers; Nicole Moisan; Tammy Ong; Daniel Pilgiani; Brenna Quinley; Lauren Rice; Katherine Schulhoff; Joseph Shada; Michela Wasak; Kevin Weish.  
**Western Michigan University**  
 The following Novi students graduated in the spring 2009 semester: Madeleine Bien, bachelor of arts, French; Crystal Corte, master of science, occupational therapy; Timothy Ellis, bachelor of business administration, computer information systems; Jacquelyn Hoag, bachelor of science, psychology; Katelyn Kujawa, bachelor of science, psychology; William Morrison, bachelor of business administration, marketing; Lauren Niffin, bachelor of arts, organizational communication; Brent Paiva, bachelor of science, industrial design; Mark Ringelski, bachelor of arts, theater performance; Jason Sierra, bachelor of business administration, sales and business marketing; Amanda Toffoli, bachelor of science, family studies; child development; and David Van Horn, bachelor of business administration, finance.  
**Lawrence Technological University**  
 The following local students have been named to the spring 2009 Dean's Honor Roll. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.  
 Novi: Brian Esser and Hsin Ti Yu; Walled Lake: Vitaliy Grodzinskiy; and Wixom: Jack Larabee.

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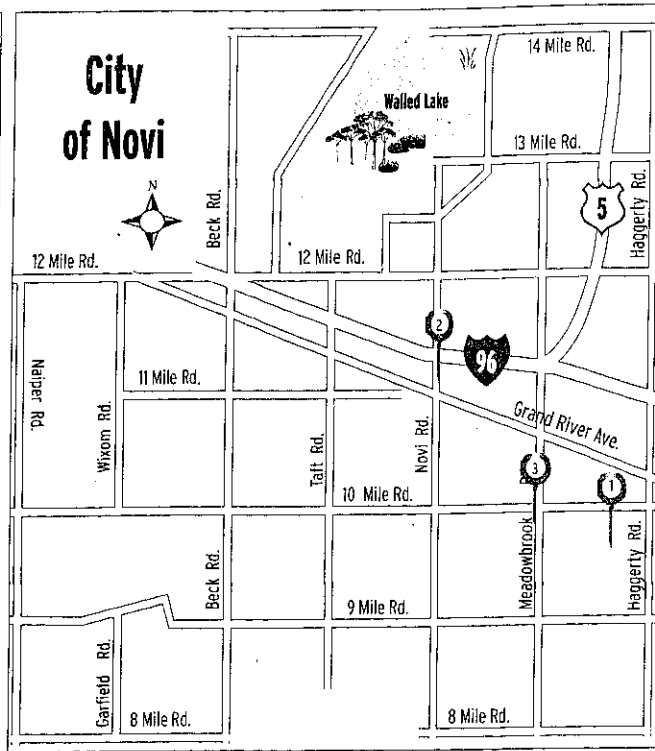
**Family Fun Contest**  
 Show us how your family spends fun family times together and you could win a \$60 gift certificate from Beans & Cornbread Soulful Bistro in Southfield, MI. Simply take a photo of your family fun along with a brief caption explaining the family activity.  
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 All entries will be judged based on fun and creativity. Email pictures to: [cbjordan@hometownlife.com](mailto:cbjordan@hometownlife.com) with the subject line "Family Fun" or mail to Choya Jordan, Observer & Eccentric Newspaper, 615 W. Lafayette Blvd, 2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226.  
 Contest runs July 26 - Aug 23, 2009. Winners will be notified. Pictures may be selected for publication. Pictures will not be returned. Pictures size must not exceed 10 MB.  
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# PUBLIC SAFETY



## On the job

The Novi Fire Dept. responds to a fire on Aug. 5 at Hometown Novi at the northeast corner of Novi and 13 Mile. A fire broke out in the kitchen of a resident at the manufactured housing community around 1:15 p.m. and was quickly brought under control once the fire department arrived. No injuries were reported. The home suffered extensive fire and smoke damage.



## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Novi, Wixom men charged with robbery

The Wixom Police Department arrested two men on Aug. 4 who are allegedly responsible for a string of strong-arm and armed robberies in Wixom recently.

James Everett Horton, 18, of Novi, and Donta Doral Solomon, 18, of Wixom, were caught by officers assigned to a special robbery detail and were assisted by deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The men were charged with one count of unarmed robbery at 52-1 District Court in Novi and are being held at the Oakland County Jail on \$50,000 bond.

According to a press release from the Wixom Police Department, additional complaints and arrest warrants are expected soon.

### Thousands of dollars worth of jewelry missing

A 49-year-old Novi resident had more than \$30,000 worth of jewelry taken from his home on Londonderry Drive.

According to the police report, the homeowner was called on July 30 to meet an officer at his home because the alarm had been set off. When he arrived, he and the officer noticed pictures and items scattered around the bedroom but did not find anything missing.

When his wife returned home from vacation she noticed her jewelry box, which included a tennis bracelet worth \$8,000, a tanzanite ring with platinum band worth \$4,500, a men's Rolex watch worth \$18,000 and a Pandora bracelet with charms worth \$150, was missing. The pictures that were on the floor were originally in front of the box.

Police have no suspects at this time.

### Woman busted with pot

A Novi police officer arrested a 35-year-old Detroit woman on July 19 for marijuana possession and driving while license suspended after observing her run a red light at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

When the officer approached the woman's car, she said her driving record was bad and "she might be in trouble."

The officer then conducted a search of her

vehicle and found a baggy of marijuana located between the seats. Another officer who arrived on the scene also found the drug in the car. The woman admitted to police that the marijuana was hers.

She was issued misdemeanor citations for driving while license suspended and possession of marijuana and released after posting \$100 bond.

### Property stolen from car parked at gas station

A 41-year-old Novi man had several items stolen from a car inside his car while it was parked at a Marathon gas station in Novi on July 25.

The man told police he had just arrived home from military service in mid-July and had yet to unpack his vehicle. He had filled up his gas tank and entered the gas station to pay and use the bathroom prior to leaving. When he returned to his home he noticed the bag was missing and went back to the station to check if anyone had found it.

Inside the bag were a U.S. flag, an ICE watch, gold ring, gold necklace with cross, set of dog tags, set of military coins and four books. The estimated total of the stolen items is over \$4,000.

Police have no suspects or witnesses at this time.

### Drunk driver caught by police

A 49-year-old Novi woman was arrested around 9:11 p.m. on Aug. 4 for drunk driving after a police officer observed the driver swerving while driving north on Meadowbrook Road near Ten Mile Road.

When the officer approached the car, the woman smelled strongly of intoxicants and admitted to drinking earlier in the night. The woman failed field sobriety tests and had to use her vehicle and the patrol vehicle for balance while standing.

A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .22 percent. The limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

The woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Novi Police Department.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Community Education

#### NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 449-3206 or visit novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation

#### Novi Community Education

##### Lifeguard Training

TIME/DATE: 4-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, August 10-20

LOCATION: Novi High School Pool

DETAILS: American Red Cross Lifeguard Training prepares individuals for lifeguarding at aquatic facilities. Upon successful completion, each participant receives a Lifeguard Training Certificate, which includes First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Participants are required to pass a water skills test the first day of class, including treading water, retrieval of a ten-pound brick from the bottom of the pool, and a 300-yard swim (12 laps). Training is conducted over

an eight-day period (2 weeks) and participants are required to attend all training days. No refunds will be issued after class begins. Prerequisite: Participants must be at least 15 years old by the last scheduled day of class.

FEE: \$175 Novi resident, \$180 non-resident

##### Ongoing

#### AMERICAN LEGION POST 19 MONTHLY MEETING

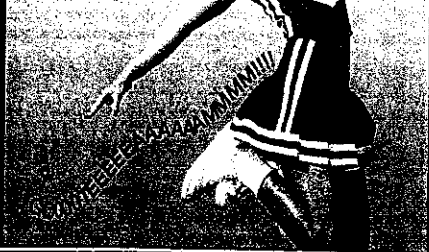
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday every month

LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, East Entrance, 46100 Grand River Avenue

DETAILS: Comrades and fellow veterans, join our monthly meetings. Attendance is needed to grow our Post. If you are not a member, consider joining.

CONTACT: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841, dstrikulis@twm19r.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193, pnerick@aol.com.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Taylor made

Area teen pens a new chapter with second book

BY DARRELL CLEN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton teen Taylor Joseph has had a whirlwind summer. She's learning to drive. She's 16, after all. She's spending a little time with friends. Oh, and she's promoting her second novel.

Taylor's new book and first mystery, *Allison Investigates* (Four Star Publishing, \$12.95), hits bookstores in September. It tells the 202-page story of an inquisitive teen and aspiring detective who, along with three friends, is thrust into a subculture of skateboarders and organized crime while investigating a neighbor's stolen car.

Step aside, Nancy Drew. Taylor visited police stations and car dealerships to research her new novel. Unlike her title character, though, Taylor isn't interested in becoming a detective.

"I just thought it was something I wanted to write about," she said, sitting Thursday afternoon outside the Canton Public Library. "I like being creative."

Taylor's latest book is billed as a fast-paced adventure that takes Allison and her friends from their teens to young adulthood in the most memorable summer of their lives.

The novel follows Taylor's debut, *The Crossing*, which has sold several thousand copies and tells the story of a 12-year-old Mexican girl's struggles to escape poverty and cross the border into the United States. It can be bought at major bookstores or on amazon.com.

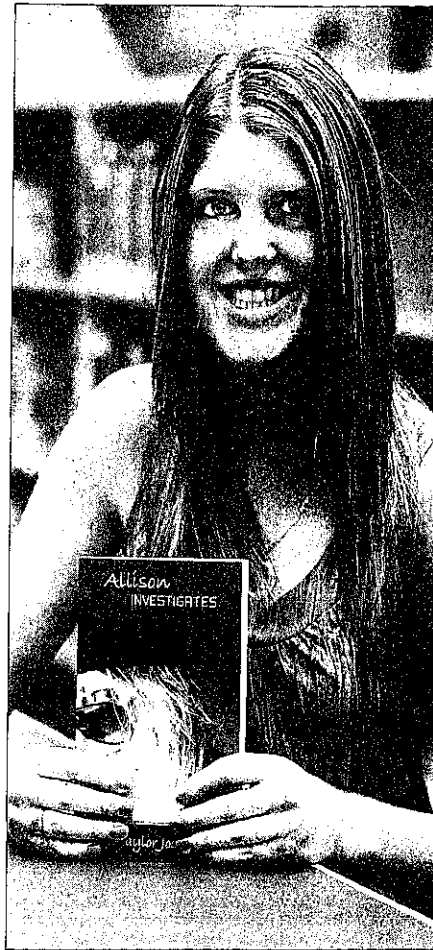
Taylor, who will be a junior at Salen High School this fall and is the daughter of Larry and Monica Joseph, promoted *The Crossing* with book signings in 12 states. She appeared on 15 radio programs and has made a television commercial promoting literacy, although she needs more sponsors before it will air.

One school system in Plano, Texas, invited Taylor to speak to eight schools in two days. "They treated her like a queen," Larry Joseph said.

Taylor spends Saturdays and Sundays writing, so she doesn't have much spare time. Still, she enjoys what time she can squeeze in with friends to play sports. She also has a Web site, [www.taylorjoseph.com](http://www.taylorjoseph.com).

Taylor started taking writing seriously when she was only 8 years old. "She's always been artistic and creative," Joseph said.

Even before *Allison Investigates* hits bookstores, Taylor already has nearly finished her third novel about a powerful king who has everything but peace, after his wife dies giving



Author Taylor Joseph of Canton has penned her second book, a mystery about an inquisitive teenager thrust into the world of skateboarding and organized crime.

### SIGNING DAY

• Who: Taylor Joseph, 16, of Canton

• What: She'll sign copies of her second book, *Allison Investigates*

• Where and when: 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, northwest corner of Six Mile and Hagerty in Northville, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Borders in Canton, on Ford Road between Sheldon and Lilly

• Taylor said she wanted to thank all the teachers across the country who have invited her to their classrooms to talk about her books and to promote literacy. "It's a very important issue," she said.

She still isn't sure if she will make a lifelong career out of writing. "Only if I become a best-seller," she said, smiling. Otherwise, she may become a nurse.

That is, after she learns to drive.

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birth to a third child. The Joseph family, which also has a 14-year-old son, Evan, is negotiating with a New York agent who may become involved in publishing the next book.

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## MILESTONES

### Jones & Paige

Kevin Jones, son of Ron and Fay Jones of Novi, and Annie Paige, daughter of Mike and Joy Wendt of Farmington Hills, were married on May 9, 2009, at The Whitney in Detroit.

Kevin was a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and a 1996 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University.

Annie was a 1994 graduate of Milford High School and a 1998 graduate of Madonna University.

They spent their honeymoon in the Riviera Maya, Mexico. They reside in Troy. Annie is a registered nurse and works for Beaumont Hospital. Kevin works for Portable Church Industries as director of sales.



### Kobylarek & Smith

Marien Rochelle Smith, daughter of Richard and Bambi Smith of Sterling Heights, and Jonathan David Kobylarek, son of David and Susan Kobylarek of Novi, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be resides in Royal Oak and earned an A.A.S. degree in veterinary technology from Macomb Community College in 2003. She works at Madison Veterinary Hospital in Madison Heights.

The groom-to-be resides in Royal Oak and earned a B.F.A. degree in industrial design from University of Michigan in 2002. He works at North American Lighting in Farmington Hills.

A Sept. 18 wedding is planned in Oakland Township, and they couple will honeymoon in Las Vegas and Aruba.

### Celebrating 90th

Longtime Novi resident Margaret (Peg) Deming turns 90 this year, and friends and family members will gather from around the country to celebrate on Sunday Aug. 16. The celebration will be held at the Livonia home of her son and daughter-in-law Terry and Sue Deming. Those attending will include her three children, eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, as well as many friends and neighbors.

Co-organizer of the event Irene Deming Rochette, who is Peg's daughter, said that there will be plenty of memories shared.

"Some of mom's oldest friends from our old neighborhood in Detroit and some of her newest friends will be coming to celebrate with her. Everyone who knows her wants to be part of this."

"Four generations of her family will be there," said Terry Deming. "We are looking forward to a sunny day and lots of laughter to make this a memorable day for everyone."

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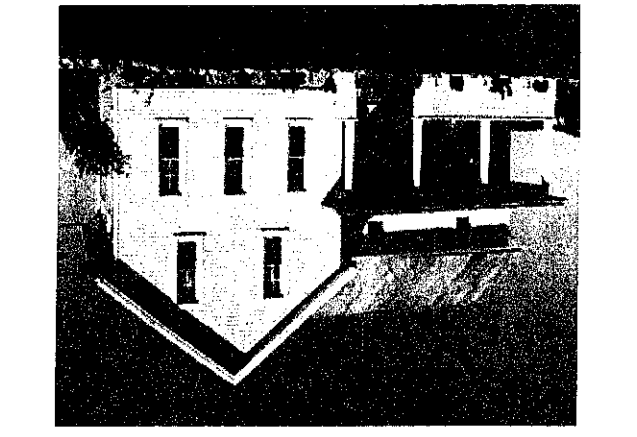
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When Starting a Business, Be Careful to Consider the Legal Structure

While the economy evolves and many large corporations downsize, opportunities exist for new start-up ventures. When starting a new business, the owners may be focused on business plans, strategic plans, operational issues and the prospects for success. It is important to also take the time to design an appropriate legal structure, and to plan for the possibility that the venture may not be successful. A business lawyer can help with that.

Issues that should be considered fall generally into categories of financial issues, roles and decision-making, and exit strategy. Financial issues include the contributions to be made by the owners (money, other property or services), and the income or profit to be received. What will happen if additional resources become necessary?

The roles of the owners should be defined. Some owners may be passive investors, whereas others may actively work in the business. The scope of authority and responsibility of each should be determined. How will decisions be made? Will all owners have equal voting power? Certain issues, such as day-to-day operational decisions, may be within the scope of authority of one or more individuals, whereas other decisions may be subject to vote by all owners. Certain issues may be decided upon simple majority voting, whereas other decisions may require a "supermajority" or unanimous vote. A list of issues should be considered to determine the appropriate decision-maker and the appropriate threshold for a decision.

What events will trigger the termination of an owner's employment with an ownership interest in the business? Can an owner be fired by the other owners? A valuation methodology and payment terms must be determined. Should a covenant not to compete apply? The triggering events and buy-sell provisions may be different for different owners and for different triggering events.

These and related questions should be considered at the outset of a business so a reasonable and fair organizational structure can be designed to deal with these issues as they arise. If a business is successful and there are abundant profits to share, the owners may never read their legal documents. If the business is not successful, however, or an owner fails to fulfill expectations, the owners will examine their legal documents carefully to determine their rights, and they will be pleased if they discover that the documents provide a reasonable mechanism to promptly resolve the issue.

Bruce W. Hatley has represented small businesses for nearly 30 years. Mr. Hatley is a resident of Novi, and is a shareholder and member of the Board of Directors of Glanville, Mullins & Horton, P.C. in Troy. If you have a legal question, feel free to contact him at (248) 857-7073 or email: bwh@bwmll.com

# Gluten-free bakery opens in Novi

BY MATTHEW MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Michelle Fuller has always had a passion for baking.

But it wasn't until about 15 years ago that she specialized her craft, baking gluten-free items for a friend's daughter who had celiac disease. She started a business dedicated to those with the disease out of her home before opening her own store, Celiac Specialties, in 2003 in Chesterfield. After years of

success at that location, the business has grown, expanding to a location off Grand River Avenue in Novi.

"It's very rewarding," Fuller said last Friday at the grand opening of the store. "It's difficult baking gluten-free items but our goal is to create a product that tastes and looks like the real thing. We try to make the food like people remember it."

Celiac disease is a digestive disease that damages the small intestine and interferes

with absorption of nutrients in food. People who have the disease cannot eat gluten, a protein in wheat, rye and barley. Diane Moon, who discovered Fuller six years ago when she was diagnosed with the disease, said while more stores are carrying gluten-free products, Fuller is "amazing" because of the variety of products she carries. She also appreciates Fuller taking time to answer customer's questions and give them baking tips.

"She's a miracle to us," Moon said.

On top of running the stores, Fuller is president of the Tri-County Celiac Support Group. The group, which has a large membership base in the Novi area — hence the location of the store in Novi — is the largest support group in southeastern Michigan. Members meet regularly with guest speakers, get information on how to cook gluten-free meals, receive discounts at Celiac Specialties and

participate in several events throughout the year.

For more information about the group, visit [www.tccsg.com](http://www.tccsg.com). Celiac Specialties is located at 39799 Grand River Avenue. It is open Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 987-2348.

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## OAKLAND COUNTY BRIEFS

This event is a benefit for the new multi-purpose Foster Resource Center of Pontiac.

The Foster Resource Center is one of the newest community focused ventures for the Women's Commissioners. The multi-purpose facility in Pontiac, Michigan is a development of over 50,000-square-foot building is an ongoing effort. The building donated by Jim Foster and Kathy Thomas, Pontiac City Council, Paris McCurdy, businessman and former NBA player, and Michigan House State Representative Vincent Gregory, Oakland County Commissioner Mattie McKinney Hatcher and Oakland County Commissioner Janet Jackson. Sponsors include TCF Bank, St. Joseph's Mercy

and television production training. These are only a few of the services that will be provided at the Foster Resource Center.

This worthy cause is hosted by Oakland County Women's Commissioner Susanna Baldwin, Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gerstenson with special guests. Supporting the event are Southfield Police Chief Joseph Thomas, Pontiac City Council, Paris McCurdy, businessman and former NBA player, and Michigan House State Representative Vincent Gregory, Oakland County Commissioner Mattie McKinney Hatcher and Oakland County Commissioner Janet Jackson. Sponsors include TCF Bank, St. Joseph's Mercy

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For more information, contact Women's Commissioner Susanna Baldwin at (248) 929-1254 or go to [www.koolcruise.org](http://www.koolcruise.org).

## Family Market Day

Healthy Oakland Partnership announces its first-ever Family Market Day at the Oakland County Farmers' Market in Waterford to promote eating fresh fruits and vegetables and physical activity. The event will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22. The Oakland County Market is located at 2350 Pontiac Lake Road, in Waterford.

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## HEALTH CALENDAR

- Catholic Social Service of Oakland County teen-parent program — teens are paired with an adult mentor who will meet with them once a week, attend Lamaze classes and assist in the birthing process. If someone you know could use guidance and support contact (248) 333-3700, ext. 122.

- Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital offers community health programs. If you have questions or would like to register for a program call (248) 937-3314. Space is limited, so please call early to avoid disappointment.

- The Sinai Center for Women is hosting a series of lectures on Tuesday evenings. Tuesday Tea will provide a gathering place for women while educating them on women's health concerns. The programs take place in the lobby of the Sinai Center for Women. Tuesday Teas are free and held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and begin at 6 p.m. To inquire about topics or to register, please call (248) 937-5055.

- Yoga classes: The yoga class meets on Mondays at 4 p.m. Yoga is an ancient art designed to release stress, strengthen the body and increase energy and flexibility. Pre-registration required, call for information on fees. Classes ongoing, so start any time.

- Tai Chi for seniors will be offered for six weeks on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. Call the HVSH Office of Community Health for information on when the sessions begin and to register. \$40 fee for six week session.

- IMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital is currently offering a variety of CPR classes to meet the needs of the community. Classes range from basic CPR intended for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification classes for those who need CPR for work and state licensure. First Aid classes are also available. Classes are offered on both weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Prices vary, depending on the class that is chosen. Pre-registrations are required. A non-refundable registration fee is required. For more information call (248) 937-3314.

- The hospital is offering the American Heart Association's CPR for Family and Friends class. This is a CPR class designed for lay responders who wish to know CPR. The class will cover CPR and choking for adults, children and infants. This is not a certification course and therefore does not meet requirements for workplace or state licensure. Cost is \$25 for the first person.

- The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County is offering its Families In Action Educational Program. This educational program is designed specifically for people with a loved one that has been diagnosed with a mental illness. It is a series of 10 two-hour weekly sessions facilitated by family members who have lived the hardships of mental illness and have been trained on how to share their experiences with others. Classes are held on the St. Regis Parish School Campus in West Bloomfield and are open to all area residents. Class size is limited. Pre-register: (248) 348-7196 or [www.amiocounty.org](http://www.amiocounty.org).

- St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland offers a variety of programs and services designed to meet the healthcare and educational needs of the community. For dates and locations call the Mercy Health Line at (800) 372-6294.

- Wishes on Wheels makes available power (electric) wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens, 65 years and older, usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required. The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who can't walk and can't self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home or dependent on the additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. (800) 823-5220 or [www.threewishes2.com](http://www.threewishes2.com).

- The Three Wishes Inc. Program makes available to senior citizens and the permanently disabled power (electric) wheelchairs at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. The power wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit required. (800) 839-5716.

- Wheelchair eligibility: All Medicare recipients should be aware that if they suffer from conditions like arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. (800) 810-2877.

- You could save someone's life if you join the National Marrow Donor Program Registry. Each year, more than 30,000 children and adults are diagnosed with leukemia and other diseases for which a stem cell transplant may be the only cure. Only 30 percent of these people will find matching donors within their families. At any given time, 3,000 patients are searching the donor registry for a potentially life-saving stem cell donor. The registry has grown significantly, which has enabled more patients than ever before to receive transplants for life-threatening diseases. For information on registering, call (800) MARROW-2 or visit [www.marrowsp.org](http://www.marrowsp.org).

- Oakland County Health Division, located at 1200 Telegraph Road, Pontiac, (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900.

- Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families without well care coverage through their health insurance provider are eligible for this service. Offered at community sites. Appointment is required. North Oakland Office, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311, or office in Walled Lake, (248) 925-3341.

- WIC Helios families meet many health needs. The women, infants and children supplemental food program is one of the nation's most successful and cost-effective programs. Food, nutrition education, and referrals to health services are provided for WIC participants. Pregnant and breast-feeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants, and children up to 5 years may participate if they are income eligible and at health risk due to inadequate nutrition.

- Support Alliance for the mentally ill of Oakland County offers support meetings for relatives of persons who suffer from mental illness every first Monday of the month at 30233 Southfield Road, Suite 220. For more information and referral call the Oakland North at (248) 551-6440 or Oakland South at (248) 709-0591.

- Alzheimer's Family Support Group will be meeting at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in the Krueger Center on the fourth Monday of each month. Call Rich at (248) 937-3314.

- Alzheimer's Support Group of Milford for caregivers meets at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Millard Park Place, 555 Highland Ave. (248) 684-8539.

- A-Anon and Alateen meetings hosted by Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. These are recovery programs for families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic seeks help. Membership is voluntary; requiring only that one's own life has been adversely affected by someone else's drinking. No cost and pre-registration is not required.

- The Hepatitis C Support Group, sponsored by the American Liver Foundation, meets at 1 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at Farmington Hills Public Library, 3237 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Offering support and education to patients, families and friends of those living with liver ailments. (248) 615-5168.

- Breast Cancer Support Group is for women who are at high risk for developing or who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month at Providence Medical Center in Novi. (248) 424-2769.



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# 'Kwame A River 2' hits mark

## Comedy at Andiamo Novi Theatre has audience rolling

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Unless you've lived in a cave, everyone knows about Kwame Kilpatrick's text messaging scandal and Monica Conyers' antics at recent Detroit City Council meetings.

Now the Andiamo Novi Theatre's performance "Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Conyers" moves these rather serious issues into the realm of comedy — and had the audience practically rolling in the aisles at the Aug. 6 opening night production.

Following the critically-acclaimed "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," the new revue is a hilarious original political satire that picks up boldly where the last production left off.

Kwame is out of jail and in exile in Dallas, and in his absence the unrepentable Monica Conyers has become president of the Detroit City Council.

Other Detroit names and places mentioned in the show include Kym Worthy, Bill Bonds, Madison, Alice Cooper, Greentown, Eminem, the Pistons, the Stanley Cup, Twelve Oaks Mall, Rick Wagner, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Taylor, Mile and Mary Ilch, Little Caesars, Mackinac Island, Inane Clown Posse, Tamara Green, Gary Brown, Mr. Allen and even Michigan potholes.

Written and directed by Marc Warzecha, a native Detroit resident currently living in Los Angeles, Warzecha has appeared on national television in such shows as "MADtv" and "Remo 911!" He has received numerous accolades, including two Joseph Jefferson nominations for Best Director. Cast members include Anushe (born Anil McLorin), Sharon Brooks, Jason Echols, Jannaal Hines, Ava Rodgers and Renell White. Jennifer

Warzecha is stage manager. The show is produced by Dan Linnen and Joe Vleari.

The performance is not lengthy, but the script crams a lot in the approximately 75-minute show. Nothing is sacred when it comes to this production. If you like to poke fun at well-known local attorneys, this performance is for you.

Showtimes and prices are \$15 for the 8 p.m. performance on Wednesday and Sunday, \$20 for the 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. performances on Friday as well as the 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. performances on Saturday.

Tickets are available at the box office, 42705 Grand River Ave., by calling the theatre at (248) 746-3000 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

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### OUR VIEWS

## Do your part - buy Michigan products

The first-ever Buy Michigan Now Festival was held recently in downtown Northville and served as a reminder for everyone to think Michigan when they make a purchase.

If you didn't get the chance to visit the festival, we encourage you to visit [www.buymichigannow.com](http://www.buymichigannow.com) to discover local buying guides and resources that make it easy to do your part. There is also a chance to join thousands in a pledge that you'll try to buy Michigan products whenever possible.

The idea behind Buy Michigan Now is to challenge supporters of the state to factor Michigan into their buying decisions. We do realize that there are some products and services that do not come from Michigan - such as pineapples and mountain-climbing expeditions. For example, an enormous amount of products are grown, manufactured or distributed by Michigan-based businesses. If the quality, availability and price meet with your needs, spend your money within our state.

Here are five great reasons why:

- Maintains us as so talented citizens can stay in the great state of Michigan.
- Diversifies Michigan's economy.
- Attracts new employers, thereby creating new jobs.
- Increases the tax base.
- Reduces our carbon footprint, because less fuel is used to move the merchandise when bought locally.

As individuals, most of us are not in a position to lure new industries here, save jobs or revitalize the automotive industry, but we can all do something to create positive change. Begin by examining your current buying habits and look for ways to think Michigan first. This state offers an abundance of food, beverage and other products and services that we can all use on a regular basis.

Look for Michigan signs at your local grocery stores and stock up each Saturday on Michigan-grown fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmers Market.

Remember, if every Michigan household spent just \$10 more of its weekly food budget on Michigan products, we would put \$97 million a week into our local economy. That's the power of dollars spent locally, so join your neighbors and do your part.

### NOVI NEWS



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The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voice, on the Web at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

#### The vision of Main Street

The original view of Main Street is a pedestrian-oriented "center" of town. Right now, the only traffic occurs in the evening. 29 Park

fits into that environment if it is popular. After its first meeting, the City Council was concerned about traffic being "too dense" in the Main Street area after hours. It's tough to shut out a potential tenant in a high-vacancy, low-traffic area based on future success.

In a perfect world you'd have a perfect business mix and a flow of customers. I'm sure, however, in this economy it's more important to find someone to fill vacancies even if there

are too many night clubs to pacify all constituents.

The owners of 29 Park selected their location after several years of research. The fact they want to invest in our city and fill an empty space in a critical area of the Main Street development should be welcome news. [Vic] Cassis, as a commercial property owner

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

What's one thing you wish Novi had?



**Better roads! Novi is great, but the roads are absolutely horrible.**

Jim Holtsclaw



**Parks - somewhere to go for lunch, walk and eat - not Kensington or Maybury.**

Michelle Arsenault



**An eclectic downtown like Ann Arbor. A place where the community can come together, and it would bring in more business.**

Lisa Katz



**A thin pizza/pasta place for casual dining.**

Randy Gregory

### LETTERS

#### Pay federal health insurance via personal income tax

Like voodoo economics, the current health care proposals leave me puzzled with respect to how removing "cherry picking" and other profitable practices of insurance companies can be compatible with reducing the cost of health insurance and extending its benefits to currently uninsured folks. I am also puzzled by the idea that premiums paid to insurance companies would cost me less than if paid as taxes and, if required by law, would be less of an imposition on my freedom of choice than a tax.

Rather, I suggest that if paid via federal personal income taxes: 1) The entire cost could be saved of the billing, mailing, check writing, mailing, check banking, check cashing and the withholding system for

both private employers and government, federal, state county and municipal, and the accounting at all of these entities. 2) Payment via IRS would be an essentially no added cost to the IRS and probably even savings from eliminating administration of the withholding system and health care deductions. 3) Payment through the graduated income tax would tend to put cost in rough proportion to ability to pay and avoid a discriminatory surcharge for the wealthy. 4) Eliminating the withholding system could eliminate the disadvantage of working for a small employer, and save big employers health insurance money and administration, thus increasing their profit and boosting their competitiveness internationally. 5) It could avoid bargaining and strikes about health insurance and spare employees insurance loss from job change or loss.

A basic plan for the entire health care system could be the following: 1) Collect funding via IRS personal income tax. 2) Fund insurance companies by competitively bid contracts. 3) Fund providers as at present. (They bill insurance companies.) 4) Improve efficiency by standardizing forms and procedures. 5) Introduce an option of negotiating for fixed periodic payments instead of billing every fee for service. 6) Let patients choose their providers.

A universal federal personal income tax funded system could save federal and state governments the expenses of separate subsidy programs for the poor (Medicaid), children (CHIPPS) as well as health insurance expenses for its employees. That could help budgets and taxes.

Bent G. Boving, M.D., retired  
Northville

## Budget cuts threaten youngest in society

The Lansing-based Early Childhood Investment Corp. reports a third of the state's children arrive at kindergarten unprepared for learning. These findings are based on 675 state kindergarten teachers who completed an online survey about how well students are prepared for learning.

State leaders know how to fix this problem. The question is - will they?

Investing in high-quality preschool is one of the best investments we can make as a state and nation, says a Nobel Prize-winning economist.

James Heckman, no leading heart educator or child advocate, but a 2000 Nobel Laureate in economics, predicts a grim picture for the United States unless we begin investing in our youngest children.

In his research paper, "The Productivity Argument for Investing in Young Children," he argues: "Over 20 percent of U.S. workers are functionally illiterate and enumerate, a much higher percentage than leading European countries." "On productivity grounds, it makes sound business sense to invest in young children, especially from disadvantaged environments."

Heckman's research demonstrates that children who participate in high-quality preschool programs "experience increased achievement test scores and high school graduation and decreased grade retention, time in special education, or experience with crime and delinquency."

Further, medical brain research has been clear for a number of years that nearly 85 percent of the human brain's capacity is developed in the first five years of life.

Seems to me we should be listening to brain researchers and Nobel Prize-winning economists that tell us to invest in our kids.

As Michigan superintendent of schools, I proposed in November 2002 the following: "Every 4-year-old in Michigan shall be offered a high-quality prekindergarten learning opportunity by the 2006 school year. This voluntary early childhood development and educational program shall be established according to nationally recognized, high-quality standards. It shall be provided at no additional charge to all Michigan 4-year-olds without reducing funding for existing education, health and child development programs."

However, due to other priorities, and the economic whirlpool the state has been facing, resources for early childhood programs have been anemic and,

in many cases, disappeared.

#### FEDS IN TOWN

The Obama administration proposed budget has set aside \$20 billion as a down payment for states to invest in our youngest children. Michigan must be at the head of the line for these resources.

The feds were in town recently. No, not the FBI, but Arthur J. Rolnick, senior vice president and director of research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Rolnick has also produced research that clearly shows the economic and societal return on investment in providing high-quality early childhood education.

Investing in high-quality education for 3- and 4-year-olds yields a higher return than any other public investment," Rolnick said.

Rolnick helped create an Early Childhood Scholarship Program in Minneapolis and is hoping to bring the successful initiative to Michigan. The Early Childhood Scholarship Program consists of

three basic elements: parental mentoring, scholarships for low-income families to pay for high-quality early childhood education for 3- and 4-year-olds; and a quality-rating system to provide parents with information on quality early childhood programs.

Rolnick and his colleagues have helped mobilize the Michigan business community, United Way, Wayne State University, key legislators, Visiting Nursing

Association, Beaumont Hospital, the governor's office and Michigan foundation leaders to form the nucleus of a leadership team to tap federal and other resources for our youngest children.

#### BRAIN BANK

If Michigan is going to compete in the hypercompetitive, disruptive, transformational, global economy, we must invest in our human talent from the cradle to the grave. A child and society, without a solid educational foundation on which to build, is the equivalent of building a deck of cards on a pile of sand. A lack of public investment in our human capital is not a winning strategy for the 21st century talent-driven knowledge economy.

Our goal must be to make Michigan the talent bank of the world. Investing in our youngest children will get us closer to this goal and will have a positive payoff for our collective future.

Don't take my word for it - ask a brain researcher or a Nobel Prize-winning economist.

If you want to help, contact Dr. Rolnick at (612) 204-5441 or by e-mail at [art.rolnick@mpls.frb.org](mailto:art.rolnick@mpls.frb.org).

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## What's the role of spouse or partner during a layoff?

It's a tough situation being the spouse or partner of a laid off worker. You experience fear and uncertainty too, but you don't want to be another burden to your loved one. What can you do and where do you turn for support?

First of all, become a good listener. The job-seeker in your family will experience a range of emotions during this time as they progress with their search. Anxiety, frustration, boredom, and depression can alternate with optimism, bursts of activity, and elation. Your best role may be just to open up discussion of what is currently going on and to listen closely. Mirroring feelings is usually not wanted or needed. However, if you have information or resources that you can offer up, that may be useful.

Frank, regular discussions about finances and family issues with joint decision-making are important. Avoid taking over unilaterally. Your spouse is between jobs - they haven't lost their important role in the family. Keep your level of mutual respect high.

Avoid blaming your partner for losing their job. These are tough economic times. Many factors are considered when employers are faced with the need to cut staff. Quite often, job performance is not an issue - business needs are the determining factor and are out of the control of your spouse.

Monitor your own emotional state. Try to find a way to manage your stress. Regular exercise in a gym, to walking or bike riding, or otherwise moving your body to keep it healthy and energized. Many people find meditation or prayer to be helpful in quieting anxiety and fear. Your social net-

work can also provide a safe place for you to vent your fears and frustrations in a friendly environment.

Work together with your spouse or partner to determine how you will manage your children. Even very young children will sense that something is different, so you will want to have a strategy around sharing your information and decisions. Some families attempt to keep the news of a job loss from their kids, but this is very difficult to maintain. A more effective option is to explain that there has been a short term change in your family's work situation, reassure the children that everything will be all right, and engage them in helping to decide how your family can save money during this time.

Children can be quite creative in coming up with solutions and they enjoy feeling like they are part of a larger effort to help everyone out.

If you find that you are experiencing a lasting depression, or are relying on alcohol or drugs to get through your day, or are becoming angry and abusive, you need to find professional help. Your physician or spiritual leader can help you find the right kind of help.

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### YOUR NEXT JOB

## Consider many factors when selecting a trusted adviser

A concept I emphasize in all of my classes is how business and tax professionals should conduct themselves as "trusted advisers."

In law this term is called fiduciary: a person acting in a position of trust. An attorney is the fiduciary to his or her client. Accountants are fiduciaries to their clients. This concept of "trusted advisers" is, however, much broader than "professionals" acting as fiduciaries.

In its rawest form, a fiduciary must adhere to the highest standards of honesty, integrity, ethics and, beyond all else, acting in the best interests of the person for whom the trustee is charged. As tempting as it may be, a fiduciary cannot act in his or her own interest - unfortunately you'd think this were the norm with the many Ponzi schemes dominating the news headlines recently. This is why when you pick as your trusted advisers is so critical.

Many fiduciaries we just don't have much individual choice in selecting. For example, President Obama is the fiduciary of the United States of America. Fritz Henderson is the CEO of General Motors. So many have a voice in these matters that we may feel as if our vote is irrelevant. The concept is still the same, these people are in positions of trust and must act as the trusted adviser for their charges, e.g. the people of the U.S., the shareholders of G.M.

So who are the people that you surround yourself with in your daily living? Your attorney, tax adviser, financial planner, insurance agent, banker, ... your patient advocate, power of attorney, trustee, personal representative or executor. All of these folks are your trusted advisers or fiduciaries. Are they the best people for you? Where do you find these fiduciaries? On the Internet? The phone book? A neighbor or friend

recommends them to you? Have you ever hired or nominated a fiduciary before? Believe me, there's never a magical answer as to who is a good trusted adviser. I say the only guaranteed person that will always act in your best interests - usually - is yourself. You are the only person that knows what you want and how you would act. So you must try to find the person (or persons) that will act as closely or similarly to you.

Your attorney may understand the terms of your will and trust better than anyone on the planet, but does your attorney know you better than everyone else on the planet? Would your attorney know how to conduct him or herself with your children if you were to die tomorrow? Is your accountant the best person to take over your business if you were suddenly incapacitated? Or, would someone else - completely untrained in the law and estate planning - be a better position?

Those may sound like trick questions, they're really not. A completely inexperienced person that you trust is a much better fiduciary for you than a highly experienced, trained professional that you really don't know. If you designate your best friend as your trusted advisor to take control of your trust or your business, your best friend may hire other advisers to assist him or her. Most

advisers are needed to do nothing but make "decisions" ... and you want your fiduciaries to make the right decision.

One trick that you may want to consider if you are in the process of hiring someone is to have some checks and balances in the selection process. For your estate plan, name two or more people as your decision makers (although medical decisions may only be made by one person). Or, consider a committee of fiduciaries. Maybe designate an independent person to handle specific decisions only.

So what happens when your trusted adviser betrays your trust? What can you do? If there are financial consequences, you could sue him or her for "breaching" their fiduciary duties. Maybe the breach was so bad that a suit for fraud or misrepresentation is appropriate (e.g. Bernard Madoff). If the betrayal is relatively harmless, firing or replacing your fiduciary is always something you can do.

What I try to emphasize to students is simple. If a trusted adviser cannot be completely trusted, then they should never be appointed in the first place. Or that person should be immediately replaced. The hallmark of any relationship is trust; without trust, the relationship is not true. Find those qualities in your fiduciaries and you should be off to a good start.

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**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 LOCATION: 4145 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0565  
 Sunday Schedule  
 TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study, 10 a.m. Worship

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
 LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.  
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 Sunday Worship  
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
 Walking in the Park  
 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday  
 LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)  
 DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.  
 CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

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 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ  
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 TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays Single Adult Ministries office  
 Single's Bible Study  
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

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 Saturday Worship  
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 Sunday School  
 TIME: 10:15 a.m.

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 Sunday Worship  
 TIME: 10 a.m.  
 Sunday School  
 TIME: 10:15 a.m.

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 LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tuttle's in Old Church Square, Northville  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH**  
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 TIME/DATE: 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday  
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 CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspostmeadows.org  
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 Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages  
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 LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or church@the-holycross.org  
 Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
 Sunday School and Nursery Care  
 TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service  
 Alzheimer's Support Group  
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

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**Schoolcraft College supporter raises money for student scholarships**

Craig Bowles always has a smile on his face. But his happy-go-lucky, easy-going manner is just the outward demeanor of a man on a mission. He wants people to know about the critical need for scholarships at Schoolcraft and understand that as the local economy continues to struggle and job losses mount, students are challenged to find money for a college education. "It's a tough economy and the need for student scholarships is higher than ever," says Bowles, secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation. "People are unemployed and going back to school. Many people can't afford a college education without some assistance," he adds.

That's why Bowles, after working on the Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza Committee for more than 18 years, agreed to take on the role as chairman of the premier fall food and wine event. The fund-raising event attracts 800-1,000 people for sampling food and beverages from Detroit's finest restaurants and food/beverage vendors. A silent auction featuring vacation, sports and theater/dining

packages is part of the program along with a raffle with prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 in cash. Raffle tickets, \$5 each or 3 for \$10, also help the fund-raising effort and are available at the college's web site. The drawing will be held at the event. Ticketholders need not be present to win. Bowles has been an enthusiastic member of the culinary extravaganza committee for many years serving on the auction committee, selling sponsorships and tickets. He's one of "two or three" all-time top sellers of raffle tickets.

**FRIENDLY RIVALS**  
 Bowles and Raymond Friedrich, president-elect of the foundation board, challenge each other every year to see who can sell the most raffle tickets.

"We each sell about 600-800 tickets the day of the event. He edged me out last year, but I won the previous year," Bowles says, adding that even if you don't win a cash prize, the raffle tickets will be valuable offering discounts at area restaurants including the college's American Harvest Restaurant. How does it feel to be in charge of one of the college's largest fund-raisers? "I really haven't thought about it feeling any different," Bowles says. "I'm working with a great group of people. My role is to guide and direct the people who are on the committee getting the job done — making phone calls, talking about Schoolcraft, encouraging others to participate. I'm an ambassador for the college. The most important part is that all funds go to student

**DETAILS**  
 Event: 2009 Culinary Extravaganza  
 Date: Sunday, Sept. 27  
 Time: 2-5 p.m.  
 Place: VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
 Cost: Tickets are \$50 (\$20 is charitable contribution). Sponsorship packages, which include tickets, media exposure and special event admittance, still are available ranging from \$300 to \$5,000. Call (734) 462-4518 or e-mail Marjorie Lynch at mlynch@schoolcraft.edu.

Tickets also can be purchased online at schoolcraft.edu. Raffle tickets help fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or 3 for \$10  
**Restaurant/Vendor List:**  
 Five Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, Bizzy Lizzy Bakery, Cadillac Coffee Company, Coffee Express Co., The Cupcake Station, Gnarly Head Wines - DFV Wines, Great Oaks Country Club, The Henry Ford, L. Mawby Vineyards, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Mitchell's Fish Market, Steve Rocky's, Trader Joe's and Zumba Mexican Grille

scholarships," says Bowles, who is completing his fifth year on the foundation board. Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help others further their education."

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## Hitting the practice fields for fall sports

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Big storms may have blown through Sunday night, but it was whistles blowing on Michigan high school football fields that took center stage Monday.

Teams could begin practices out of pads for the first two days beginning Monday. The real hitting began yesterday, when pads became legal for all.

Also Wednesday, the rest of the fall teams could start practicing.

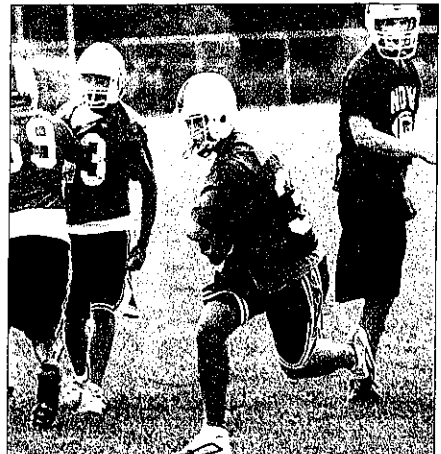
The following coaches responded to a questionnaire getting the season started.

### JEFF HILL

**Milford football**  
How excited are you to get things going: Very much. It is like being a kid and waiting for Christmas. You spend the whole year working, planning and getting the kids ready.  
Expected highlight of first week of practice: For football, it is getting the pads on and finding out what kind of team you really have.  
Highlight from the summer: I got up north to our family cottage and spend time with the family

### JEN NIGSWANDER

**Lakeland volleyball**  
How excited are you to get things going: Very! I am excited to take over the Lakeland volleyball program and continue the great tradition that has been established by the previous coaches and players.  
Expected highlight of first week of practice: Forming the team, as we will have to make cuts. Then hosting a 15-team scrimmage on Aug. 15th.



The Novi Wildcats work on the ground game during Monday's opening practice.

How difficult are cuts: It's horrible, I can't sleep the nights before the tryouts because I know what a great experience being a part of a high school sports team is. It's excruciating to tell someone they won't be a part of something great.  
Highlight from the summer: Lakeland volleyball was very busy during the summer. We had three camps (at Lakeland, at GVSU and at MSU). We won the MSU team camp that had 27 teams participate and beat Jenison in the finals (who won the last 2 state championships).

### JOHN MURNAHAN

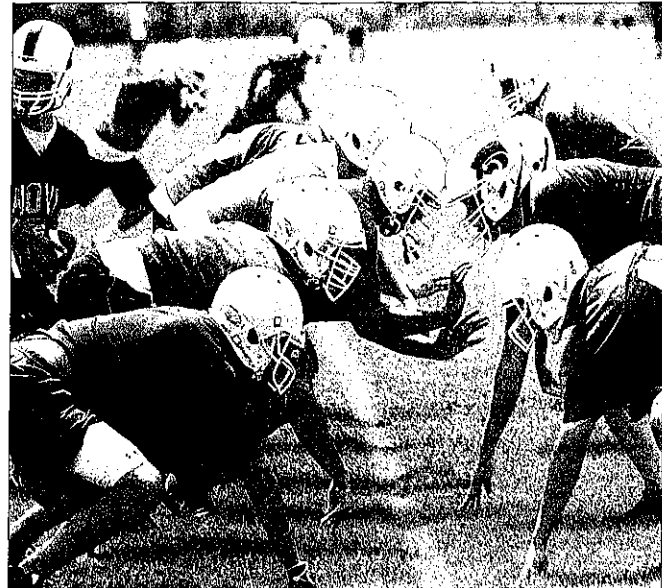
**Milford boys soccer**  
How excited are you to get things going: Looking forward to the season. Our boys have demonstrated their dedication to the off season conditioning.

They have put in the work. Expected highlight of first week of practice: Two-a-days, we love the 5:30 a.m. practices.

How difficult are cuts: It is a difficult decision to make, but it comes down to the level of fitness and the desire to achieve more.

### ERIK KOPPIN

**Lakeland girls swim & dive**  
How excited are you to get things going: I am really excited to start my fifth year with the program. We return the first two state meet qualifiers in the history of the team (Kali Tworck & Danielle Kind) as seniors. Additionally, we have a great group of underclassmen girls as sophomores and juniors to go along with what should be our best freshman class yet. It should be a lot of fun.



The Wildcats line up for a play during Monday's practice. Novi opens the season Aug. 28 against Milford.

Highlight from first practice: With the first day, we practice from 8-10 a.m. and follow it with a pancake breakfast and informational meeting. It has been a tradition in the program, and the girls seem to look forward to it.  
Summer highlights: Summer conditioning was a great time with the girls. During conditioning, we made time to have fun and play games like ultimate frisbee, dodge ball, water polo, and even sharks and minnows just to keep the girls active and having fun.

### MARK THOMAS

**South Lyon football**  
How excited are you to get things going: Very excited have been waiting for this year since the final game with Brighton  
Expected highlight of first week of practice: Teaching and presenting to young high school players the great game of Filled summer plan: Football has become a year-round commitment for coaches for their program to be successful — all without pay. I want to travel to Virgin Islands.

### MARK JANSSEN

**Lakeland boys soccer**

How excited are you to get things going? Very excited. I expect to have a very competitive squad this year, and a great group of senior leaders.

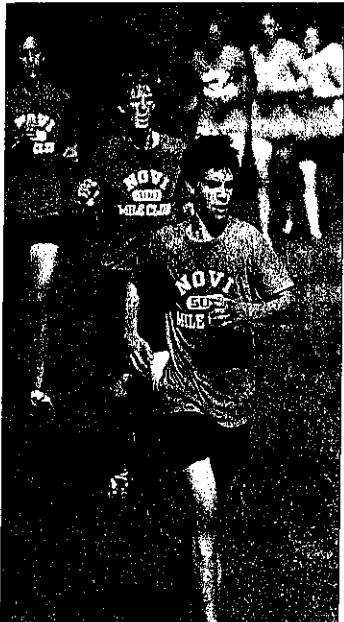
Expected highlight of first week of practice: The beep test — an Olympic development tool used to measure endurance.

How difficult are cuts: Very hard. I will typically try to keep more athletes than most teams with the understanding that play time may be less, which gives more high school athletes the ability to participate.

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## Theisen's top 10 wishes for the upcoming prep season

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER



Novi cross country runners jog along the Cass Benton trail last season.

Bring it on!  
I'm sooo ready for fall sports to begin.

In a summer that has included a new house, a marriage and a full transformation of my coverage area for the paper ... I need some normalcy. And the familiar sights of football fields, volleyball courts and everything else in between will be the perfect cure.

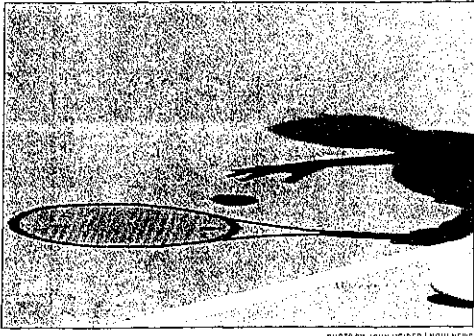
The following are the top 10 things on my wish list for all the area teams.

### SIX WINS

All football coaches know the magical number - 6. It's the number of wins needed to punch a guaranteed ticket to the playoffs. Several teams from the area earned the right last year, and want nothing more to taste postseason play again. Some others were left just short, leaving a burning hunger for one or two more wins.

### GOOD HEALTH

Nothing is harder to swallow for a coach or player than hearing the season is over because of an injury, though they will happen. I just want to wish everyone the



Yesterday kicked off the first practices of the year for boys high school tennis.

best of health on and off the field.

### AN EVEN BETTER 2ND YEAR FOR THE KLAAs

The KLAAs was off and running last year. The mega-conference lacked one team to have an even six-team, four-division look. Enter Grand Blanc to fill in the vacated spot left by Parker (in Howell), and the 24-team league is whole. The competition level in the West Division gets a boost, and the KLAAs only gets tougher. Some other sports will get minor

tweaks here and there to improve scheduling and competition. With familiarity going up, expects rivalries to get better and better as the KLAAs continues.

### GOOD WEATHER

Hopefully the storm that hit before the opening practice isn't a sign of things to come. Rescheduling is an unfortunate nightmare for athletic directors. We all need rain, but let's hope it doesn't come down dead sideways from here on out. The fall season is the opposite of the spring, start-

ing hot and cooling off toward the end. If you see my car, don't laugh too hard at the back site with the extra coat, rain gear, umbrella, gloves and those wonderful hand warmer things you slide into gloves to keep your hands toasty warm in the late fall. I've been in Michigan for 31 of my 36 years. I know well enough that we'll never be able to correctly guess the weather in this state.

### BETTER NUMBERS FOR SOUTH LYON EAST IN ALL SPORTS

A new school, new programs, new teammates, new coaches, and no seniors didn't exactly make for ideal conditions for a team to prosper. Experience and familiarity can only help the Cougars grow into a school that can prosper.

### THE BEST PARENTS AND FANS

Just like a player not in tune with his teammates can spoil things for others, an out of control parent can ruin it for everyone. Let the players play, the coaches coach and be supportive as a fan. The area is loaded with talent, come on out and enjoy it. And though this took me years to figure

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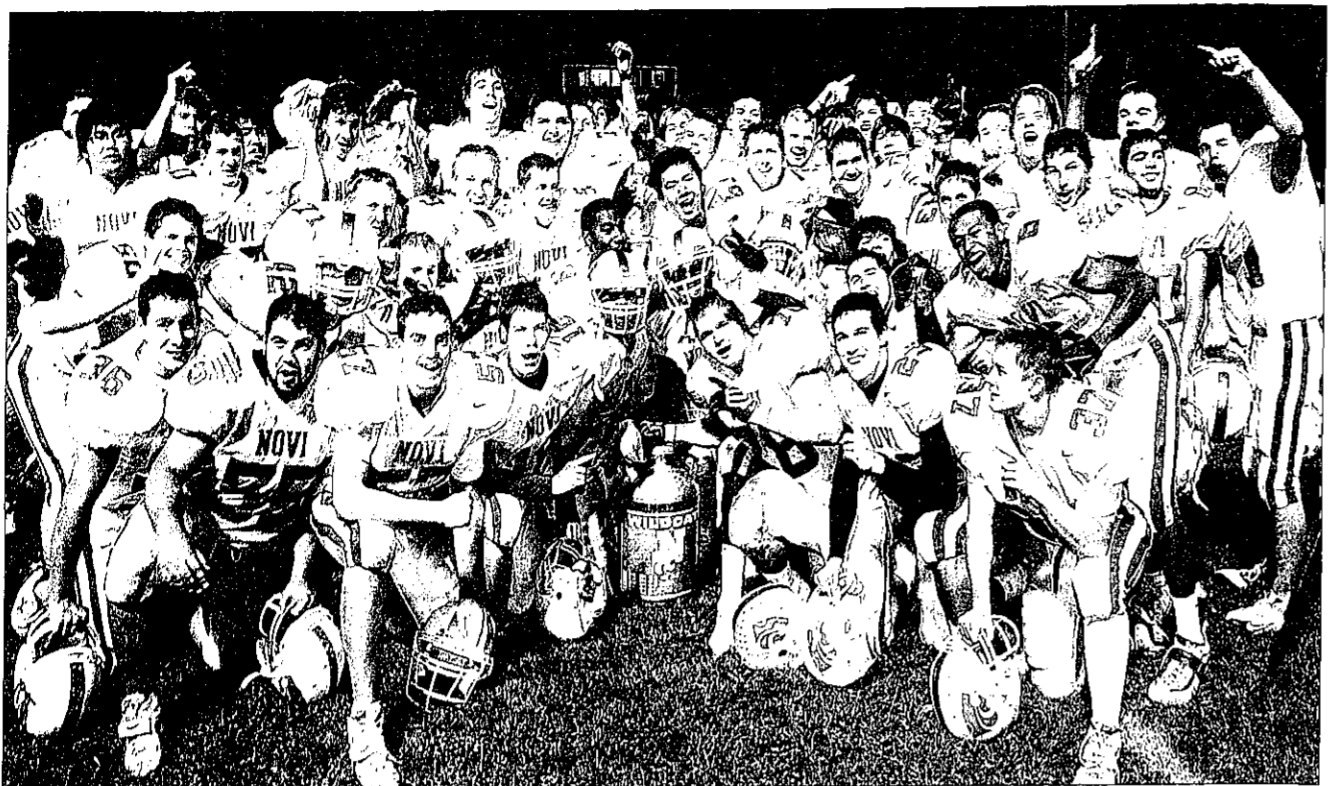
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Novi Wildcats are all smiles after capturing the Baseline Jug last October.



Yuki Tanara swims the breaststroke for the Novi Wildcats.

WISHES FROM PAGE B1

ure out — in the end — it's just a game.

NO EMPTY SEATS

It's no secret, athletes thrive on a packed house. The best games I've seen are the ones with two teams battling it out to a crowd that is going insane.

last adrenaline run to the finish line. Doesn't matter the sport, fans make it better.

LONG PLAYOFF RUNS

Seeing kids come through when it means the most is always impressive. Not to get too deep, but it's a life-long experience. If you can be counted on when it means the most in any sport, an athlete can transfer that over to anything you want in life.

QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS WITH COACHES, PLAYERS AND FANS

While reporting on sports is my job, meeting people and

making contacts is the basis of sports journalism. I truly enjoy meeting people, especially those in the sports world. I might still be new to the teams from the area, but treating people with respect and dignity is hardly something new. I look forward to meeting as many people as I can.

GOOD LUCK

A bounce here and a bounce there can make all the difference in a season. Here is to hoping the gods of whatever sport may shine on your chosen team this year. Coaches often say luck comes by putting yourself in the position to earn it. I think sometimes luck is just that, a fortunate happening. But either way, good luck to all.

While reporting on sports is my job, meeting people and

Training for training camp — tips for the preseason

BY SEAN BAK

Where has the summer gone? Fall (yes, fall) sports practices have begun and along with them, the nagging injuries that can drag on for the entire season.

stress—essentially slowly building up the duration and distance of running. Imagine your out-of-town relative who can't believe how big your kids are getting while to you, the changes in your children are imperceptible.

done by the U.S. Military, coincidentally where most information on stress fractures has been acquired. Volleyball is notoriously hard on the knees and the most common early season injury involves knee tendinitis.

treatable, it often requires a period of rest of at least several weeks, the last thing any athlete wants during the heart of the season.

water, and the not so obvious—no caffeine, no energy drinks which dramatically dehydrate muscles.

TEE TIME Your local golf guide

Shaking It Off

How to forget about a bad shot and finish with a great score

By Susan Smiley

No matter what level of golfer you are, chances are you've made a bad shot at some point during a recent round — the errant drive, the chip that falls short of your target, or the planned layup shot that goes "topplank" right in the middle of the water hazard.

There is no reason that a bad shot or even a bad hole — should spoil a good round of golf. The trick is learning to mentally shake off the negative and focus on the positive.

"I know that a lot of times, I've been able to beat people in the long run not because I was more talented than my opponent but because I had a

positive attitude," said Randy Erskine, PGA Professional at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester.

Erskine's dad taught him from a young age to always think of the glass half full. Growing up, he read several books about positive thinking and over the years he has applied what he learned to his golf game.

Recently, Great Oaks CC hosted the 93rd Michigan Women's Amateur and the champion, Briney Hamilton (Lake Orion), came from behind to get the win. During the final round of match play, she was down three holes to her opponent at the time. Hamilton,

who is also a positive thinker, told herself to just relax and play her game on the back nine.

Her strategy worked well and by the time she got to the 17th tee, she only trailed by one. Despite hitting her ball in the water, she won the hole and then sank a long putt on 18 to win the tournament.

"After I hit into the water, I thought I still had a chance," Hamilton said. "I thought if I could hit my next shot well, I had a good chance to win the hole."

That's the kind of thinking that wins championships — and makes golf a whole lot more enjoyable.

Most golfers, Erskine said, have expectations that are much too high. No one is ever going to win every single tournament that they enter. And no one is going to have a great score

every time they tee off. So stop being so hard on yourself!

"People have to have realistic goals," said Erskine. "Goals are only accomplished 25 percent of the time.

So you should shoot your handicap only 25 percent of the time. Once you realize that, it helps you to forget about the bad shot or the bad hole or even the bad round."

Another thing Erskine often reminds his students; you can only control your own game and what you are doing. No one can control how their opponent is going to play.

"If you play your best and you still lose — which has happened to me many, many times — you just have to shake your opponent's hand and feel good about your own game that you went out and played as well as you could on that day," Erskine said. "If

you beat yourself up, that is very bad for your golf."

In fact, Erskine will not tolerate negative talk from his students. There is to be no self-bashing during the golf season.

"When my students start talking in a negative fashion, I hold my hand up because I just don't allow that," Erskine said. "It helps them to stay positive and it helps me. You get a whole lot more accomplished when you come into a lesson with a positive attitude."

"Now sure, you are going to have bad times. Everyone does. If you know they are coming, it is not as hard to accept when it does."

Susan Smiley is the Member Services Manager for the Golf Association of Michigan.

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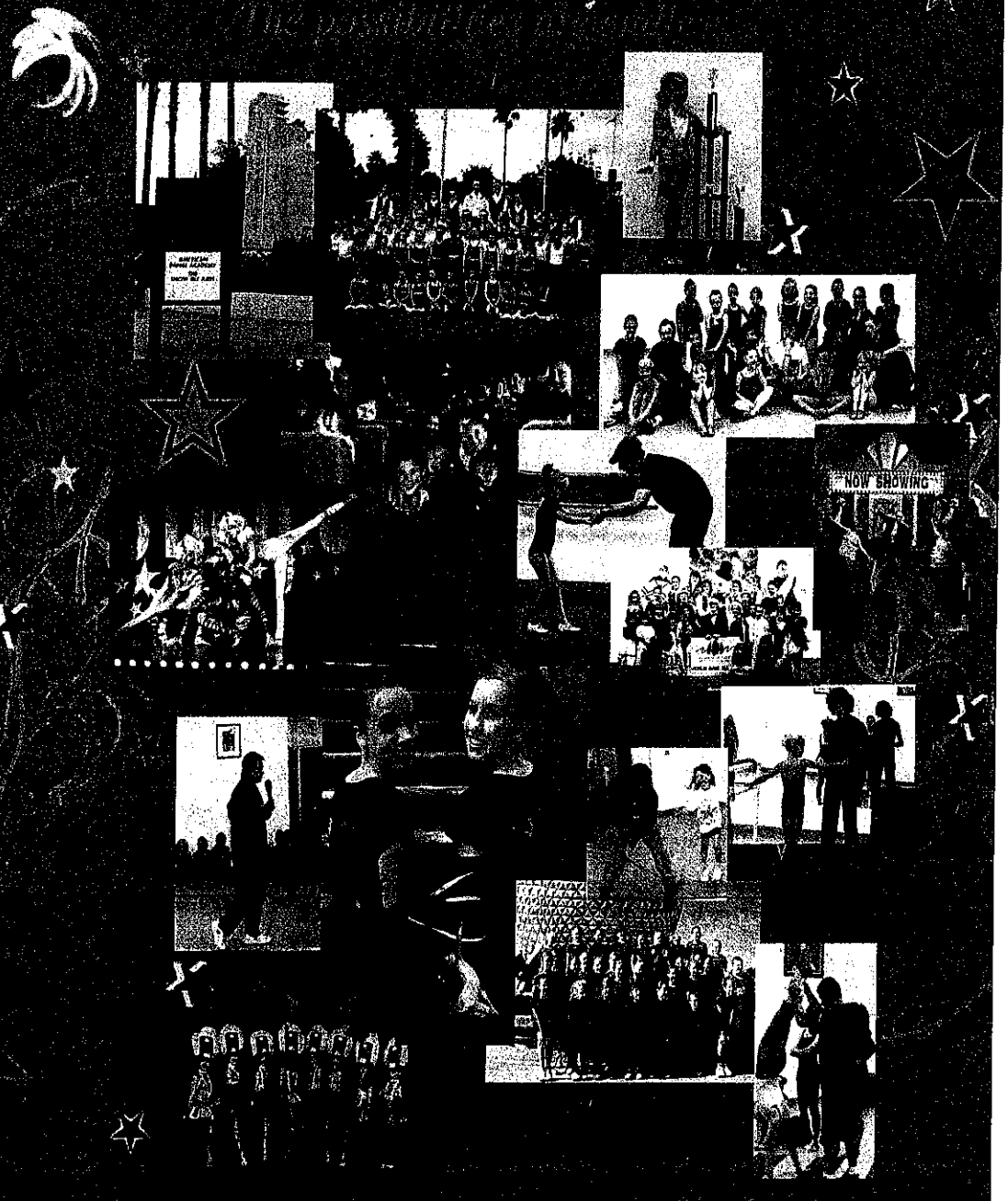
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