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Ex-Lion found walking to Vegas

Spellman draws spectators with seemingly disoriented behavior

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

A former Detroit Lion's defense man walked through the city last week on his way to Las Vegas, witnesses said.

Alonzo Spellman, 30, was first noticed the morning of July 19 walking on southbound I-275 north of the Eight Mile Road exit, pulling his luggage behind him.

"He was walking opposite traffic," Rioux said. "Witnesses at the gas station told them he was walking to Las Vegas to escape being caught by recording artist Janet Jackson. Witnesses said Spellman

believed she was chasing him. Farmington Hills police were at the scene, but did not intervene because they said Spellman wasn't doing anything illegal.

Police at the scene told onlookers to leave him alone and sternly explained their hands-off position to those asking the officers to help him.

Spellman was picked up on the south side of Grand River Avenue west of Haggerty Road by a man identified by WDFN-AM (1130) reporters as "Josh" after spending about an hour wandering the intersection.

Reporters from the sports talk station, later said Josh took Spellman to a bus station where it was believed he boarded a bus to Las Vegas.

It was reported that Josh had driven him there and purchased the

bus ticket for the former Detroit Lion, who was not carrying identification.

Representatives from the station said they received about 100 phone calls wanting to know if Spellman was OK.

The incident was the second time this week Spellman attracted the attention of Metropolitan Detroit area police.

Officers from the Dearborn Police Department took Spellman into custody around 8 p.m. July 15. According to a report by WDIV-TV (Channel 4), witnesses at the scene said he kicked in the door of a home and threatened the people inside.

He was arrested and charged with home invasion, operating a vehicle under the influence and

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Novi's ready to rock

By Jane Thomas MBMF MANAGER

It has been 16 years since a group of committed volunteers decided Novi needed a new community event and the Michigan 50's Festival was born.

Think back and you might recall that Novi Town Center was not yet constructed, Main Street wasn't even conceived, the Novi Expo Center did not exist and cable TV had just come to town.

Change has remained constant and this event is not immune. A change in venue this year - to Main Street - precipitated many challenges.

The Antique Appraisal fair will be located inside the Main Street complex with the vast majority of other activities taking place right on Main Street and Market Street.

Kids will enjoy the family activities down Main Street including the totally free events like the Moon Walk, Petting Farm, Ice Cream Social, Pawabic Tile Pressing, Krispy Kreme donut dipping and much, much more.

There is great entertainment in the Entertainment Tent as well. Thursday's free concert by the Sun Messengers and Sunday's free concert by Mudpuppy surround some other great acts at very reasonable prices.

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Jaguar of Novi General Manager Taso Theodorou, left, and owner Nathan Conyers proudly display their copy of the XK8 Jaguar Convertible "Austin Powers" edition last Friday morning. The Powers' "Shag-uar" will retail for around \$85,000.

Yeah, baby!

Jaguar of Novi celebrates grand opening with look of Austin Powers

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER

Jaguar of Novi held its grand opening last Friday night, as the dealership showcased its world-class building design that is the prototype for future Jaguar dealers.

The four-hour event kicked off

at 7 p.m. on July 19, drawing about 400 people. The evening was hosted by Nathan Conyers, owner and operator of Jaguar of Novi.

"We have a fabulous evening planned to not only celebrate with, but thank the many people who have played important roles in helping this dealership from its inception three years ago through our first few record-breaking sales months," Conyers said.

The grand opening boasted the dealership's spacious showroom, state-of-the-art service department and knowledgeable staff

that future Jaguar dealerships will be compared to.

Also, with the popularity of the "Austin Powers" movie series and the upcoming release this month of the series' newest film, "Austin Powers in Goldmember," the event showed off the film's unforgettable automobile, a replica "Shaguar" — a Jaguar XK8 convertible.

"We wanted to do something unique for our guests that invokes the passion people feel about Jaguars," said Taso Theodorou, the general manager of Jaguar of Novi. "To have the opportunity to display a replica

"Shaguar" is a great way to showcase one of our most popular vehicles and enhance the image of today's Jaguar driver — fun, daring and full of style."

Jaguar of Novi is located at the corner of 10 Mile and Haggerty Roads. It is a luxury car dealership that specializes in the sale and servicing of new and select edition pre-owned Jaguars.

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Novi's bike project on the right path

Nine Mile path one step closer to reality

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

Members of the Novi City Council gave their approvals last week, progressing the city's Nine Mile Road bike path project closer to the goal of providing all area residents with a safe and pleasurable way to trek the city.

Most of the approvals gave city officials the OK to pay land owners for property the city needs to construct the eight-foot, non-motorized pathway along the south side of Nine Mile Road between Novi

Road and the Chase Farms subdivision.

Authorizations of the payments for the rights-of-way ranged from \$1 to more than \$14,000.

The highest authorization for payment was awarded to Alas Associates, LLC for \$14,360. Novi City Attorney Thomas Schultz said the dollar amount is substantially larger than the amounts paid for other easements in the project area.

According to valuation statements, the value of the easement itself is \$2,052. However, the property owners requested a more than \$12,000 reimbursement for a bike path they had already constructed at the city's request on the Nine Mile stretch.

Schultz said the land owners feel they should be reimbursed for the

originally constructed path they built now that all other portions of the bike path will be paid for by the city.

Thielenhaus Microfinish Corporation donated its Nine Mile Road property for \$1. The corporation's property was valued at \$3,610.

Graham Clements Management, LLC will receive \$4,800 and CSX Transportation, Inc. will receive about \$6,646 for the installation of a concrete crossing surface by the railway's contractors.

The Michigan Department of Transportation Enhancement Project was originally approved Dec. 15, 2000 after a \$37,700 engineering contract for the path was awarded to JCK & Associates, Inc. in 1999.

City officials estimate the total

project will cost about \$437,500 with \$128,000 coming from the Transportation Equity Act and \$309,500 coming from Novi's Municipal Street Fund.

"Construction will commence on the bike path as soon as we get the last couple rights-of-way," said Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson.

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Police Report

Novi Should have clicked it

A 29-year-old Novi resident received quite an expensive lesson after failing to buckle her seat belt. On July 17 at about noon, a Novi police officer noticed two people inside a Chevrolet pick-up truck were not wearing their seat belts.

Trespassers beware

One resident at Novi's Island Lake subdivision has had enough and wants non-residents to know they are not allowed to use the neighborhood's lake.

Late Night Drive-Thru

A 27-year-old Ohio resident gave the concept of Taco Bell's Late Night Drive-Thru new meaning after he passed out while waiting in line.

Walled Lake Flasher exposed?

A 43-year-old Novi woman got an eyeful July 13 as she was sun bathing on Walled Lake's Mercer Beach.

Collecting warrants

Walled Lake Police were able to collect several people that were wanted on warrants this week. Lansing Police brought a 41-year-old Commerce Township man to the Walled Lake police station July 17 when he was wanted in the city for insufficient funds.

Illegally-placed signs confiscated in WL

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

If political candidates are looking for their signs they put illegally along Walled Lake streets, they might want to give Jeff Rondeau a call.



Walled Lake Code Enforcement officer Jeff Rondeau has been extra busy recently making sure political signs adhere to the city's placement laws. These signs are legal as they're behind the sidewalk at left.

Rondeau is urging everyone to think about where they place their signs. Placing signs on the other side of the sidewalk is permitted by the city.

Rondeau pointed out that some signs are too large to be along any roadway. "I just took one down at Maple and South Commerce," Rondeau said. "It was 4 ft. by 8 ft. ply-wood. It blocked vision at the intersection. If you were pulling out of a drive-way at eye level, you wouldn't be able to see into the intersection until you got out on the road."

They are potential liability issues for the city," Eggleston said. Rondeau pointed out that some signs are too large to be along any roadway. "I just took one down at Maple and South Commerce," Rondeau said. "It was 4 ft. by 8 ft. ply-

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WL officials document Greenaway cleanup efforts

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake officials have been trying to create a cleaner Greenaway Drain. Documentation shows.

Martin Hendges, nonprofit source coordinator with the Surface Water Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality, wrote a letter to Walled Lake City Manager Phil Vawter dated Sept. 11 1997 about Vawter's inquiries about the drain. The letter was written fol-

lowing their meeting on Sept. 2 1997 concerning Wolverine Lake. They discussed ways that the communities in the Wolverine Lake watershed could work jointly to concentrate on the suspected pollution sources that are believed to be creating problems in Wolverine Lake.

According to the letter, they discussed what a watershed management plan could be implemented. They also talked about who would be involved in working on the plan to clean up the waters. Funding possibilities, including

federally funded grants, were also discussed. Vawter had also asked him to investigate whether the city-owned Bundo property was contaminated and leaking petroleum sludge into the Greenaway Drain. The MDEQ concluded that there were no underground gasoline storage tanks at the Bundo site and the sheet in the drain was coming from a different source. They MDEQ also concluded that the site was not a source of any type of pollution. In another letter dated July 15

from Joseph Moore, senior project leader at Tetra Tech, described how the city removed two leaking underground storage tanks in the past. The tanks were located between the city's fire station and the current Department of Public Works building in the municipal complex. The letter showed, the city had the tanks removed in 1990 as part of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as amended, the Leaking Underground Storage Act. In October 1995 a Phase II

hydrogeological study report was submitted to the MDEQ to comply with the 1993 amendments to the Leaking Underground Storage Act, which identified the extent of the impacted soil and groundwater. Moore also noted that the city submitted a final assessment report to the MDEQ in October 1996, which described the city's corrective action plan or remediation measures. The MDEQ approved the city's plan. The city excavated and removed impacted soils in April 1998 from the property, which was properly disposed of, Moore stated in his letter. Since that time, the city has been testing groundwater in the area of the removed underground storage tanks on a quarterly basis. The tested water will be used in the site closure report to show that the ground water is not affected by the tanks that leaked.

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Concerns have been raised about materials left behind the Walled Lake Department of Public Works building.

Lyon Twp. developer may sue

Says he got toxic dirt from Walled Lake

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake may be slapped with a lawsuit by a Lyon Township developer who alleges he received toxic dirt from the city. However, city officials don't think the load was theirs. Jack Healy, owner of Healy Homes, said a bulldozer operator noticed a stretch of gasoline coming from the lead dirt dropped off by Jackie's Transport.

Healy would not disclose whether he received sandy type dirt or clay type dirt. "I'm not going to get into the specifics but we have 10 to 15 people who would be lying about the dirt," Healy said. "We have a lot of evidence." However, Vawter too wants to see evidence. "Now what we're trying to do is put the pieces together so there will be proof that it was actually hauled from here," Vawter said. All measures were taken that are normally taken for any construction job, Vawter said. However, he admits excavators did find plastic toys in the dirt, which the city paid \$78,000 to be hauled away properly.

"We thought it was the proper thing to do," Vawter said. New soil was transported to the municipal complex when underground storage tanks were removed, he said. Tetra Tech, the company that was involved in removing the underground storage tanks, will be releasing a final report that will show that the site is now clean after the underground storage tanks that were removed in 1990. All conclusions about the contaminated dirt must be based on facts, he said. "We do not have all the facts yet," Vawter said.

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Wolverine Lake officials allege WL is responsible for lake's pollution problem

By Diane Dempsey Deel STAFF WRITER

"Walled Lake officials defied themselves at the July 16 council meeting while Wolverine Lake village leaders and Walled Lake residents pointed fingers at the city for not being responsible with contaminants."

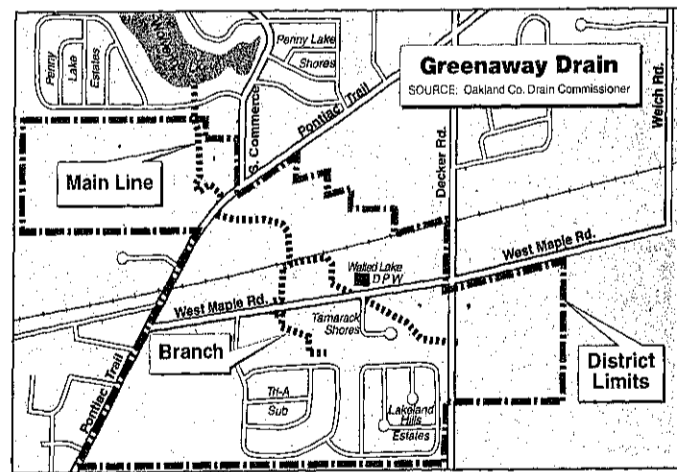
They alleged that the city's Department of Public Works is responsible for contaminating the Greenaway Drain, which is an Oakland County drain that flows into Wolverine Lake. They also accused the department of letting other people in the community contaminate the drain as well. Their accusations were made on

the heels of a WJBK-TV-7 news report that denounced the city for polluting the drain, having a filthy work environment and sending contaminated soil to a Lyon Township residential development. Bob Donahue, Walled Lake's attorney, said the city has always been responsible for discarding contaminants properly. He told Wolverine Lake Village Council members and Walled Lake residents that the criminal activity that they were implying was libelous.

City officials have always encouraged residents to dispose of hazardous materials properly and informed them where the facilities were to drop them off, he said. "This city has never constituted any violation of environmental regulations," Donahue said. "This city has encouraged appropriate disposal of hazardous materials."

However, Dave Wilner, president of Wolverine Lake Village Council said their lake is polluted and he believes the pollution is coming from Walled Lake. "The village of Wolverine Lake did not bring this upon you," Wilner said. Wilner said any contempt should be aimed at the Channel 7 news team, who did their investigation. "They're the ones who did the research and feel Walled Lake is continuing to contaminate the drain," he said. "We're not here to throw mud but we're here to clean up what's coming our way. We're looking to get to the bottom of it. It's been happening a long time."

"I feel it's a compounded problem," Donnelly said. "I would hate to see this cause a division between two communities that have worked well together."



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Ford Motor Company Employee Appreciation Weekend

Borders Books & Music of Novi is sponsoring "Ford Motor Company Employee Appreciation Weekend," today through July 28. Employees of Ford dealerships, contract employees with Ford, Henry Ford Hospitals, Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Village and Viscount will receive a 20 percent discount on most store purchases. Borders Books & Music is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0769.

Novi Theatres

The Novi Theatres' Summer series concludes with the original production of "Snow White...and other maidens you need in the forest!" The play by Novi Theatres' Director Linda Wickert is not your usual Snow White fairy tale. The favorite raven-

haired beauty is in the cast, but in this production her name is Gertrude. The real star of the play is a simple square who is sent forth by the queen in search of capturing "Snow White's" heart. On his journey, he meets many maidens in distress and helps all of them before realizing he knew the fair-skinned beauty all along. The end-of-the-season event will be performed on the Novi Civic Center stage located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Civic Center, Aug. 2 through 3 and 5 p.m. Aug. 4. Tickets are on sale now for \$8 at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and will be \$10 at the door. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Teens Aiding the Cancer Community

Members of Teens Aiding the Cancer Community are hosting a fund-raising event Aug. 4 at the

Wyndham Garden Hotel in the Novi Town Center. The 12:30 to 3 p.m. benefit brunch is being held so members may reach their goal of delivering 400 backpacks to children and adolescents affected by cancer by the end of the year. Tickets for the event are \$50 and include brunch, entertainment and speakers. Teens Aiding the Cancer Community is a non-profit organization run by high-school students created to provide positive diversions and encouragement through the organization's backpack program. Backpacks, valued at about \$60, full of toys, gifts and certificates are delivered to children at area hospitals and other groups including Angela Hospice and Gilda's Club.

Summer tax bills

Every property tax bill was mailed out to all City of Novi property owners last month. Payments are due without penalty on or before Aug. 31.

Accident victim in stable condition

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The 5-year-old Novi resident hit by a car last week is listed in good condition, said representatives from the University of Michigan Hospital earlier this week. His status is considered an upgrade after being listed in serious condition upon arrival. The boy was flown to the Ann Arbor hospital via survival flight from Providence Hospital in Novi after the July 17 incident. Novi police said the boy was retrieving mail from the mailbox in front of his home in the 23000 block of Hickory Grove Lane when the accident occurred. Witnesses at the scene told police it was about 5:45 p.m. when the vehicle traveling northbound, south of Russel Lane, struck the small boy. According to the police report, the vehicle struck the right side of the boy, causing him to roll back over the front hood and onto the fender of his house. It was stated in the report, the driver "appeared to be distracted at the time of the accident." The 58-year-old Novi man behind the wheel of the vehicle is also a resident in the 23000 block of Hickory Grove Lane. Neither alcohol nor drugs were suspected as the cause at the time of the initial report. Police said the accident is still under investigation.

Spellman: Ex-Lion found walking to Las Vegas

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driving with a suspended license. Felony charges were not pressed. Spellman's ability to attract police attention began in 1998 after the 6-foot-4-inch and almost 300-pound athlete barricaded himself inside his publicist's suburban Chicago home. Spellman was taken by ambulance for psychiatric help. It has been reported by many news agencies that the former Chicago Bear and Dallas Cowboy was diagnosed with bipolar disorder — a psychosomatic disorder characterized by mood swings ranging from mania to depression. Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or vsadlocha@lakesarea.com.

WL Schools claim custodian was not discriminated against

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools released an internal investigation report that concluded there was no evidence that Susie Smith, a custodian for the district, was racially discriminated against. Kienbaum, the private investigator hired by the school district, explored Smith's allegations that she was continually harassed while on duty at Walled Lake Central High School and at Wixom Elementary. Smith, an African American woman, filed a lawsuit in June 21 against the school district and the people she worked with. The lawsuit accused her superiors of both negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress, concert action and civil conspiracy. A trial date has not yet been set. She alleges that two different superiors at both schools she worked at harassed her and made fun of her ethnic background. Smith also claimed that Central in 1997, Smith also claimed she was given inferior work space in a dilapidated basement, which the union representative Carol Burow made off limits to everyone except maintenance workers. She recounted many instances of harassment, including a gorilla that was placed in the custodians' break room when she started at Central in 1997. Smith also claimed she was given inferior work space in a dilapidated basement, which the union representative Carol Burow made off limits to everyone except maintenance workers. "The photo could have been taken yesterday," the report stated. "The break room where it supposedly hung for 30 days is in plain sight of everyone in the school, including the principal. No one else ever saw or heard anything about the instance." According to Bonnie, the picture of the gorilla in the lawsuit was not the actual gorilla that was hanging. It was a similar gorilla used to show what staff at Central had hung in the break room. Kienbaum interviewed 11 school district employees and reviewed harassment and personnel policies as well as Equal Opportunity information, contracts and union grievance letters. She also conducted site investigations and other activities. James Geisler, superintendent, was satisfied with the school investigation. He said racial discrimination is not tolerated in the school district, where equal opportunity is always encouraged. Smith did not respond to an interview. Geisler, superintendent, was satisfied with the school investigation. He said racial discrimination is not tolerated in the school district, where equal opportunity is always encouraged. "It would be pre-suit discovery," Bonnie said. "We thought it would be inappropriate." However, he said the school has not been willing to talk to her after they put their investigation to rest. "It's their version of reality," Bonnie said of the school district's private investigation. "Apparently the school district has decided to introduce three more gorillas into the litigation. That's not so evil, hear no evil and speak no evil."

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Locals enjoy MDA camp

Alec Raymond, 9, of Novi, recently attended MDA Summer Camp-a program designed to cater to the special needs of children like himself with muscular dystrophy for the second year in a row, and he's already making plans to come back next year.

There are two sessions of MDA Summer Camp at Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich., each year. This year they went from June 16-22, which Raymond attended, and June 23-29. Campers at each session participate in a wide range of activities including wheelchair softball and hockey, bowling, arts and crafts,

Camper Alec Raymond, 9, of Novi, and his father, Bob Raymond, take a ride in a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, driven by Bruce Jones of the Motor City Harley-Davidson Hog Chapter in Farmington Hills, during MDA Summer Camp.

card games, Harley-Davidson motorcycle rides and a parade around the camp. "Riding the Harley motorcycle was my favorite thing to do at camp. It was really fun," he said. Raymond's father, Bob Raymond, said camp gives his son an opportunity to be with similar kids and to do things he normally wouldn't be able to do. "I think being with kids like himself is a big benefit. It keeps him busy," Bob Raymond said. Bob Raymond and his family's company, R&A Tools in Canton, sponsored the Alec Raymond Golf Course at Monroe Ridge Golf Course in South Lyon. The event raised about \$35,000 for the MDA and families in the Metro Detroit area affected by neuromuscular disease.

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Sinking Feeling

'K-19: Widemaker' leaves movie-goers scrambling for the life boats

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

"K-19: The Widemaker" takes a mid-summer box office plunge in a sea of crummy Russian accents and non-existent action sequences.

Derived from real events, the film retells the story of the 1961 Soviet submarine mission that was plagued with continual mechanical malfunctions, putting its crew at the heart of nuclear meltdown.

Harrison Ford plays a Russian Navy captain put in charge of his country's first nuclear submarine during the height of the

Cold War. In the midst of a nuclear arms race with the United States, Ford — with his muttering Russian talk — must lead his jinxed ship and crew on their first mission to launch a nuclear test missile from the remote quarters of a frozen-over ocean off the coast of Norway.

"K-19: The Widemaker" explores man's duty to his country and fellow crew mates. It attempts to draw lines in the sand between these loyalties and the human being's innate will for self-preservation.

The film poses the timeless questions on the threshold of courage. Would you risk radi-

ation poisoning to save a faltering ship? Would you face almost certain death to pull a fellow crew member from the bowels of the nuclear catastrophe?

And Ford's Soviet captain is at the center of each of these questions, with an all-serious persona that doesn't fear taking the ship and its crew beyond the outer limits of reason in the name of his beloved country.

Now, if there is one thing that will turn me off to a movie, it's a crummy phony accent. And "K-19: The Widemaker" officially puts Harrison Ford atop a list of most annoying fake accents in cinema, easily overtaking Kevin Costner in "Brokeback Mountain" and Mel Gibson in "The Road to Perdition."

Harrison Ford should have aided his ego and burned the film negatives after seeing his performance in this one. In between laughing out loud at the guy, I almost felt bad for Han Solo. I wonder how it feels to have a semi-distinguished acting career and then go out and make yourself into an utter fool. I hope he at least got a big paycheck in return for his self-respect.

Don't go to the theater expecting any grand special effects or action sequences. I'll give it all to you here so you don't waste your money: one commanding officer in uniform shorts, leak in quadrant four, and a dozen other runs run around turning knobs and pulling pipe around a ship.

This exact scenario goes on for about two and a half hours — literally. I had to start banging my head on the seat in front of me to keep my sanity.

K-19: WIDOWMAKER

Starring: Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard, George Anton, Jess Ackland, Shaun Benson, Christian Camargo, Dmitry Chepurovskiy, Steve Cumyn, Svetlana Efremova, JJ Field, James Ginty, Michael J.X. Galatis, Kristen Holden-Ried and David Isaacson.
Genre: Drama, Thriller
Studio: Paramount Pictures
Director: Kathryn Bigelow
Based On: True Events
MPAA Rating: PG-13
Final Rating: 3 (out of 10)

Movie is now showing at Novi Town Center Theaters



Photo Courtesy of PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Harrison Ford (right) and Liam Neeson are the headliners in "K-19: Widemaker," which is based off of historical events.

Personal time is too valuable to sit through cinematic junk like this. If you feel compelled to watch a submarine movie, rent "U-571" with Jon Bon Jovi and sleep through it on your couch.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at aparlove@ht.homecom.net.



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Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson combine acting efforts in hopes of bringing audience members a submarine story with the impact of "Hunt for Red October" and "U-571."

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The Screen Beat

By Brian Renner

Coming to your favorite theaters this week is "The Country Bears" based on one of the best-loved attractions at Disney theme parks...

perform a benefit concert to save the Country Bear Hall, the legendary venue where the band got its start. The movie is essentially a family comedy...

Featured among the cast are Michael Caine, Fred Savage, Michael York, Robert Wagner, Verne Troyer, Seth Green, and Beyoncé Knowles...

In theaters next week, "Slugs" (PG-13), "The Master of Disguise" (PG), "Martin Lawrence Live: Ruff & Reddy" (R), and films in limited release include "Pumpkin" (R), "Tadpole" (PG-13), "Never Again" (R) and...

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-030

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Troy Metal Concepts is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of one construction trailer at 4100 Thirteen Mile Road...

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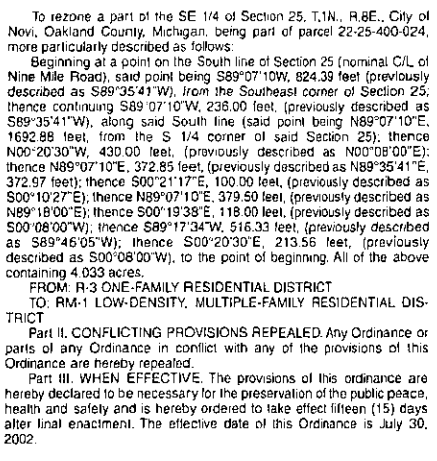
Organizers of C&M Bank, a proposed de novo bank to be located at 23965 Novi Road, Novi, Michigan, intend to file an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to request deposit insurance...

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mutual Electric is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of one office trailer at 41000 Thirteen Mile Road (Fox Run Village) from July 31, 2002 until July 31, 2003...

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.622

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS, Part I, That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.622, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.



CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002

Table listing precincts, locations, and addresses for the August 6, 2002 election. Includes precincts like Meadowbrook Congregational Church, Village Oaks Elementary School, etc.

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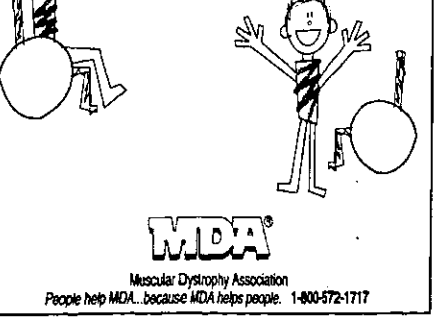
Church directory listing various churches in Novi, including Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church, etc.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY REQUEST FOR BIDS WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE PURCHASE

Novi Public Library will receive sealed bids for the purchase of wireless internet service for seven (7) laptop computers. Bidding documents and specifications are available at Novi Public Library Reception Desk...

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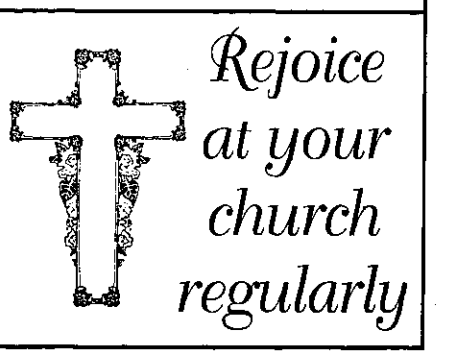
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Additionally, just released to video/dvd is the big-budget adaptation of H.G. Wells' classic sci-fi adventure, "The Time Machine". A Victorian-era inventor builds a transport device...

On Campus

Novi resident Chelsea Bennett has been named to the dean's list of Freed-Hardeman University... Novi resident Kate M. Blessed was among the graduates of Hillsdale College during the Spring 2002 semester.

Novi resident Eric Walle was named to the Dean's List for Vanderbilt University during the Spring, 2002 commencement exercises. Novi resident Jennifer A. Ross was among the graduates of Grand Valley State University during the Spring, 2002 commencement exercises.

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Troop 54 elevates four to Eagle rank

Boy Scout Troop 54 of Novi is proud to award the rank of Eagle Scout to four young men during 2002 Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Boy Scouting, and must be earned before the Scout's 18th birthday. Scouts must earn at least 21 merit badges, covering a wide range of subjects, including Citizenship, Environment, First Aid, Personal Fitness and Management, and Family Life. They must serve in several different leadership positions in their troop. Every Eagle Scout has completed a project of his own design which is a permanent improvement to his community or sponsoring organization.

Names in the News

AlixPartners, an international corporate turnaround and financial advisory firm headquartered in Southfield, Mich., has added a senior associate from outside the firm. The announcement was made by Michael Gindrofs, AlixPartners president. **John F. Bednarski**, CPA, formerly a principal with Arthur Andersen's Corporate Claims practice in Detroit, joins AlixPartners' Financial Advisory Services practice group. While at Arthur Andersen he provided expert tax assistance, damage analysis and business valuations for complex litigation cases. Prior to joining Arthur Andersen, he performed quantitative analysis of valuation disputes and damage claims at Price Waterhouse in Detroit and Los Angeles offices. In addition to being a certified public accountant, Bednarski also possesses the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) designation, and holds the accreditation of Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA). A recipient of the Science degree from the University of Michigan and master's of business administration degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

Scott Lloyd is 18 years old, and just completed his freshman year at Oakland Community College. His Eagle project was to build a 15 ft. tall permanent bird-watching tower at Lakeshore Park in Novi. He has served as Assistant St. Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Troop Guide. He is pursuing a Liberal Arts degree with hopes of becoming an actor, writer or teacher.

Hart Hejnowski is 18 years old, and a 2002 graduate of Novi High School. He twice served as Senior Patrol Leader. His Eagle project at Lakeshore Park in Novi took 230 man hours. Three permanent benches were installed, 20 map posts were built, and the 2-mile hiking trail was restored. In the fall, Matt plans to attend the University of Michigan to study engineering.

Ryan Jacobson is 18 years old, and a 2002 graduate of West Bloomfield High School. For his Eagle project he extended a handiwork over a marsh at Proud Lake Recreation Area, to facilitate handicapped access to the 11/2 mile trail. He has attended 2 National Scout Jamborees. He was awarded the George R. Thomas Award for Scout Spirit by the Detroit Area Council.

Andy Sunisloe is 16 years old, and will be a junior at Novi High School in the fall. His Eagle project was to renovate the playground and add a permanent wooden swingset for the Novi City-own preschool located at Novi United Methodist Church. He has served as Assistant Patrol

Leader, Troop Guide, and Instructor. He was awarded the Order of the Arrow. He is a varsity wrestler at Novi High School, and works at Busch's Grocery store on weekends. He will spend his summer attending the U.S. Naval Academy Westling Camp. Troop 54 is a member of the Clinton Valley Council of Boy Scouts. They are chartered by Novi United Methodist Church, and currently have 45 active members. They meet Monday evenings at the church. If you are interested in more information about the troop, contact the Scoutmaster, Bob Robertson, at 248.624.9016.

Novi resident **Karen Schanerberger**, a Kinderbusk educator at Evola Music of Canton, has been selected as a member of the Kinderbusk International Maestro Program — an exclusive membership that annually recognizes licensed educators who have demonstrated superior performance based on program size, outreach to under-served populations of children, or mastery in teaching. Kinderbusk is the world's largest music and movement program for children newborn through 7 years old. According to Michael Dougherty, CEO of Kinderbusk International, the company established the Kinderbusk educators whose achievements and outreach have risen "above and beyond, and have helped us on the highest level to further our mission of reaching every child and family with the power and beauty of music."

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Tree house

Heavy storms brought down this tree at 21889 Heatherbrae South in Novi on Monday around 5:30 p.m.

Starnes picks up endorsements

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said about Sara Pope Starnes "She has made the tough decisions as an Assistant Prosecutor and understands that people don't choose to be a victim of crime, but often their lives are devastated by bad choices that can affect a lifetime. As the people's attorney, Sara has served the citizens of Oakland County and now as District Judge she will have the opportunity to serve her neighbors as their judge."

Sara Pope Starnes is a graduate of Michigan State University, James Madison College and the Thomas Cooley Law School. Sara and her husband, Jim Starnes, a Deputy Sheriff, are the parents of four children: Brett, Adam, Andrew, and Abbie. She has served as an Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor for 13 years. Sara and her family reside in Commerce Township.

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Tales Through Time
Sign-up is still underway for the 2002 Summer Reading Program, "Tales Through Time." The program, for children in grade four and below, ends August 2.

Time Machine Troopers
Kids going into the 5th grade and beyond can still sign up for "Time Machine Troopers" and join us for our Pizza Party (below).

Pizza party!
Kids going into the 5th grade and up are invited to celebrate the end of summer reading on Monday, July 29, from 1-2:30 p.m. We'll have prizes, pizza, and more as we reward you for your participation in Time Machine Troopers. Pre-registration is required; please sign up in the Teen Area of the library. Remember: To be eligible to win one of the great prizes, you must have signed up to participate in the Time Machine Troopers reading program. No registration is necessary, but space is limited to 60 children per session.

Craft programs
We have two craft programs scheduled for Tuesday, July 30. Crafts for children ages five and six will be at 1 p.m.; crafts for children ages seven and up will be at 2 p.m. There is a \$1.00 materials fee for each 40-minute program. No registration is necessary, but space is limited to 60 children per session.

Comedian D.J. Anderson
Laugh out loud with outrageous comedy from "one of America's funniest physical comedians" on Wednesday, July 31. There will be a 1 p.m. show for children age four and up, and a 7 p.m. show for children of all ages. No registration is required for the 40-minute programs, which are funded in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

Drop-in Story Time
Story time for children ages four to seven will be held Thursday, August 1. No registration is necessary for the 30-minute program.

Ice cream sundae party
Readers of all ages are invited to join us for ice cream sundaes on Friday, August 2, from noon to 3 p.m. No registration is necessary for this free event.

Adult book discussion group
Our August selection is "Black House" by Charles Dickens. The group meets Monday, August 5, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are welcome.

Senior book discussion group
Senior booklovers are reading "Expecting Adam" by Marsha Beck. The senior group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, August 8, at noon.

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ENDORSEMENTS

State Senate - District 15
In the Aug. 6 primary, three candidates are looking to fill the state Senate District 15 seat. The three candidates running come from a varied background with different experiences.

Novi and Lakes Area voters are faced with many tough decisions this primary election season. The Novi News understands the importance of the process which allows citizens to select the candidates who will battle for your vote from now until the general election this November.

District Court - 52-1 Division
We felt early on that this race would dwindle down to the two most prominent names who clearly establish themselves in our eyes as the front-runners: Rob Bondy and Matt Quinn.

While all three candidates bring different attributes that are compelling, we strongly believe that Stuart Bricker has developed a diverse and experienced portfolio, second to none. His work on the West Bloomfield Board of Trustees has given him the insight into the process of government.

Quinn has 27 years experience in both plaintiff and defense cases and in both civil and criminal areas. His six years as mayor of the City of Novi also give him the unique management perspective that is required of a District Court judge. Top that off with a lengthy resume of community involvement, and you have a truly qualified candidate.

County Commission - District 7
Several candidates could easily assume the role of County Commissioner and do a competent, if not exceptional job, for the residents of the district. We were very impressed with the grasp of the issues by Melome Kuczkowski, as well as Chris Long. Both displayed knowledge and a plan to be an effective commissioner.

State Representative - District 39
With Mark Shulman running unopposed on the Republican side, the emphasis is on the Democratic party and the candidate that will offer the most come this November.

Likewise, when regarding Bondy, his vast experience within the workings of the 52-1 District Court, as well as a clear understanding of what a community court should entail, has allowed him to position himself as a serious contender for the position. His enormous amount of community involvement is reflective of his integrity.

GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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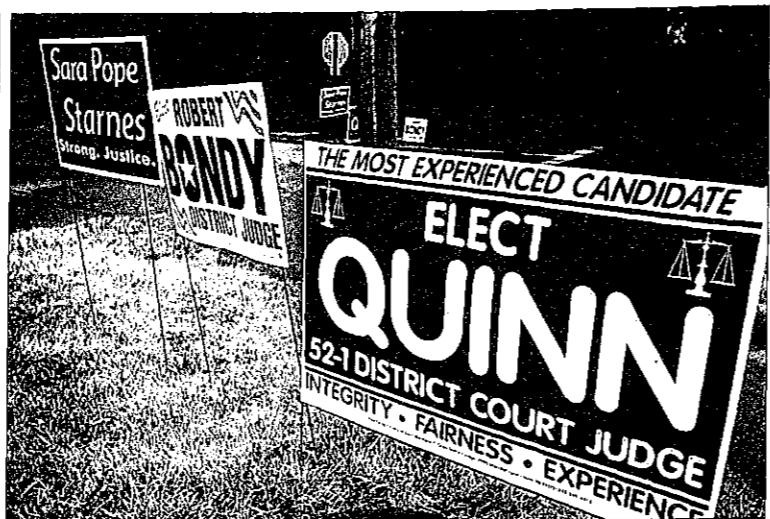


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Sign language
Some election signs, like these on the corner of Taft and Nine Mile, are being targeted for being oversized.

LETTERS

Respect sign size requirements
dred fairway. I will enjoy the potato chip crunch of dried fescue under my feet. My carpet will be a statement for lawn diversity. Besides, think about the money I will save on my water bill. Hello Jaguar.

Tom Wennerberg

Vote, and vote for Kowall

I would like to invite you to join me in supporting Mike Kowall in his bid to become our next State Senator for the 15th District. Those of us residing in the 44th (House) District are familiar with the exemplary job Mike has done representing us and our interests in Lansing.

John Graham

Look no further than Kowall

When it comes time to elect the right man for the high post of "State Senator" for the "15th District" we need look no further than Mike Kowall.

Linda L. Bellehumeur

AARP backs Cassis

On behalf of its 115 million Michigan members, AARP wishes to publicly thank State Rep. Nancy Cassis for introducing and fighting for Public Act 486 of 2002, a new state law that makes it easier for Michiganders to take advantage of cost-saving tax credits, deductions, and exemptions.

Mary Aikey

Stop watering your lawn!

It has been a hot, dry summer in Michigan. With only a quarter inch of rain in the last four weeks, my lawn is looking bad. I don't know why I cut the grass. I need a law mower instead of a lawnmower. In response, the water authorities have recommended water rationing on the odd/even cycle. Apparently, my neighbors failed to see that memo.

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We need Kowall

Oakland County needs Mike Kowall in the state Senate. I have worked with both candidates running for the 15th district state Senate seat. I have seen them in action. I have seen how they function under pressure and I have seen if they have what it takes to provide leadership for Oakland County.

Spellman incident worries me

Where is former Detroit Lion Alonzo Spellman? This and other issues surrounding the Friday, July 19 sighting have made me completely depressed. The day began like every other with me jumping into my car with the stereo tuned to WDFN-AM (1130).



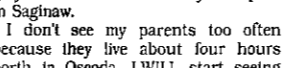
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problem and disoriented man and start asking him questions. I felt sorry for him, was a little nervous and didn't want to embarrass him even though I don't think he would have realized he was doing anything out of the ordinary.

Other people at the scene did go up and talk to him. They told me he said he was on his way to Las Vegas (via foot) and was trying to get away from Janet Jackson who was chasing him dressed as an Oriental woman living in Southfield. They also said he talked about different Jackson family conspiracies and that he did not respond to his name.

Call prompts new outlook on life

There are times, long periods of time, where one gets so wrapped up in one's life that you lose track of what's important. It usually takes something major to snap out of it. My job came a week ago via a phone call from my mom.



Cal Stone

I received little state spending and he became the legislature's leading advocate for revenue sharing reform. On issue after issue, Mike Kowall has been a leader for Oakland County. On issue after issue, Mike Kowall has put us first.

Knows Kowall is right choice

This letter is to encourage your readership to vote for State Representative Mike Kowall in the 15th District Senate seat. I rarely write letters to the editor but felt moved to do so because I recently completed an externship with Mike Kowall and found him to be a remarkably dedicated, vital force in our state government.

Quinn is best choice

The selection of our District Court Judge is a serious matter, which is why I am writing this letter. I have practiced law for 30 years, lived in Novi for 23 years, had my offices headquartered in Novi since 1996, and been active in the city and community, including nearly 10 years service on the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals.

Thanks for bug info

Thank you for publishing the informative article on 7/18/02 regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. After reading the article and viewing the Web site listed, I realized that our Green Ash, that appeared very healthy was, indeed, infected. In addition, one of the bugs that my 12-year-old son collected and mounted for his Nature Merit Badge a few weeks ago, was the Adult Emerald Ash Borer. Unfortunately, the tree will be cut down, but the useful information was appreciated.

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Anglin showcases garden ideas

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Anglin Nursery in Novi just might have the best kept secret in town — especially true if you like to spend time in the garden.

Horticulturist and Novi resident Sue Anglin has poured 25 years of sweat and creative energy into the "showcase" of Anglin Nursery: its vibrant and lush rose garden.

Have you ever wondered what a plant looked like fully grown? Ever stuck for a creative idea on a landscape design? Are you unsure how to build a stone wall for your garden? Well, the Anglin rose garden

aims to show Novi residents the answer to these perpetual questions, not merely tell them.

"The garden is a showcase for all the different roses and landscape designs in the garden center," said Anglin, who opened Anglin Nursery 12 years ago.

"You can see how things grow in their environment instead of a little pot. We show what the plant will and won't do," she added.

Anglin Nursery is located on Grand River in Novi across the street from the former Vic's Market.

In a sea of red, pink and green that stretches across the yard of Anglin's home, which is adjacent to the nursery, the garden features an array of roses, hostas, ferns and stone walls for the customer to wander through and peruse. In turn, gaining insight and tips for their own yard.

"We are always trying the new, unique and hard to find," Anglin said. "We keep up on the trends,

what people are asking for and what's featured on the garden channels."

The plants and flowers are separated into a variety of rose gardens, hosta gardens and shade gardens, contained by stone and boulder walls. Its displays over 10 different kinds of roses, 50 hostas, nearly 30 different stones and variety of mulches, including cocoa shells.

Anglin said her business tries not only to give the customer the service they want, but the gardening knowledge they need.

The horticulturist started the vibrant garden outside her home 25 years ago, and has since nurtured it into the masterpiece it is today. Each year, Anglin and her staff plant about 200 flats of annuals in the spring and spend time each day

watering, pulling weeds, fertilizing and tending to the life's work.

"It is a big job keeping everything watered and weeded," Anglin said.

Furthermore, the Anglin Nursery will add a gazebo to the garden this summer in order to better host garden clubs, seminars, guest speakers and talks on plants. The first seminar on roses and hostas will be held in the new gazebo area on Aug. 17.

Also, a rose garden featuring British roses will be added this month.

"British roses are extremely fragrant and large," Anglin said.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at aparlove@hi.homecomm.net.



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Anglin Nursery employees Kathleen Schmenk, left, and Abigail Saari take a look at some of the roses in Sue Anglin's garden at their Grand River location.

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Novi City Council Briefs

City Proclamations

City of Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark presented two proclamations during the Monday, July 15 city council meeting. The first certificate was presented to organizers of the Music & Motor Fest 2002 declaring July 25 through 28 as the official Music & Motor Fest weekend in the City of Novi. Clark referred to the event as "a time honored tradition" and urged all residents to attend the festivities. The second certificate was presented to members of the American Rose Society declaring 2002 as the "Year of the Rose."

Lakeshore Park play structure

A new play structure is making its way to Novi's Lakeshore Park after members of the city council unanimously approved a proposal authorizing the replacement of the currently standing apparatus. The July 15 approval awarded Michigan Playgrounds a \$54,902 contract for the purchase, delivery and installation of the new equipment. The project is funded through an appropriation from the Community Development Block Grant Program. The modular unit consists of 30 active play components, accommodating about 122 users at one time and will replace the older wooden structure presently at the park location.

Aircraft Show

Ribcracker's Model Airplane Club received an outdoor gathering permit during the Novi City Council's July 15 meeting to hold a model radio controlled aircraft show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 28. The annual event will take place on the vacant property west of Wixom Road and north of 10 Mile Road. In the past, the show attracted about 300 attendees each day.

New police cruiser laptops

The Novi Police Department received the approval it needed during the July 15 city council meeting to purchase 20 replacement laptop computers for the department's patrol vehicles. Members of the city council gave their authorization to award the purchasing contract to Capstone Consulting, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$128,197. An installation contract was awarded to Reighard Enterprises for \$6,299. Representatives from the department said the force's current hardware is about five years old, used 24 hours a day and lacks the technical requirements to operate the latest software.

Italian grill receives liquor license

Representatives from Carrabba's Italian Grill received the necessary approval from members of the Novi City Council during the July 15 meeting to obtain a Class C liquor license with Sunday sales permit. The grill is slated to fill the site of the former Pizza Hut in front of the West Oaks Shopping Center on Novi Road. Restaurant planners plan on spending about \$1.85 million in construction costs and have entered into a 12-year lease with

three six-year renewals.

Winter maintenance agreement

Members of the Novi City Council gave their approvals during the July 15 meeting for the Road Commission for Oakland County's 2002-2003 Winter maintenance agreement. The \$62,064 agreement is necessary so the city may assume snow and ice removal operations for three major Novi roadways under the county's jurisdiction. Every year, the execution of a formal agreement is required so the City of Novi will be reimbursed for these services by the commission at a mutually beneficial, fair and equitable dollar amount. In previous years, Novi has profited from this arrangement. Last season, due to the mild winter, the city spent \$24,105, but received the full agreement amount of \$60,257. The three roadways the city performs its own snow and ice removal on are Novi and 10 Mile roads and Grand River Avenue.

Right-of-way acquisitions

Members of the Novi City Council gave their approval to city officials during the July 15 meeting, authorizing the payment for right-of-way acquisitions and grading easements for road and utility improvements on Grand River Avenue from Beck Road to the CSX railroad bridge. A total of \$5,725 will be paid to Consumers Energy, Harry T. Vatterseian, and DeMaria Investments for grading permits. A total of \$1,450 will be paid to Dennis & Robin Cregar and DeMaria Investments for easements.

Minor home repair program

Members of the Novi City Council awarded a bid on July 15 to manage and administer the 2002-2003 Community Development Block Grant Minor Home Repair Program to the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency. The agency came in with the lowest bid in the amount of \$8,231. City representatives anticipate receiving \$54,875 in Minor Home Repair grant funds through the Community Development Block Grant for the 2002 program year which the agency will help manage. Agency officials will also help the city meet the strict federal regulations accompanying the program designed to offer home-repair assistance to qualified Novi residents.

Americans with Disabilities plans

Access Recreation Group was awarded a \$9,235 contract to conduct an accessibility assessment of the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department's facilities, services and policies. Access Recreation will also develop a transition plan for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The contract was awarded by members of the Novi City Council during the July 15 meeting. The 1992 Americans with Disabilities Act was created for the purpose of improving access for people of all abilities to facilities and services.

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Election

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2. Would you support legislation allowing additional millages for school operations if approved at the local level? Why or why not? If so, how would you ensure school taxes would not skyrocket out of control, leading to the problems found before Proposal A originally passed?
3. Is preserving open space in west Oakland County realistic? Would you support measures to preserve open space?
4. Should Michigan continue its current practice of a full-time Legislature or should legislators work part-time? Why?
5. Now that term limits have caused turnover in the Legislature, do you still support term limits? Why or why not?
6. What are your top three issues or priorities, and how do you propose to address them?
7. Why, specifically, should voters select you over your opponents.

Candidate



Nancy Cassis

Current Profession

State Representative

Education

B.A., Ohio University; Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, M.S., Ed.S., University of Michigan

Personal Data

Born Jan. 26, 1944; married, two children, five step-children. Member, St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Livonia.



Mike Kowal

Current Profession

State Rep. 44th and Business owner

Education

Attended Oakland Community College. 1970 graduate of Henry Ford High School, Detroit.

Personal Data

Born Sept. 10, 1951. Married since 1974, two daughters. President of family-owned business, Accurate Woodworking, Inc., in Waterford since 1970. Member of Holy Spirit Church in Highland.



David Wolkinson

Current Profession

Economist

Education

B.A. and M.A. in economics from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Personal Data

Single, no children.

Michigan State Senate 15th District

Representing the townships of Commerce, Milford, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Northville, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake; the cities of Novi, Northville, Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom; and the villages of Milford, Holly and Wolverine
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Six battling for new District 7 Oakland County commission seat

By Erin Johnson
STAFF WRITER

The chance to be the Republican candidate for District 7 county commissioner is up for grabs among six area residents on Aug. 6.
District 7 is a new seat created after redistricting and encompasses Milford, Commerce and Wolverine Lake.
Dennis Bagley of Commerce, Maric Facione of Milford, Melonie Kaczkowski of Wolverine Lake, Chris Long of Commerce, Gary Miller of Commerce and Tom Motley of Milford are all asking voters to cast their vote for them during the primary election. The winner will face Democrat Jim Gualdoni of Wolverine Lake in the general election in November. Gualdoni has no challengers in the primary.

Dennis Bagley

Bagley, an attorney, said he is running for county commissioner because he wants to be the voice representing the area at the county level. He believes the distribution of the budget will be an important issue as will road improvements, parks and recreation areas and water and sewer systems.

Melonie Kaczkowski

Kaczkowski, who worked at Oakland County's Children's Village for 14 years, said that after being involved in political issues in Wolverine Lake and elsewhere, running for county commissioner was a natural next step.

Gary Miller

Miller, a pharmacist in the area for 30 years, said he has been interested in politics for 10 years and decided to run to help the area have a voice on the commission.

Mario Facione

Facione, a business man who owns three companies in the areas of disposal and demolition, said he decided to run because he wanted to address issues that haven't

been discussed before. Some of the issues he feels are important to the area are taxes, issues involving Camp Dearborn in Milford, senior citizens, sewer concerns and road improvements.

He also doesn't feel that taxpayer money should be going to fund Camp Dearborn. Facione said the camp itself isn't being managed properly and he feels it should be closed down.

Chris Long

Long, who owns and operates Long Family Orchard, Farm and Cider Mill with her husband, said she has been interested in politics for years and feels she would do well as the area's commissioner.

Tom Motley

Motley, a businessman since 1952, said he decided to run for county commissioner because he wanted to see someone with a history of grassroots politics in the campaign.

Jim Gualdoni

Gualdoni has served on the Wolverine Lake planning commission and is currently a member of the Wolverine Lake Village Council. He is a Defense Department specialist in logistics and business management and is also a professor of business ethics at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Robert Goulet

Goulet, who has been a business man in the area for many

years, said he is running because he wants to bring common sense back into government.

"More money into the system isn't going to make it work," he said.

Reginald Kakos

Kakos, a Certified Public Accountant who is a firm specializing in large, family owned corporations, said he decided to run for state representative because he feels those in government should be more accountable for their efforts.

Stuart Brickner

Brickner, an attorney and financial planner in West Bloomfield, said he decided to run because the state is facing critical times.

West Bloomfield men squaring off in 39th race

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On Aug. 6 three men from West Bloomfield will be hoping to keep their political hopes alive and challenge incumbent Marc Shulman for the seat he holds in the state House of Representatives.

Stuart Brickner, Robert Goulet and Reginald Kakos will face off in the primary election to be the Democratic candidate for the 39th District House seat. The district includes Commerce Township and West Bloomfield.

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Democrat:
Jim Gualdoni of Wolverine Lake is the only Democrat running for the District 7 County Commission seat and therefore will also be the candidate in general election in November.

Republican:
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Here's where to vote in Novi for the Aug. 6 primary election:

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Precinct 3 Village Oaks Elementary 23333 Willowbrook Road	Precinct 12 Novi Meadows 25299 Taft Road
Precinct 4 Novi United Methodist Church 41671 Ten Mile Road	Precinct 13 Faith Community Presbyterian Church 44400 West Ten Mile Road
Precinct 5 Orchard Hills Elementary 41900 Quince	Precinct 14 Novi Civic Center 45175 West Ten Mile Road
Precinct 6 Holy Family Catholic Church 24505 Meadowbrook Road	Precinct 15 Novi Civic Center 45175 West Ten Mile Road
Precinct 7 Holy Family Catholic Church 24505 Meadowbrook Road	Precinct 16 Thornton Creek Elementary 46180 West Ten Mile Road
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Jeff Potter

SL mayor challenges incumbent commissioner in District 8 race

By Phillip Allmen
STAFF WRITER

Redistricting has created the possibility of a tight race in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners District 8 race. Nancy Dingeldey (R-Wixom), a long-time county commissioner squares off against South Lyon Mayor Jeff Potter. District 8 includes South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom, Lyon Township and a portion of Novi. The winner of the primary will be unchallenged in the November election.

Both candidates view Oakland County government in the same way — a mechanism to help local governments accomplish what they want to do. The county government's primary charge is to set the county budget. It also helps set policies on county issues.

Regional arts tax

The county is currently working on a regional arts tax, something both Dingeldey and Potter oppose. But despite Dingeldey's opposition to the idea, she said she is working to help create the best plan to place before the voters. That way, if it is passed, then the program will be as strong as possible.

"This district has not supported the arts tax," she said. "If it was to go to ballot, then I have to make sure it is more in keeping with the fiscal responsibility of the county."

Potter said he supports the arts, but funding for them should continue the way they have in the past — through private contributions.

"I support the cultural institutions, but not the arts tax," he said. "We have so many other needs. This identical proposal failed two years ago. If people want it, they will pay for it."

County funds

The county government — like state government — is experiencing a budget crunch stemming much from the downturn in the economy which for local and county governments has decreased the revenue sharing.

Potter said the current board of commissioners must accept part of the blame for not properly planning for such a downturn. Expenditures made during times of economic prosperity should not have been in the way of saving for the future.

"They should have more of a rainy day fund," he said. "The budget crisis was created by an over-enthusiastic commission. Since we're wealthy, it covers over the other issues."

As an example, he points to the two helicopters purchased for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Only one, he said, is needed. Funding for the aerial program was made available by privatizing food services at the county jail. If the county could save money by privatization, then that should have been done, regardless.

Dingeldey said the commission showed initiative in planning for budget shortfalls, but the loss in revenues was even greater than what the commissioners expected.

"We set aside another \$3.5 million in undesignated fund balance this year," Dingeldey

said. "We had foresight with very prudent planning. We were aware of the changes in the economic climate, recognizing the state would probably cut revenue sharing."

"We have some one-time fixes in the budgetary process to make up for the \$15 million shortfall."

Environmental issues

Dingeldey was the original author of the Environmental Infrastructure fund, which designated \$25 million over five years to distribute to local communities for projects.

"I created it; I shepherded it through the board," she said. "It was specifically instituted for communities to get ready for Phase I of the stormwater/groundwater Clean Water Act."

There are several environmental programs local communities will be mandated to follow through the Clean Water Act. The county is in a position to help local communities achieve those mandates.

The Chapter 20 drain initiative by Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch is an example, she said, even though the plan hasn't garnered much local support. If the initiative moved forward, the county could better determine who should pay for correcting problems.

"I can understand the concept," she said. "It has many valuable points. It's a total change of the procedures that have been followed since the drains have been dug in the dirt. All of this is a proactive response to what we know is coming from the federal government on what they will place on communities."

The county's septic system monitoring program is to address the groundwater concerns, she said. Many communities in the county are small and have tight staffing levels. That's when the county can step in to help out.

Potter said one area the county has not focused is preserving open spaces, another environmental concern. The City of South Lyon has created a fund dedicated to purchasing and preserving open space in the city. The county, he said, should partner with local communities to provide a similar plan countywide. That way, urban sprawl can be somewhat controlled, and local residents will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy open space.

"The county can help communities that can't afford it on their own," he said. "It would be a partnership."

The county must provide options to assist residents when new programs are mandated. Zero-percent interest loans or similar mechanism can be used to help funding areas like septic inspections.

Potter said he helped start curbside pickup in South Lyon, one of the first communities to do so. He also got the city to join a regional recycling coalition, and issues like trash service and recycling have continued to improve for the community.

Other issues

Potter said South Lyon was the first community to work on the regional bike path, convincing neighboring communi-

ties of the benefits of such a regional trailway.

"We brought in the county, then got the local and state funds," said Potter. "This has been a successful project with our Oakland County neighbors."

The Mayor said work along Grand River Avenue in western Oakland County has great potential. The county needs to look at this corridor in a similar vein as what is currently touted in central Oakland County — Automation Alley.

"We can let this stuff just happen, or we can recruit the international businesses," he said. "We can have a Michigan Avenue model or a Troy/Auburn Hills model. County officials are here to steer this."

Dingeldey said one of the important issues facing the county is homeland security. The county and local government are working together to address any issues that may come up. The county is divided into five consortia to respond to issues in their quadrant of the county.

"Police and fire in those areas are in a consortia effort to respond through the Department of Homeland Security at the county," she said. "All of the units in that geographic area have agreed to respond together and have been trained for a variety of issues that might occur."

When a regional bike/pedestrian trail was being planned and implemented, Dingeldey said she was contacted by South Lyon to help get Lyon Oaks County Park to allow the path to cross their property.

"I nudged parks and recreation to put that path in front of Lyon Oaks, which wouldn't have been done," she said. "I didn't represent the community, but I did it anyway."

Working together

Dingeldey said there isn't much commissioners can do about road conditions, because they don't fall under the commissioner's eye. What she was able to do, however, was get a \$1 million increase to the county's Tri-Party road fund, which provides a one-third match in road projects with the Road Commission for Oakland County and local unit of government. With the budget problems the county is facing, that increase could be delayed or eliminated, however.

"I boosted the Tri-Party road fund to \$2.5 million, receiving full support of the board," she said. "It serves the entire county. When you work at the county, things aren't an island. Any activities at county on the board come as a result of a team effort," Dingeldey said. "You have to build those relationships with your colleagues in order to achieve things that need to get done."

Potter said working together is one of his strongest qualities.

Most things he has accomplished as mayor of South Lyon focuses on working with other governmental entities to save costs. South Lyon and its school district is credited as the only municipal/school district to build a joint administrative facility.

South Lyon recently completed a district library funded by the city and neighboring

Salem Township.

"We have a library that's twice the size for one-half the cost to our residents," Potter said. "I'm a cheerleader for shared services. I'm looking for a regional approach to address issues."

Several road projects have saved Lyon and South Lyon residents money, as well. The two communities have utilized Tri-Party funds to improve roads crossing municipal boundaries, because the roads affect everyone in the area, not just those in the host community. And sharing services, he added, makes it easier to find grants or federal money to help pay for the projects, further decreasing the costs to local residents.

When officials tout issues like regional mass transit, Potter said proponents need to break convention and examine ways to approach the issue logically, yet fiscally prudent.

"There's ways we can find partnerships," said Potter. "We don't need to throw a European system at this affluent, spread-out area."

And that's how Potter approaches most everything — looking for new ways to deal with issues.

"That's what excites me, new ways to solve problems," he explained. "It takes leadership to start change. Government can muddle along, but it won't work great. You have to lead the people, not follow them. It makes sense to people (to share services), but it's not normally done."

"We have 63 communities rolling in different directions," Potter continued. "This commission can help communities look at things in new ways."

Experience

Potter has served as mayor of South Lyon for 12 years, while Dingeldey has been a County Commissioner for 10 years.

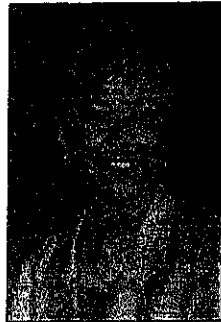
Potter said commissioners need to take a more active role in their local districts by meeting with residents and attending local municipal meetings.

"I'm not going to go up there and evaporate into the county government," he said. "I'm here to represent the local governments. Everything starts with a sense of possibility. I'm about breaking these boundaries. We need to break convention and look at all the possibilities. This is what excites me, finding new ways to solve problems."

Dingeldey said her county experience is important, because she has learned how to work in the system, identifying resources along the way.

"Resources are important. You've got to know who to call," she said. "I'm not a grandstander. The things I do at the county are not to gather stars. I'm not going to tell (the residents) how to do it, but I can help find the resources to help. That's what the county is for. I enjoy doing what I do. I take pleasure in it. This isn't a game. It's downright serious."

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Nancy Dingeldey

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