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## 248 area code gets 'overlay' with 947

Like it or not, 10-digit dialing's coming to a phone near you

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Calling home to mom is going to take a few milliseconds longer starting next month. That's because Oakland County has a new overlay area code and even though no one has been assigned one of the new phone numbers, mandatory 10-digit dialing has to be in place in order to be prepared.

"A lot of things need to happen in the background," said Frank Colaco, senior area relief planner for NeuStar, the Washington, D.C.-based company that operates North American Numbering Plan Administration. NANPA assigns area codes throughout the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean basin.

The state Public Service Commission approved the new area code for Oakland County last April following a court fight with county officials that ended in November. The county has seen its area code change three times since 1993 and county officials argued that there were more than enough telephone numbers to serve the county's 1.2 million population.

PSC officials countered that exploding technology and an expected 14 percent population growth over the next 30 years indicated otherwise.

Even though the county is getting a new area code, PSC spokesman Mary Jo Kunkle said, "We've been told by telephone companies that any place that's a toll call will remain a toll call and that any place that's a local call will remain local call."

The only thing that will really change for Oakland County residents, she said, is that they will have to dial three more numbers to make a local phone call.

Macomb County residents, who saw their area code change

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## Waterwater treatment plant clean, says DEQ

Paperwork error put WL/Novi on polluter's list

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

A recent report issued by PIRGIM and the Michigan Environmental Council claiming a third of the state's major water permit holders has state a local officials fuming.

Locally, the PIRGIM report listed Walled Lake/Novi Waste

Water Treatment Plant for violating its Clean Water Act Permit by exceeding its monthly allowable discharge of pollutants by at least 40 percent during the first quarter of 2001.

"Clearly the system is not working," said Megan Owens, a field director at PIRGIM's Ann Arbor office. However, Owens was unable to offer specifics on the Walled Lake/Novi Waste Water Treatment Plant. She said the report was the work of PIRGIM's Washington, D.C. office which analyzed data from

the EPA's Permit Compliance System.

According to Pat Spitzley, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in Lansing, "Because of a change in the format, they reported elevated levels of mercury in error."

Spitzley added, "We've really got issues with this report. The EPA data base (on which the report was based) has not been updated. We've gotten calls from all over." According to Spitzley, dozens of permit hold-

ers are "upset and they should be. If PIRGIM had called us they would have found most of the permit holders in compliance."

"With one out of every three facilities breaking the law, the Michigan DEQ should be doing more to enforce our clean water laws. Instead, year after year, polluters are getting away with breaking the law," declared Brian Imus, PIRGIM's Legislative Advocate.

Spitzley countered that if PIRGIM researchers had gone to the

DEQ's Web site, which lists all enforcement actions since 1991, they would have found that no one is getting away with anything.

She noted the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which was cited by PIRGIM for being in violation in each of the five quarters between January 2000 and March 2001, entered into judicial settlement with EPA and DEQ Aug. 3, 2000 culminating of 25 years of violations.

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## Novi hosts GOP

Republicans celebrate unity at Local Color

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Scores of the party faithful squeezed into Novi's Local Color Aug. 7 to listen to Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus and other victorious Republicans beat the drum at the GOP's unity luncheon following the primary election.

"Novi's on the map. Novi's going places," declared State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-38). "Having the unity lunch in Novi shows just how important Novi is. Novi has come of age."

Novi Chamber of Commerce Board Member Lou Martin, who served as the city's spokesman from 1995-2000, noted "25 year ago, even 10 year ago, Novi would have never been considered as a venue for high profile events or people." He said the GOP's Unity Lunch is an indication of just how far the city has come in how short a time.

"The reason I think you're seeing groups like this come to Novi is one simple thing — freeway access," he offered. Martin, who is under 40, said that while Novi was "a one stop sign town" when he was in high school, it's become "the cream of the crop for venues for things like this to happen."

Peter Paisley, owner of Local Color and a member of the chamber board, said he wasn't surprised when the state Republican Committee came to him. "We do a lot of events here," he observed. "We had Sen. [John] McCain when he was running for president. We've had Gov. [John] Engler a couple of times."

Paisley said the GOP's interest in Novi simply a sign that the city is "maturing. We're becoming an important city."

Chamber Chairperson Jane Thomas noted that in just the past



Photo by John Helder

GOP nominee for Governor of Michigan Dick Posthumus applauds as Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R) speaks to unity luncheon party held last Wednesday afternoon at Novi's Local Color restaurant.

six years chamber membership has grown from 300 to more than 600 businesses.

Victor Cassis, husband of St. Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-38), noted the first time he saw the property on Novi Road between Grand River and I-96 that would become his Big Boy restaurant 27 years ago, "there were a bunch of Guernseys and a couple of horses on it eating grass."

Calling Oakland County "the battleground" for the fall campaign season, state Republican State Committee Chairman Rusty Hills promised, "You're going to see a lot more of us."

Novi's explosive growth has made it a key community in a key

county in the GOP's election plans. "We're up there with anybody," observed Paisley.

He said the city's burgeoning business community has boosted its importance since "businesspeople can effect change in Lansing just as much as politicians can."

"We showed the Democrats how a campaign ought to be run," declared Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, who handily defeated Joe Schwarz, a West Michigan physician and former CIA operative. If Posthumus can hold on to his boss' office, it will be the first time a Lieutenant Governor has taken the big chair since John B. Swainson succeeded the wildly

popular G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams in 1961.

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-8) said Posthumus' opposition to Engler's veto of local revenue sharing funds highlighted his independence. Rogers said the economy and jobs will be key issues in this campaign and that Posthumus backs measures that support both.

Hills added, "We can't take Oakland County for granted. If we talk issues, we'll win."

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## Override of veto brings relief

By Phil Foley and Tran Longmoore  
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Local public officials are breathing a sigh of relief now that the state legislature has returned \$845 million in local revenue sharing money to the Michigan's counties, cities, villages and townships by overriding Gov. John Engler's recent budget veto.

The vote, which came as scant surprise to anyone, was made as thousands of local government workers stood outside the capitol and stopped local governments from having to make painful decisions.

The governor yanked what is known as statutory revenue sharing late last month, saying that three statewide proposals (see sidebar) on the fall ballot have the potential to cripple the state budget. Engler's opponents called his veto everything from political hardball to blackmail.

According to State Rep. Michael Kowall, the initial reaction among local officials was "total disbelief, but after they had a few days to let it sink in, they got angry." Kowall said his phone has been ringing off the wall. "This revenue sharing thing has got people all buzzed up."

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, agreed, saying, "I came out of local government 20 years ago and I personally know how important it is for local government to get its fair share of sales tax." She said the legislature adjourned for summer recess July 2 after passing a balanced budget.

Prior to the vote, Mike Brady of the Michigan Municipal League said, "This is going to be tough for people to vote no on." He said the governor's veto comes at a time that leaves local governments with "one of three bad decisions — raise taxes; go into receivership; or dramatically slash services."

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## Frakes enter '56 Healy in Concours d'Elegance

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

There are car shows and then there are car shows. The Concours d'Elegance held for nearly a quarter century on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University, is one of THE car shows in North America.

This year several local residents were among the more than 250 exhibitors from six countries displaying some of the most highly sought after collector cars in the world.

After a dozen years of strolling the grounds at Meadow Brook as spectators and three years restoring a 1956 Austin Healey 100M, Novi residents Dan and Debbie Frakes spent their first weekend as competitors.

"It's exciting just to be invited," beamed Dan, who works as a manager in order fulfillment at

General Motors Corp.

"It's a testament to Dan's three years of hard work," said Debbie, adding that after all the years of attending the show, "I never imagined having a car in here."

Three years ago their 100M was a pile of parts that had spent the last 30 years sitting in a friend's garage. "He took it apart in '68," Dan recalled, "but the guy who was going to help him left town before they got started."

Dan said he knew about the car for about 15 years before he acquired it. "I was attracted by the styling first, but then I looked into its history I was hooked," he said.

Designed to appeal to American buyers, only 640 copies were ever built and the Frakes' car was one of only three built with the Florida green and Old English white color combination. The car's rarity sent the Frakes on a global hunt for information and

parts.

To replace the car's battery tray they had to turn to a company in New Zealand that specializes in custom-made parts. The leather tie-down strap for the hood was recreated from factory drawings by an Arizona saddle maker.

The Frakes displayed their car for the first time at an event called Bring Your Own Baby held earlier this summer at Ann Arbor's Domino Farms as part of GM's 2003 full-line preview. They plan to take their car to this weekend's Cars on Campus in East Lansing and then to the Battle of the Brits in Sterling Heights in September. After that, they plan to "drive it for fun," said Dan.

Ed Meurer of Northville has been coming to the Concours almost since the beginning. He said it's the people that keeps

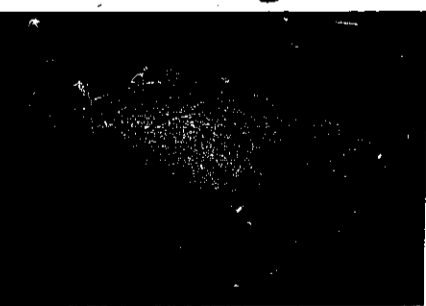


Photo by PHIL FOLEY

Novi residents Debbie and Dan Frakes spent three years restoring their 1956 Austin Healey 100M. After spending a dozen years as spectators at the show, Debbie, who is director of public relations for GM Powertrain in Pontiac, and Dan a manager in order fulfillment at GM, said they were thrilled to have their car chosen for display at the prestigious Concours d'Elegance.

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## VETO: Officials banked on override vote

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Still, the override vote was the first successful one since the Miliken administration more than 20 years ago.

In Wixom, Finance Director Kevin Brady had planned to ask city council to push back part of its \$1.6 million capital improvements plan at least a year. He said the city is looking at a \$420,000 loss in revenue from the state, which amounts to 3.85 percent of its operating budget.

City officials in Walled Lake were only looking at a \$292,075 cut in funds, but that represents 6 percent of the city's budget. City Treasurer Joyce Galien had department heads needing to work out a contingency plan that is now unnecessary. She noted the projected revenue sharing loss would have been more than the entire budget for the clerk's office.

Locally, Novi would have taken the biggest hit with a \$1.2 million cut in funds from its \$32.95 million budget. Craig Klaver, the city's chief operating officer, said that while city council hasn't had a chance to react to the governor's action yet, in the past it has "made it perfectly clear that its goal is not to raise taxes."

Klaver said he was optimistic the legislature will override the governor.

Even Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus came out in support of a gubernatorial override. "It is clear to me that another solution does not exist," Posthumus said. "I do not act lightly when it comes to publicly disagreeing with my Governor. Unfortunately, I do not believe that another solution exists, and we must act so that local governments are not forced to lay off workers."

Prior to the legislature reconvening, local pols were concerned about Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGow.

Earlier this year DeGow, who is term-limited out of office, refused to put house and senate pay raises on the senate agenda after the house voted them down, which allowed the raises to go into effect automatically.

State Sen. Ken Sikkenz sent DeGow a letter Aug. 2 arguing him to support an override vote.

As it was, only one member each in the House and Senate voted against the override.

One thing members of the local state delegation seemed to agree on was that state representatives and senators looking for local support in the future would be hard pressed not to have supported an override vote.

Cassidy decided to take a leadership role in the restoration of revenue funding.

"As chair of the tax policy committee, it was a tough decision to vote on the tobacco tax to save revenue sharing," said Cassidy. "But that was the deal. That was the commitment. We left Lansing for the recess feeling we'd done right by our constituents and protected an important source of funding for essential services. It was very disturbed when I found out about the governor's veto."

"I'm proud to be member of the team. But we had an agreement. One's word is one's bond," said Cassidy. "If it's broke on the one end, it must be resolved on the other. That's why I called Speaker Rick Johnson and urged him to join me and other members in voting for the override."

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### THE GOVERNOR'S REASONS

Gov. Engler cited the high cost of three ballot proposals when he lopped \$843 million state revenue transfers to counties, cities, villages and townships. The three questions may appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Here's a breakdown:

#### Tobacco money

At issue here is the more than \$300 million the state receives annually as part of the 1998 settlement with the tobacco industry.

Proponents of the question say the state has yet to spend a dime of the money on health care programs and smoking prevention programs.

They want the money constitutionally earmarked specifically for those purposes.

Gov. Engler said the plan would divert money away from popular programs, such as the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship.

Engler criticized the plan because it would send \$60 million annually to a private corporation shielded from legislative oversight.

**Bargaining rights for state employees**

This question is being brought forth by a coalition of unions representing state employees.

They want to amend the constitution to send contract disputes to outside, independent arbiters.

Currently, the disputes are handled by the state's Civil Service Commission, which has the power to open contracts and change negotiated agreements.

The workers don't have the right to strike, and say negotiations are stacked in favor of the state.

Engler said this could cause untold increases in personnel costs and pointed to a similar binding arbitration program which cost the city of Detroit nearly \$700 million over 20 years.

**Decriminalizing drugs**

The drug reform initiative would establish new penalties for drug kingpins, require treatment instead of jail time for drug possession offenses, and create a new commission to set penalty ranges for drug crimes.

Engler said he's concerned about the proposal because it decriminalizes drug use and mandates millions in health care and treatment for drug addicts.

He said a similar proposal has failed in California.

### Police Report

#### Novi

**Coin collector**

The owner of the Rosewood restaurant in Novi immediately called police on Aug. 4 after he discovered his establishment was robbed. The owner told police he arrived at the restaurant in the 4000 block of Grand River Avenue at about 7 p.m. when he noticed the back door was kicked in. The only item stolen was a cash register containing about \$30 in coins. The 47-year-old owner said he came to the eatery to make sure his son had closed up properly earlier that day.

**Big trouble**

A naughty Madison Heights resident was arrested at about 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 10 after a Novi police officer spotted him making a sweeping exit off Interstate 96. The officer was observing the white 1995 Dodge traveling in the south lane of westbound I-96 when the driver turned his right turn signal on, cut across three lanes of travel, without stopping and exited onto Novi Road. After stopping the driver, the officer noticed the man move a silver marijuana pipe and place an open lock blade knife in the driver's side door pocket. After running the 39-year-old driver's record, the officer discovered he was driving on a suspended license. The man was placed under arrest and placed in the back of the squad car. A further search of the vehicle produced two other knives.

**Drunk drivers targeted**

Four drivers arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol were taken off Novi streets in one

weekend and arrested including two individuals not knowing where they were.

The first arrest happened at about 1 a.m. on Aug. 3 after an officer noticed a 47-year-old Madison Heights resident in the area of M5 and 14 Mile Road driving with her hazards and windshield wipers on while drifting within her lane of travel. The woman said she was on her way home from Livonia. The officer advised her she was not going in the right direction and asked her if she knew where she was which the officer said she replied "59 and then mumbled something else. She blew a .196 and was taken into police custody.

The next arrest happened about one hour later in the area of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road when an officer noticed the Ford Explorer traveling in front of him cross the fog line and then travel on the gravel shoulder for several feet. The 32-year-old New Hudson male blew a .129 and was arrested.

The following two arrests happened on Aug. 4 between the hours of 12:45 and 3:30 a.m.

A Honda CR-V was spotted by police weaving in its lane of travel shortly after midnight. Police arrested the 38-year-old Gregory driver after he blew a .14.

The last driver was taken into custody after 3 a.m. when an officer noticed a Jeep Wrangler driving halfway in the other lane. According to the report, after the 27-year-old Royal Oak resident was stopped, he said "I'm just trying to find my way home." The man was driving west on Grand River Avenue at Novi Road. He blew a .169 and was arrested.

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## Buses back on line for Walled Lake students

Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Parents of Walled Lake Consolidated School students can sleep with ease now that board members reconsidered a controversial transportation plan.

Board members changed transportation eligibility at the Aug. 8 meeting back to its original

seven-tenths of a mile from students homes to their school buildings.

Parents expressed outrage at the June and July school board meetings about a transportation plan that would make buses available only to students living a mile or more away from their school.

High school students would have had to walk even further since buses would only pick up students living a mile and a half away.

The board's vote was made without a squeak from the audience and without much discussion.

Last month, board members admitted they made a mistake when they approved the budget, which implemented the plan for longer walking distances for district children. The new transportation plan was designed to save the school district \$100,000 in the budget.

The school district has been shorted \$12 to \$14 million since Proposal A passed in 1994.

Schools used to get foundation grants for each student in their district. However, one of the goals of Proposal A was to give extra money to districts with declining enrollments.

The Walled Lake school system was only receiving 50 percent from foundation grants for years.

Currently the school district is receiving up to 80 percent in foundation grants. Nevertheless, it has not been enough money to make up for the number of years the school district has done without.

Board members may have put buses back on track for students

living seven-tenths of a mile from their school doors. However, in June the board did make cuts to other services, including layoffs of student assistance workers and para-professional staff.

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## Council steamed at DPW allegations

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
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Walled Lake city officials had to defend themselves once again for allegedly unkept grounds behind the Department of Public Works building.

William Birndorf, a Wolverine Lake resident, sounded off at the July 7 council meeting.

He told council members he thought the city would have kept their DPW grounds clean after WXYZ-TV-7 news reported that the city has been irresponsible with chemicals. The report maintained that the city has been polluting the Greenway Drain, which leads into Wolverine Lake. They also alleged the city sent contaminated dirt to a Lyon Township residential development.

However, Walled Lake officials stress that they do keep a tidy DPW. They also have documentation to prove they have been working with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to clean up the Greenway Drain for years.

However, Birndorf said he saw differently Aug. 4 when he walked behind the current DPW building and took photographs. He said road salt was on the ground at the current DPW and the new DPW building's construction site.

"This salt, with the biggest concentration of it about 40 feet away from the manhole drains that empties into the Greenway Drain, which empties into Wolverine Lake, has been sitting out there since at least Friday the second of August," Birndorf said. "I'm happy that there was no excessive amount of rain because a lot of it would have washed down the drain, to the Greenway, and into Wolverine Lake."

He pleaded with council members to Mayor William Roberts to take care of the matter.

Lloyd Cureton, Walled Lake DPW director, said his workers were moving the salt from the current location to its new location. Therefore, the small amount of salt was only on the ground in the moving process.

"On Monday morning first thing, it was cleaned up," Cureton said.

Containers, which were shown in the Birndorf's photographs, were empty and there were only minuscule amounts of salt on the ground, he said.

"The only thing going down the drain, the city hall complex are things that normally go down the drain in any community," Cureton said. "The city of Walled Lake has an intensive waste shed program. They've spent hundreds of hours implementing it. We will be happy to share it with anyone interested. We also have a hazardous waste program."

Roberts said there was nothing out of place behind the DPW. Instead, Cureton has always done everything in his power to keep the grounds clean as well as the Greenway Drain.

"I think we have a great DPW," Roberts said.

Heather Hill, council member, agreed.

"We probably have the finest DPW director in the state of Michigan," Hill said. "Not only does Cureton go out of his way to go the extra mile for Walled Lake, he also tries to help other communities."

However, she believes that the village of Wolverine Lake could do more to keep their own lake clean instead of putting the blame on Walled Lake. For one thing, they should have a sewer system, rather than a septic system, she said.

"If this is the only thing you can do in life, I would suggest that you

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Kids and counselors from Wixom's Total Soccer's Total Training Camp take to one of its six indoor fields this past Monday afternoon. Total Soccer is adding a domed field on its property that will be used year-round. During hot summer months, most of the indoor fields remain unused by teams as they're un-airconditioned.

Photo by John Heider

## Totally fun!

### Wixom's TS multisport facility expanding

Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Athletes will be able to have even more total fun at Total Soccer in Wixom come rain or shine.

The multisport 220,000 square-foot complex, on Wixom Road near the Ford Wixom Plant, is expanding to include another soccer field with a removable bubble top.

They're also expanding facilities for roller hockey (two arenas with eight locker rooms and showers will be open soon), soccer and softball and adding a strength conditioning training room. A restaurant and children's play area is also planned to be built in the complex.

The turf, astro play, under the bubble will feel like real grass with a rubber in-fill, said Dave York, manager.

"The bubble will be up in the winter and down in the summer," York said. "That's the beauty of having a bubble because you can tear it down."

Jim Kielbaso, a strength and conditioning coach, will be helping to create stronger athletes with a six week program involving high speed running, plyometrics, ground based agility drills and other strength training activities.

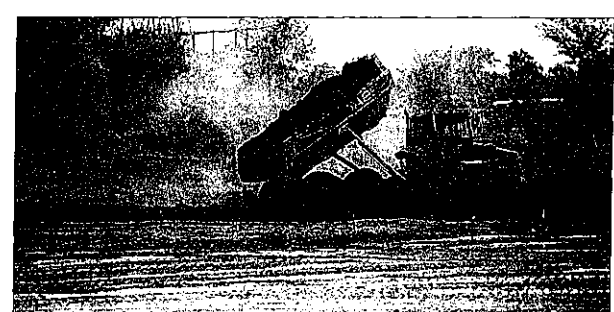
"This is going to be hands down the best strength training facility in the state," Kielbaso said.

The sport complex was created by a group of soccer lovers 17 years ago. However, their indoor soccer dream was built in Wixom four years ago with Bob Scheuer, operating owner, leading the helm.

Scheuer, an accountant, began adding other sports such as baseball in 1999.

"I realized I couldn't just have one activity and succeed," Scheuer said.

Parents come out and watch their children practice and play sports more than ever before in history, he said. Therefore, Scheuer wants the sports complex to be an inviting place for parents to watch



Construction work continues on Wixom Soccer's new domed indoor/outdoor soccer field on Monday afternoon. The new facility will be adjacent to the current indoor fields to the east.

Photo by John Heider

their children and have a good meal together in the planned restaurant/food area.

"The kid is the most important thing in the family," Scheuer said. "We give them a place to play, train, and become a better athlete. This is a clean place to come in to. It's

a nice, family environment." Scheuer credits the success of the sports complex with the professional people who work with him. City officials have also been helpful with expansion projects.

"We are proud and pleased at what we have to offer here," Scheuer said. "We live and breathe this. It's our life."

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## Residents asked to help City Council with traffic

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake officials are looking to residents to help with traffic and safety issues.

City Manager Phil Vawter told council members at the Aug. 7 meeting that he thought a Traffic and Safety Board would benefit the city's roads.

An appointed number of residents would be responsible for receiving and reviewing traffic questions and handling traffic safety matters. They would make recommendations to council members whenever they feel action should be taken concerning traffic issues.

Traffic and Safety Board members could also recommend a program to utilize roads more efficient

ly and try to improve streets and intersections to complement commercial and residential areas.

"It's not just a committee to add to a resume; it's a working committee," Vawter said. "It's an opportunity to help solve the problem together."

The new traffic and safety board comes on the heels of a recent council meeting where residents expressed concerns about problems with city roads. The late City Attorney John Danohue had noticed, prior to his death, how well the Traffic and Safety board worked with traffic flows in Farmington. Therefore, he wanted the Walled Lake community to work together to solve traffic issues.

"Establishing a Traffic and Safety board would assist the council and staff in finding ways to improve traffic problem areas by allowing our residents to be a part of the process."

The group will have their work cut out for them. The M-5 road project will be completed in November. Therefore, current traffic patterns are expected to change.

They would additionally be responsible for finding ways to calm traffic around Leon Street and East Lake Drive because of the development of East Bay Village condominium project.

Mayor William Roberts said he wanted to make sure all board members' recommendations were made to council members.

"I think anything that would come up, would come back to council," Vawter said. "I see nothing wrong with council participating in some of these meetings."

Heather Hill, council member, said she thought the new board would be a good thing for the city. "Getting people involved is a key to success," Hill said. "I think this is a good start. I think this would be beneficial. I don't think we would be excluded in the end."

Diane Carter, council member, said the board will make progress on area roads.

**"It's an opportunity to say 'let's solve the problem together'."**

Phil Vawter  
Walled Lake city manager

commented that there was no easy solution to the problem and that council had a tough job in trying to find a solution that would work for everyone," Vawter said in a written report. "Establishing a Traffic and Safety board would assist the council

and staff in finding ways to improve traffic problem areas by allowing our residents to be a part of the process."

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**Northville Baseball Association**  
13-Year Old Little Caesar's Team

Tryout Dates

Thursday, August 22nd	4:00-6:30
Friday, August 23rd	4:00-6:30
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# VP Cheney stumps for McCotter in Livonia

By **Tran Longmore**  
STAFF WRITER

Two Republican candidates for the House of Representatives received a boost from Vice President Dick Cheney Monday evening.

Speaking to approximately 450 people at a \$1,000 per plate dinner at the Laurel Manor in Livonia, Cheney said that U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg and state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, both of whom are running for congress, are the kind of people needed in Washington as the nation strengthens its economy and fights terrorism.

"When I see President Bush tomorrow morning, I'll be happy to tell him that things look great. We have a great Republican ticket in Michigan," said Cheney, standing next to the candidates.

Cheney praised Knollenberg, who seeks a return to the House as representative for Oakland County voters in the 9th Congressional District. His main competition will come from Democrat David Fink.

"We think very highly of Joe. He is a strong fiscal conservative, a leader in reducing taxes

and welfare reform, and providing strong national defense," Cheney said. "Republicans and Democrats respect his diligence and good judgment. Without question, he has earned another term in the United States Congress."

Cheney also had high words for McCotter, a state senator who last week won the Republican primary for the 11th Congressional District in Oakland and Wayne counties. He faces Democrat Kevin Kelley, Redford Township Supervisor.

"As state senator, he has been a tireless, conscientious voice for lower taxes, safer neighborhoods, and better public schools," Cheney said. "His reputation has grown every single year."

The Republican Party is attempting to maintain control of Congress in this November's election. The Democrats hold the slimmest majority in the House, having nine of the current 16 seats.

During the 20 minute talk, Cheney restated the Bush administration's position on economic policy and the war on terror.

"We have great work to do. We are in a position of strength, despite the terrorist attacks and four-month recession," said

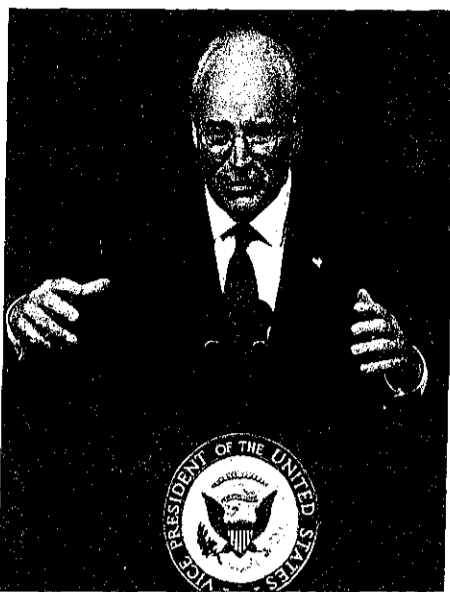


Photo by Hal Gould

Vice President Dick Cheney speaks to a crowd at a Republican fund-raising dinner Monday in Livonia. Cheney visited the dinner to help raise money for Michigan Republican Rep. Joe Knollenberg and Congressional candidate Thad McCotter.

Cheney, who pointed to record new home sales, high worker productivity and low inflation as signs of the country's economic health. "But we will not be satisfied until every person in America who wants to work finds a job."

The vice president called on Congress to make permanent the tax cuts initiated by President George W. Bush. He drew loud applause from the audience when he said that Bush would veto "runaway" government spending.

Cheney also touted the recently signed "trade promotion authority," which gives the White House the ability to negotiate trade deals, as a tool to open markets to domestic product.

Cheney also said the country would continue to invest in the military and hunt down terrorists, "one by one."

As for Iraq, Cheney said that Saddam Hussein is pursuing weapons of mass destruction. "There is no question about the severity of the threat," said Cheney. "Wishful thinking in the face of mortal danger is bad policy. The United States will not look the other way."

Cheney's appearance in Livonia capped a busy day featuring stops in Minnesota and Wyoming. After the speech, he traveled to Waco, Texas for an economic summit with Bush, Cabinet officials, and Texas business owners and workers.

McCotter was pleased to have the vice president's endorsement.

"It's kind of cool," he said. "It's great to have the vice president take time from his busy schedule and support my campaign, but ultimately, this election will be decided by the voters on the issues in November."

Before the dinner Monday, the Michigan Democratic Party issued a statement, criticizing by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jennifer Granholm. "The Attorney General raised up to \$3,400 a piece from donors," said McCotter. "They have no room to talk."

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# DPW: Council fights allegations

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get a life," Hill said. "Take a look at your own backyard. Get sewers in. If that's the only thing you can find is salt, you need to get a life."

Birnford said his children swim in Wolverine Lake and it makes him upset that another city is allegedly polluting it.

"All I want is a cleaned up," he said. "I have a life and that's what my life is about, Ms. Hill."

Hill said she believes the village of Wolverine Lake has a "vendetta" against Walled Lake.

"I'm proud of our staff and I am proud of you, Mr. Curoton," Hill said.

Roberts also applauded Curoton for his hard work year round to keep the city clean.

The verbal assault against the DPW was totally unwarranted," Roberts said. "The people who know our DPW director know that he has done much for pollution abatement."

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# Behrens picked as WL employee of the year

Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

It's all in a day's work for Cathy Behrens, Walled Lake's city employee of the year.

Behrens is responsible for payroll for the fire department and police department. She supervises dispatchers and handles their budget for both departments and handles other monthly reports.

"Cathy is working with me—not for me," said Jerry Walker, director of public safety. "I'm fortunate enough to have not only a right hand person but a left hand person too because Cathy is a work horse."

Behrens didn't expect to be honored at the Aug. 6 city council meeting.

"I was more shocked than anything else," Behrens said. "There are a lot of hard working people here. I didn't expect it but I appreciate it."

Phil Vawter, city manager, pointed out that Behrens goes beyond the call of duty.

"She's the type of person who takes on more and more," Vawter said. "She likes to keep busy. She's a very organized person. If you give something to her to do, it's done. You don't have to worry about it anymore."

Behrens joined the Walled Lake police staff as a dispatcher in 1994 after serving in the same position in the village of Wolverine Lake for several months.

Serving the public may be in Behrens' blood. Her grandparents opened Woody's restaurant in Walled Lake in 1964.

"My grandfather was Woody," Behrens said. "My parents bought it from him in 1971. They sold it in 1999."

Behrens has seen a lot of changes in town while growing up in the Walled Lake community.

"I remember when Pontiac Trail was a two lane road," Behrens said. "It was a dirt road when my grandparents came out here, from what I understand."

She worked full time at the restaurant while attending Oakland University, where she received a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is now attend-

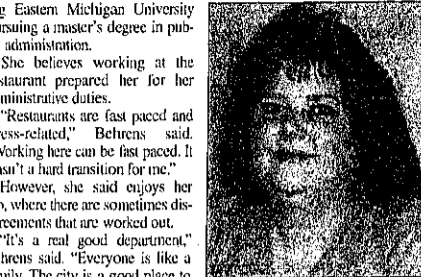
ing Eastern Michigan University pursuing a master's degree in public administration.

"Restaurants are fast paced and stress-related," Behrens said. "Working here can be fast paced. It wasn't a hard transition for me."

However, she said enjoys her job, where there are sometimes disagreements that are worked out.

"It's a real good department," Behrens said. "Everyone is like a family. The city is a good place to work. They're good to their people."

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# Veteran journalist Phil Foley joins staff of Novi News

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"I took the class and really enjoyed it," Foley said. "I took more journalism classes and switched my major from psychology to journalism."

He began writing for the college newspaper at the community college and at University of Michigan. However, he dropped out of U of M when he ran out of money to pay for his education.

After he left college, Foley took a factory job at Bonnevillie Fisher Body in Pontiac. It was there that other workers told him about Oakland University, which was close by.

He was pleased at Oakland University's journalistic offerings. "The people who taught journalism classes were the people who were actually doing the deed," Foley said. "It didn't give me a much better education."

He wrote for the Oakland State student newspaper and soon became the news editor of the publication.

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Calendar of Events

Summer Concert Series

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LOCATION: Walled Lake
Villa is located at the intersection of Ladd Road and Pontiac Trail...

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI

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DATE: Thursday, Aug. 15
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Quick Date

DATE: August 22
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How to Write a Business Plan Workshop

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 22
LOCATION: Oakland County Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac

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Novi Newcomers and Neighbors

DATE: Sept. 4
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Cub Scout Pack 54 25th Anniversary Picnic

DATE: Thursday, August 22
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Area Code: 248 gets new overlay

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While Oakland County officials fretted last year that adding a new area code would be confusing with the prospect of an overlay area code...

However, notes Colaco, plans are in the works to add a single overlay area code to the 313 and 734 area codes, which serve most of Wayne and Washtenaw Counties.

Colaco said it's also "kind of hard to recall" when the first 947 numbers will go into operation in Oakland County.

Telephone numbers are assigned to telecommunications companies in blocks of 10,000. In June alone six of those blocks were assigned to companies.

Adding another area code to Oakland County makes roughly another 7.9 million phone numbers available for everything from cell phones to pagers to computer modems.

Pet Awareness Day needs support in WL

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Businesses have the opportunity to support Paws with a Cause and display their business names at Pet Awareness Day in Walled Lake.

The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 22 at the vacant lot on E. West Maple Road, which is west of Decker Road.

Business owners who contribute will be able to showcase their businesses while the proceeds go to Paws with a Cause and the event itself, says organizers.

"We will be as generous as we can," said Pam Jason, co-chairman of the Walled Lake Downtown Development

Authority's promotions committee.

Businesses will benefit from the large turnout of animal lovers, according to Jason.

"This is good for merchants because it gives them the chance to show their products to people who will be visiting Walled Lake," Jason said.

Promotions committee member Charlene Long said vendors and animal rescue groups are starting to join the event.

"It's all starting to come together," Long said. "PetSmart (in Commerce Township) will be sponsoring some of the activities."

The event promises to be a great time for everyone, she said. Rescue Groups such as Wonderful Animals Giving Support, Michigan Ferret Rescue

and Adoption Network, Poodle Rescue of Poodle Club of Southeastern Michigan and Great Lakes Border Collie Rescue will be on hand.

There will be many other recreational events for animals and their owners.

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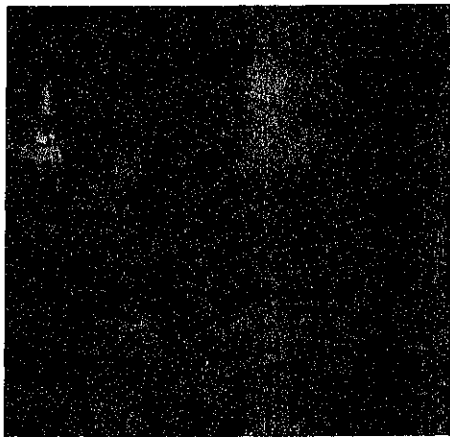
teed to be an inexpensive way to have a good time.

"It is very unique," Jason said about Pet Awareness Day. "It's a place where you can take the entire family. You can bring dogs and cats as long as they are on a leash."

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Actors Jacob Pruitt (left) and Joseph Albright prepare for one of the scenes in an upcoming movie, "The Ugly One." The film is being produced by Buoy 22 Films, LLC, of Walled Lake.

Walled Lake firm gets ugly in Northville

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Northville's Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant was transformed through scenes of actors and actresses maneuvered through camera equipment, wires, lights, and director's commands as they paraded through scenes of an upcoming independent film.

The forthcoming movie, "The Ugly One," is being created by Buoy 22 Films, LLC, an independent film-making company based in Walled Lake, said executive producer, Kim Wilkins.

"We have a very aggressive shooting schedule," she said. The cast and crew of the film will continue working on the film at Genitti's on Aug. 18, which will mark their third day of film preparation.

The film has been written and is being directed by Patrick Moug.

Wilkins said "The Ugly One" will feature nearly 60 characters and more than 40 extras.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall provided an ideal setting for the film and the restaurant staff have been highly cooperative during the undertaking of the film, said Wilkins.

"They have been very supportive of our endeavors in the past," she said. "We needed a location where we could have a diner, a birthday party and a bar scene. This allowed us to combine that all in one setting. The Genittis are just so good to us. They're really helpful. Northville is just a welcoming place."

According to film officials, "The Ugly One" is a horror/action film set in the present along the Detroit River. Officials said the movie takes place in a fictitious steel town, in which a warlock has come looking for a religious artifact, which would give him control over mankind. In order to find his prize, the warlock kidnaps children from their mothers and a spell is placed upon the town.

Wilkins said this is the first feature length film for Buoy 22 Films and will not contain blood, nudity or adult language.

"It's turned into an action/adventure [piece]," she said. "It's evolved over time. We would like to do a premiere in Northville at the end of October."

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## Obituaries

### Lester G. Weber

Lester Weber, 76, of Novi, died Aug. 4, 2002, at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Mr. Weber served in WWII and was a POW in Germany. He had been active in the Lutheran Church all his life and loved to sing in choirs. He graduated from Purdue University, W. Lafayette, Ind., and Washington University of St. Louis, Mo., and was retired from DuPont Chemical Co. after 27 years of service. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, Mich. Survivors include his wife, Ruth E. Weber (nee Duell); three daughters, Kay Weber of Novi, Anne K. Towey (Ed) of Dearborn, Minn., and Sue Alpert (Bob) of Escondido, Calif.; two sons, Alan Weber (Sabra) of Cleveland, Texas, and Don Weber of Willowbrook, Ill.; 12 grandchildren, Matt Wizansky of Seattle, Wash., Clare Weber of Novi, Britt, Ted, and Tricia Towey, Joshua, Johannes, Josef, Kyle and Eileen Weber, and Tim and Brian Alpert. A memorial service will be held on Aug. 25 at 3:00 at St. John Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, Mich. Interment will be at Bethel Lutheran Cemetery, St.

### Frederick A. Lumley II

Frederick Lumley, 51, of Brighton, died Aug. 7, 2002 at Ionia County Memorial Hospital, Ionia, Mich. He was born Mar. 29, 1951 in Detroit to George A. and Elinor (Albright) Lumley. Mr. Lumley lived in Brighton since 1978. He was a self-employed finish carpenter and a member of BYC-RCCB of Orr Lake in Brighton. He was a talented musician whose instrument of choice was the guitar. He was considered a bluesman. Mr. Lumley enjoyed water-skiing, especially barefoot. Survivors include his mother, Elinor Lumley of Novi, two sons, Justin (Sara) Lumley of Westland and Ian Lumley of Brighton; two grandchildren, Nicholas and Caitlyn Lumley of Westland; three sisters, Linda Lumley, Susan Lumley and Laurel (Michael) Jacoby and was loved by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, George, and one brother, Larry. A memorial service will be held Aug. 23 at 1:00 at Faith

### Community Presbyterian Church, 4400 Ten Mile Rd., Novi with the Rev. Raymond Lumley officiating.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, Mich. 48076. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., Northville. **Jean M. Krane** Jean Krane of Farmington Hills died Aug. 12, 2002. She was 71. Survivors include three daughters, Laura (Biff) James, Cathy (Carlos) Noa and Elizabeth Krane; three sons, Paul (Jackie), John Begonia of Novi and Michael (Amy); 11 grandchildren, Victoria, Justin, Ana, Demi, Christina, Robert, David, Timothy, Michael, Jonathan and John; one sister, Susan (Ronald) Kaleyzka; and two brothers, Theodore (Patricia) and David (Barbara) Kozlovski. A funeral service was held Aug. 14 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi. The family requests contributions to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48201. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

### Charlotte S. Koester

Charlotte Koester, 75, of Wixom died Aug. 3, 2002 at her residence in Wixom. She was born Feb. 15, 1927. Survivors include two sons, Fred D. (Carron) and Stephen (Melissa); one daughter, Tina (Salvatore) Marsalese; and four grandchildren, Leonard Haack of South Lyon; three sons, Wallace J. (Betty) Dean of Dearborn, Conrad (Juncana) Dean of Iowa, and Walter G. (Millicent) Dean of Brighton; one daughter, Chaudette France of Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and several aunts and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Dewey Dean in 2002 and Robert Dean in 1999, four sisters and one brother. A funeral service was held Aug. 8 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

### Thelma Daisy Meadows-Haack

Thelma Meadows-Haack, 87, died Aug. 4. She was formerly of New Hudson, moving to South Lyon in 1973. She was born on April 18, 1915 in Asheville, N.C. to the late Solon Meadows, Thelma retired from Novi Public Schools as a bus driver. She also worked for Novi Equipment and was a dispatcher for the Novi Police Force. She was a charter member of Cross of Christ Church, a volunteer for the American Red Cross, and a member of Rebecca Lodge. Survivors include her husband, Leonard Haack of South Lyon; three sons, Wallace J. (Betty) Dean of Dearborn, Conrad (Juncana) Dean of Iowa, and Walter G. (Millicent) Dean of Brighton; one daughter, Chaudette France of Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and several aunts and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Dewey Dean in 2002 and Robert Dean in 1999, four sisters and one brother. A funeral service was held Aug. 8 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

### Leone M. Gallano

Leone Gallano, 84, of Novi, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 10, 2002 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, Mich. He was born Nov. 3, 1917 in Grandstone City, Mich. to the late James H. and Pearl M. (McIntyre) Cutler. She had been a resident of Farmington Hills for 20 years before moving to Novi. She was a hairdresser and home-maker and raised her own sons in Farmington Hills. She was a member of the American Red Cross, and a member of Rebecca Lodge. Survivors include one daughter, Darlene (John) Newman of Novi; two sisters, Kathryn Burley of Almost, Mich. and Pauline Apley of Dunedin, Fla.; and one grandson, Alex Newman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Whitaker, one brother, James Cutler, and one sister, Mary Melrose. Funeral services were held Aug. 13 at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville with Pastor Joel Lindman of Oak Point Church of Novi officiating. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., Northville.

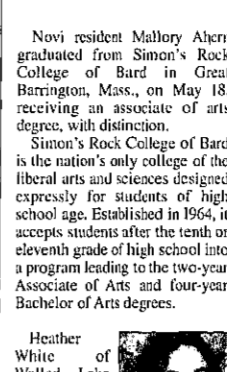
## Wedding



### Maisonville-Hasetton

Richard and Lynn Maisonville of Novi, announce the marriage of their daughter, Kristine, to David Hasetton, David is the son of Thomas and Ruth Hasetton of Lynn, Mass. Kris and Dave were married Feb. 9 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, Clawson, Mich. Reverend Thomas Slowinski was the celebrant. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She carried a bouquet of lavender and white roses. The matron-of-honor was Katie Maisonville, sister-in-law of the bride. The best man was Bill Hasetton, brother of the groom. Usters were Jim Maisonville and Joe Sabella. Kris, of Royal Oak, is a 1988 graduate of Novi High School. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from Michigan Tech University. Dave is a 1987 graduate of Lynn English High School. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from The University of Massachusetts-Lowell. Kris and Dave are currently employed by BorgWarner TTS. After honeymooning in Jamaica, the couple has a home in Oxford.

## On Campus



### Heather White

White of Walled Lake was presented with a scholarship from the Dul Foundation for the third consecutive year. Heather is a full-time employee in the Shipping & Receiving Department at Clips & Clamps Industries. Recently, she completed the two-year Culinary Program at Schoolcraft Community College. In the past year, Heather made the dean's list and was awarded two gold, one silver and one bronze medal in culinary competitions. Heather has one

more year of undergraduate studies to complete before receiving an Associates Degree. The Dul Family, owners of Clips & Clamps Industries and Fox Hills Golf & Country Club, established a yearly scholarship fund, four years ago, for employees and their families. This year, five winners received scholarships for the 2002/2003 academic year. Clips & Clamps Industries has over 48 years of experience in the engineering and manufacturing of metal-formed components and assemblies. Fox Hills is a public 63-hole golf course and banquet facility in the Plymouth area.

Novi resident Stephanie McKinney was among the graduates of Alma College during Spring 2002 commencement exercises. She earned her bachelor of science degree magna cum laude in biology. McKinney is the daughter of Mickey and Carol McKinney. More than 1,100 students were placed on the spring 2002 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Jarman, vice provost and dean for student affairs, reports

## In the Service

Navy Seaman Timothy A. Fugit, a 1999 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, recently completed the cryptologic technician electronic technology course. During the course at the Naval Technical Training Center, Cory Station, Pensacola, Fla., students receive basic instruction in electronics theory, maintenance, digital logic and computer fundamentals. Studies also include electronic fundamentals of power supplies and super-heterodyne receivers.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 21, 2002.  
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### Police Report

#### Walled Lake Woman punched

A 19-year-old Walled Lake woman told police July 26 she was punched in the face by a man she had gotten into an argument with on Pontiac Trail.

She said the man had pulled in front of her as she was leaving Hawk Lake Apartments and she kept her foot on him. They both stopped for the red light at Maple Road and Pontiac Trail and the man jumped out of his car. The man then put his fist through her car window and punched her in the face.

The woman took down his license plate number and gave it to police. Police tried repeatedly to contact him but they were not successful. The case is being investigated.

#### Cycles stolen

A 27-year-old Walled Lake man reported Aug. 1 that his 1998 Honda Motorcycle and his 1998 Kawasaki motorcycle were missing from his residence in the 500 block of Pleasant Lane. He said he left work at 3:30 a.m. and neighbors said they saw the motorcycles still parked at 11:30 a.m. the same day. The case is still open.

### Novi City Briefs

#### Borders Books & Music events

Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m., women of all ages are invited to attend the store's Mother-Daughter Book Group. The Tuesday discussion will feature "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. Come and enjoy some family fun. Borders Books & Music is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0789.

#### Main Street Heat

The Main Street Heat Classic Car Show takes place every Wednesday between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m. in the city's downtown area. Come and share your sweet ride or admire others. Admission is free and the fun is plenty.

#### Theater auditions

The Novi Theatre's Performance Plus & Children's Annex will be holding auditions for its upcoming performance of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Cold auditions for the production based on the writings of Washington Irving, will be held 4 p.m. Aug. 26 and 28 at the City of

Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department on 10 Mile Road between Novi and Tall roads. Actors 10 through high school age are invited to participate. Once cast, there is a registration fee of \$140 and rehearsals will be 4 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Performances will take place, October 25 through 27.

Auditions will also be held for the Novi Theatre's performance of "Our Town." Cold auditions for the production based on the writings of Thornton Wilder, will be held 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 and 29 at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department. The \$140 rehearsal fee will apply to all cast and rehearsals will take place 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and some Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Actors high-school age through adult are invited to participate. For more information regarding either audition, call (248) 347-0400.

#### India Day Festival

The Michigan Indian Community Organizations will be hosting an India Day Festival Sunday, Aug. 18 at the Novi Expo

Center. The free event will feature spectacular visions of Indian beauty, culture and mystique. All area residents are invited to come between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and enjoy the flavor of authentic Indian cuisine, feel the texture of Indian merchandise while listening to the enchanting strings of soothing Indian music.

The Novi Expo Center is located at 43700 Expo Center Dr., west of Novi Road south of Interstate 96. For more information, call (248) 348-5600 or visit [www.mindia.com](http://www.mindia.com).

#### MDOT

The Michigan Department of Transportation will be holding a public meeting Wednesday, Aug. 21 to discuss its Interstate 75 Oakland County Planning/Environmental Study. The two-hour meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Troy Public Library will focus on the current phase of the study - the preliminary look at transit and high-occupancy vehicle lanes as solutions to regional travel. An update of the overall progress of the two-year study will be given. All area residents are invited to attend. The library

is located at 510 W. Big Beaver Road. For more information, visit [www.mdot.state.mi.us/projects/i75corridor](http://www.mdot.state.mi.us/projects/i75corridor).

#### RCOC

The Road Commission for Oakland County will be holding a public hearing 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22 to hear input on its proposed close to \$130 million 2002-2003 fiscal year budget. One of the projects scheduled for 2003 that will be discussed is the reconstruction of the Grand River Avenue bridge over the CSX railroad tracks. The meeting will be held in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

#### MMA art collection note-cards

Selected works from the Muscular Dystrophy Association art collection are now available to all area residents for sale as note-cards. A total of 10 artworks from the collection, five by adults and five by children, have been reproduced on the cards which are blank on the inside allowing for personalized messages. The 5-by-

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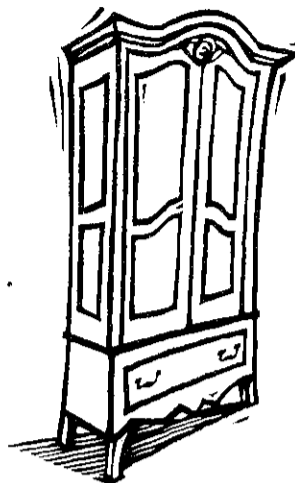
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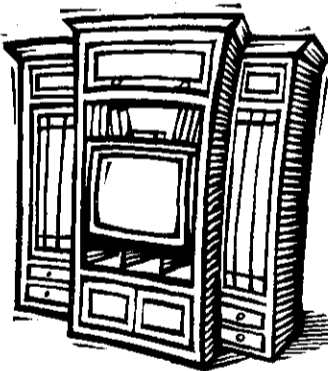
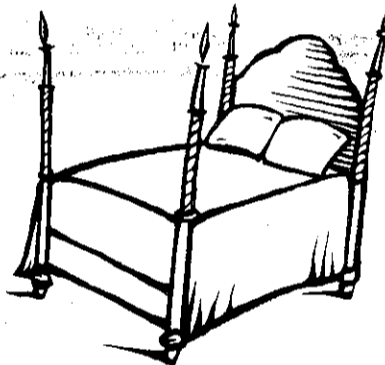
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# Peternal Instincts takes the problem out of pet-sitting

By Victoria Sadlocha  
Staff Writer

If you're going to have to care for your pet during long work days and vacations has become a hairy task, Peternal Instincts Professional Pet Sitting Service has the answer. One phone call to the Novi-based business will result in the managing, protection and petting of your pet.

"We're really wary about all of our pets. We really love them and we love what we do," said Sue Finley, founder and president of Peternal Instincts Professional Pet Sitting Service.

And when she says love, she means love.

Finley and her employees do not look at what they do as a job, but rather natural extensions of their own passions—animals.

"I got on the floor and went belly up like a dog," Finley said explaining what she did once to accustom a hesitant pet to her presence. "I wanted to put myself in a passive position."

Employee Debbie Erskine shares Finley's passion and enjoys her days as a pet sitter.

Finley said the minimum visits per day is usually three.

"I space it out so animals never pass longer than 10 hours," she said.

Visits include letting the dog out, feeding them, letting them out again and playing with them.

"Sometimes, the dog dictates what we do," Finley said.

Belly rubs, tug of war and catch are just some of the other activities depending on the animal's desires.

"I have one dog that likes to go for car rides," said employee Shelley Kittle. "So we go for car rides."

Finley said the goal along with proper care is to keep the pet sane.

"We exercise them well," Finley said. "They don't get that in a home."



Sue Finley, second from left, has started a pet-care service, Peternal Instincts, and will have help from employees Kimberly Peedle, far left, Debbie Erskine and Shelley Kittle, far right, in caring for dogs like Charlie - the center of their attention.

Each visit is about 30 minutes, but often goes longer.

"I'd rather stay for an extra 15 or 20 minutes than have the dog have an accident," Kittle said.

Kitel does most of the day visits for clients needing help during work while Finley and Erskine take care of a lot of the business' vacationing clientele.

Employee Kimberly Peedle does a little bit of everything including overnight visits.

Northville resident Linda Marshall, one of Finley's first clients, utilizes the overnight aspect of the service.

"I actually work in D.C. and commute every week to work," Marshall said. "It makes me secure that I can leave the home."

Marshall said the security and trust she feels with her pet sitter is especially important because one of her dogs is elderly and requires medication and extra attention.

"It makes my life a lot less stressful," Marshall said. "She (Finley) takes a personal interest; she won't even answer her cell phone while she is on a walk. She takes better care of them than I do."

All employees, including Finley, are insured and bonded, and the ladies don't stop at pet care either.

"They water plants, bring in mail, take out garbage and change lighting all for no additional charge."

"I turn off coffee pots," Kittle said, smiling down at one of her clients who always forgets to turn off her coffee before leaving the morning.

"What sets us apart is we don't charge more for additional services like administering medication or taking care of multiple pets," Finley said. "We just charge for our time, which I believe is the fair thing to do."

Although most of Peternal Instincts' clients are dogs, the breeders take care of cats, rabbits, ferrets, hamsters and even goats.

Finley and Peedle recently accepted a job to take some goats in Plymouth.

"It was crazy and extremely hard," Peedle said. "They had to be milked every 12 hours."

"We learn a lot and have a lot of fun," Finley said. "We're always open to new experiences."

The Novi resident began her adventure in pet sitting in spring 2001.

She started as the sole employee with a few clients and has now expanded the business to three employees and about 100 clients.

The business owner attributes her success to the referrals she receives from many area veterinarians and groomers and the fact more people are learning what pet sitters are and have embraced the idea.

"I think people don't want to board their pets anymore," Finley said. "It is good for them (the pets) to be in their own environment."

For notes and more information, call (248) 231-3837 or visit [www.peternalinstincts.com](http://www.peternalinstincts.com).

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# Concours: Locals enter car show

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bringing him back.

Meurer, who owns a mail order catalog firm in Farmington Hills, was one of only two exhibitors to be invited to bring more than one car this year. He drove a 1941 Packard Formal Limousine while a friend drove a 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham, which at \$14,000 was the most expensive American car of its day, to the show.

"We don't trailer anything," said Meurer, who has more than 60 cars in his collection. He said nostalgia got him started collecting some three decades ago.

"I grew up hot rodding in California," he said. He said a fondness for early Fords led to an eclectic collection of vehicles ranging from the 1930s to 1970s. Bob Wedyke, a Warren mechanic,

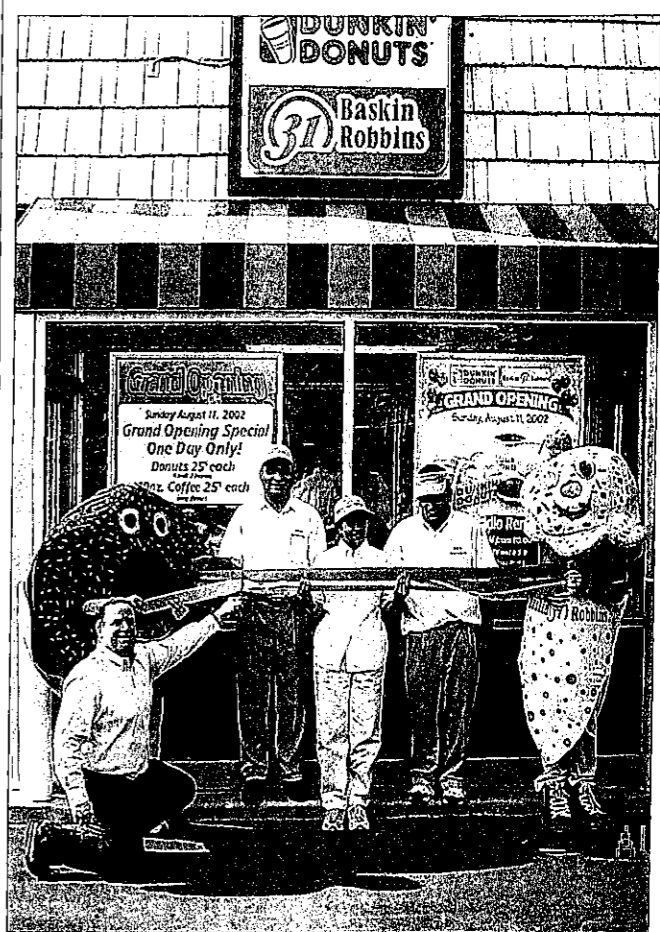
exciting to own one of only 602 cars built.

Trotta said he was a fan of Mopar vehicles long before he became human resources manager for sales and marketing at DaimlerChrysler. "I always wanted a lift-off hood car," he said.

When he saw one listed in Hemming's Motor News, he bought it "sight unseen" from a collector in Memphis only to discover it was the same car he had tried unsuccessfully to buy from a Windsor man five years ago.

Trotta said that while he's been to other car shows, "It's a real honor" to be invited to the Concours.

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Sweet treats: Bringing sweet treats to Novi, the brand new Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins opened its doors to the public Sunday, Aug. 11. Grand opening activities included a WRIF-FM (101.1) radio remote broadcast, doughnuts and small coffee for 25 cents, single-scoop ice cream cones for 99 cents and a 10 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony. And the fun still hasn't stopped. Customers visiting the store may still register to win a color TV, 5-track compact disc player and a shopping spree at Twelve Oaks Mall. Registrations must be received before Sept. 1 the day of the drawing. Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins is located at 39415 W. Ten Mile Road at Haggerty Road.

# DEQ: Wastewater treatment plant clean

The settlement required the city to pay \$1.5 million in penalties and \$4 million in supplemental environmental projects which included the dredging of Conner creek to remove contaminated sludge.

According to Spitzley, since Walled Lake/Novi Waste Water Treatment Plant was a clerical error rather than a pollutant incident, no fines were levied.

"A little more research would have shown they're in compliance."

Doug Buckholz, manager for operations and maintenance at the Oakland County Drain Commission, said his office isn't sure if it was a lab error or a paperwork error. "We submitted the form. We knew we'd be on the list. It doesn't matter if

Novi north of 12 Mile Road. He said that outside of dentist offices, there are no industries in that area that use mercury.

Like many West Oakland County communities, Novi and Walled Lake get their fresh water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. In addition to the Walled Lake/Novi Waste Water Treatment Plant, Buckholz, said the drain commission operates one other major treatment plant in Commerce Township as well as 10 small facilities around the county.

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# Novi shops certified by AAA

AAA Michigan's Automotive Services department has announced that 79 repair/maintenance facilities in various areas of the state have earned the Auto Club's Approved-Auto-Repair (AAR) designation.

In Novi, Belle Tire at 4209 Grand River and Novi-Motive at 21530 Novi Road have been designated as Approved Auto Repair facilities by the Auto Club.

To qualify for the AAR designation, each facility had to pass a rigorous inspection process that included evaluation of the facility's equipment and scope of service, the professional qualifications of its technical staff and the facility's appearance.

AAA also conducted a background check of each facility and surveyed past customers. The facility had to score at least 90-percent satisfaction in each rating category to qualify as an AAR shop.

Each facility also had to commit to various guarantees of quality service for AAA members including free maintenance inspection, 12 month and 12,000-mile warranties on work performed and participation in a dispute resolution process to be mediated by a AAA Michigan representative.

"Our goal is to refer our members to repair facilities that can be trusted for reliable, high-quality service," said Robert Kaczor, AAA Michigan's director of Automotive Services. "It is another benefit of AAA membership."

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## GOP brings statewide focus on City of Novi

"Novi has come of age." Yes, indeed, State Rep. Nancy Cassis hit the nail on the head with that statement at the Republican's unity luncheon at Local Color last week.

Even a decade ago, the party's annual kiss-and-make-up event would have been held anywhere but here. It wasn't that long ago that Novi wasn't big enough to be even a one horse town.

However, that's all changed. Today Novi is a place to be recognized; a force to be reckoned with; a prize to be won.

This community has become a key element in both parties' games plans for this year's election season. Both sides of the political fence have come to realize that a statewide campaign won't be successful without Oakland County and that Novi has become a critical prize on that battleground.

But it's really no surprise to those of us who have felt that Novi has been THE place to be in Oakland County for quite some time. According to Lou Martin, a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce Board, freeway access is the main reason for the area's appeal. That has certainly helped, but there are plenty of regions that have that as well but they aren't worth getting off the freeway to visit.

The Realtor's mantra of location, location, location is well taken, but there is something more to Novi's success than just that. Look around at how much the Novi area has grown in the last 30 years. There are world-class restaurants, splendid shopping, distinct and attractive neighborhoods, great schools, top-notch manufacturing facilities and on and on.

The freeway system just makes it easy to get to those things. There is something more going on. There is a vitality, a charisma to this place that is unique to Novi.

The trick now is to preserve and build on that reputation. Warren, the state's third largest city, which should have clout commensurate with its size, has become a bad joke. The city has let it slip away.

Political clout is a tenuous thing. It's not something you get and are guaranteed to have forever. Novi, it appears, has arrived at the point where it is being looked at very closely by the powers that be (or want to be).

The question now is will our local leaders be able to come home from the dance with something more than a promise to be respected in the morning? Therein lies the key to Novi's future. Can we build on what we have achieved or have we reached our high water mark? We think the best is yet to come.

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Photo by John Heider

That's cool! Teen-volunteer Sarah Barton helps out at the recent ice-cream social at the Novi Public Library by scooping some strawberry flavored Guernsey's into a dish.

## LETTERS

### Kudos from library

We would like to thank the many members of our community who made the Novi Public Library's 2002 Summer Reading Program a great success.

Novi's young people spent an unbelievable amount of time reading this summer. Participation in the Summer Reading Program increased by 100 youngsters, bringing our total registrants to over 1,350 children. These children logged over 11,000 hours of reading during the six-week program.

Our team of 100 teen volunteers signed up kids for the summer reading program, assisted at the arts and crafts programs, helped with Wednesday special events programs, scooped ice cream at the ice cream social, and assisted with lots of other jobs.

Thanks also to the moms, dads, grandparents, and caregivers who brought their children to the Novi Public Library and encouraged reading.

Special thanks go to the Friends of the Novi Public Library for their ongoing support and dedication to our programs.

We also owe a large debt of gratitude to the many local organizations that supported and encouraged our efforts. They are: 7-Eleven, Borders Books and Music, Channel 955, Community Federal Credit Union, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Meljer, Novi Bowl and Recreation, Novi Ice Arena, Novi Town Center Cinemas, Pizza Hut, Skating Station II, SoccerZone, United Artists Commerce Township Theatres, and Zap Zone.

Many thanks go to the staff of the Novi, Northville, and Walled Lake school districts who kindly distributed our program brochures in their schools.

Finally, we would like to express appreciation to the Novi News for your splendid coverage of our Summer Reading Program. (The picture from the Ice Cream Social was a classic.)

### Margi Karp-Opperer Kelly Kolchuk Toni Lindenberger Mary Storch Tiffany Liguori Novi Public Library

### Put pen to rest, Mr. Korte

LuAnne Kozma is one of the most energetic, dedicated volunteers I have ever had the pleasure to work with, and I take exception to Mr. Korte's personal attacks on her efforts. I can't recall Mr. Korte volunteering his time on any boards or commissions, rather he seems content with complaining vociferously at City Council meetings and putting his acid pen to work in the Novi News. Shame on him.

Volunteers in this city should be deeply appreciated and heartily thanked, not personally attacked. Put your acid pen to rest, Mr. Korte and let the people who really care about this city keep working hard to make it a better place.

Lynda Racey  
Novi

### Bike path too much money

I read in the Novi News that the Novi City Council approved a plan to build an eight foot wide bicycle path on Nine Mile from Novi Road to Chase Farms subdivision for \$497,300.

My reaction was this must be a mistake. Clay Pearson, Asst. City Manager, assure me it wasn't. Mr. Pearson was very knowledgeable about the bike path and did a good job of defending the council's action.

However, I'm outraged at the city spending that much of our money for a 3/4 mile bike path that I doubt will see much usage.

I walk Nine Mile often from Meadowbrook to Emshore. I can count on one hand the number of people or bikes I've seen in that stretch of sidewalk in the past three months. Occasionally, I see another walker or a jogger, but that's it.

Most importantly, doesn't the city have any better way to spend our money? Couldn't they have paved some more subdivision streets, hired some more police or firefighters, reduced our water bills, cut our taxes, etc.?

In my view, the council's action wasn't very responsible nor well thought out. They should revisit what they did and undo it.

Bill Rice  
Novi

### Unclear on parkland problem

Mr. Korte and Ms. Kozma, I appreciate your passion regarding the Sandstone settlement. You sure make this paper very entertaining. The Opinion section is now the highlight of my read.

To be honest, I still don't know who got us in this debacle in the first place. Somehow, that's gotten lost in all of the details. I am one of those residents who feel that the sale of Novi's parkland was "regretful" but ultimately the right thing to do. I only base this on common sense, as I certainly do not want or need my taxes increased.

Regardless, Ms. Kozma does bring up some troubling

## It's survival of the... weakest

WARNING: This column contains unpopular and possibly distasteful thinking. Reading it may offend some of your long-held assumptions about the workings of our democracy.

Michigan election law says that voters in primary elections must vote in only one party's race. So if you wanted to vote for State Sen. John

Sen. John D'Amico against Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus in the Republican primary, but then vote for U.S. Rep. John Dingell against Rep. Lynn Rivers in the Democratic race, you couldn't. If you did, your ballot would be thrown out.

It now turns out that something like a quarter million ballots from last week's primary election were spoiled by people trying to do exactly that. And now Secretary of State Candice Miller says she wants Michigan to allow crossover voting in primary elections.

Sounds reasonable, doesn't it. After all, in a democracy the people should pick the candidates, not the political party insiders sitting in what used to be the smoke-filled rooms. Political parties don't pay for elections; the taxpayers do. And in Michigan a plurality of voters identifies themselves as Independents, not as Democrats or Republicans, and mass ticket splitting is an honored tradition. Why should Independents and ticket

splitters be discriminated against? Here's why.

Primary elections are held to determine which candidates from what parties shall be nominated to run for office in the general election. It's the parties' business - and that of people who affiliate themselves with a given party - to select who shall represent the party in general elections. If the primary voters for a given party pick a weak candidate, that's just tough luck.

As a practical matter, the only nationwide organization to use the word loosely institutions in our political system are the two major parties. So far as I know, Independents don't field a slate of candidates in general elections, and the miscellaneous Greens, Libertarians and Naderites still don't count for much. Allowing crossover voting would merely add to the half-century long diminution of the political parties as the major institutions in our democracy.

But my heresy goes farther. Frankly, I'm skeptical about primary elections as the currently sanctified method by which the parties nominate candidates. I have two reasons. Low turnout primary elections allow "true believers" - minority but very active hard-core ideologues from one side or the other - too large a role in selecting the candidate with the best chance to win in November. Moreover, primary elections give entirely too much weight in the political process to the news media - reporters, editorial writers and columnists like myself.

Take last week's Republican primary. Sure, Dick Posthumus swamped Joe Schwarz in the gubernatorial primary, largely because he was the candidate of the institutionalized right wing of the GOP. But virtually every political expert in the state agrees that Schwarz would have been a far more formidable opponent for Jennifer Granholm, the

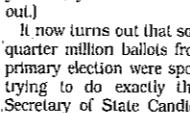
Democratic nominee, in the November general election. On the Democratic side, you have only to remember how wealthy (and therefore well known, thanks to TV advertising) but otherwise unqualified trial lawyer Geoffrey Fieger unexpectedly won the primary election four years ago. He was trounced big time by John Engler in November.

The pattern is not confined to Michigan. In California, businessman William Simon, Jr., defeated moderate former Los Angeles Mayor Dick Riordan, and looks like a loser against not so popular incumbent Gov. Gray Davis. New Jersey went Democratic last year when Republican primary voters rejected a moderate candidate for governor and nominated a vehemently pro-voucher, anti-abortion candidate. This year in Illinois and Pennsylvania, it looks like the same thing is happening.

Years ago, I used to sit in on "midnight caucuses" (in what were back then) smoke-filled rooms. I was impressed with how well the political pros knew the strengths and weaknesses of various candidates, how accurately they estimated their appeal to the general electorate, and how clearly they realized that their own power depended on their picking a nominee who could win in November. By substituting the "popular vote" - i.e. one heavily influenced by ideologues on the one hand and the news media on the other - for the informed judgment of political insiders, primary elections in practice skew the nomination process and often result in weak candidates being nominated.

If that's heresy, don't say I didn't warn you.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

## Good to be back north in Novi

Man, does it feel good to be back in Novi. Nothing against the South, folks, but after 10 days of riding in a van around Tennessee and the Carolinas, I'm happy to be on home turf again.

My in-laws have been dropping subtle hints to my wife and I about having to relocate to the area where they live, which is just outside of Greenville, South Carolina. So for the last week or so I've been comparing there with here (Novi and the surrounding vicinity), and these are a few of the things I've discovered.

Weather: It is so incredibly hot and humid down there that there are times when I had trouble just catching my breath. Granted, we have had a hot summer here, but nothing like the south. Winner - Novi.

Music: There is some country music I like, but when I hit the scan button on my radio I want to have more options than Brooks & Dunn and Alan Jackson every five seconds. WOVI plays more different kinds of music in one day than I heard all last week. Winner - Novi.

Food: Come on - Steve & Rocky's, No. 1 Chophouse, Italian Epicure, etc. etc. versus Earl's Catfish Tavern or the endless string of Shoney's - this one's not even close. Winner - Novi.

Clothes: I like wearing a suit and tie. One can down south, but be prepared to sweat like a dog. And cowboy boots? Yes, I own a pair, but I couldn't stand it if they were my footwear of choice every day. Call me a snob, but I like my Kenneth Cole's that I bought at Twelve Oaks Mall. Winner - Novi.

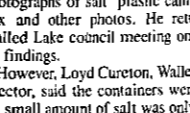
Transportation: When the sign says 70 mph, don't go 45 (and if you must, do it from the right lane). And here's another hint - if you'll take that Rebel flag out of the rear window, you can see what's behind you a whole lot better. And, believe it or not, I do like the fact that we actually have patrol cars on the road here. I don't think I saw another cop car after we passed an Ohio state trooper around Dayton. One more thing - we don't change the name of the same road three different times within a 10-mile stretch. Winner - Novi.

Attitude: Folks down south are mighty nice, even to us Northerners. They're polite, and I think we are too. Yeah, they've got a lazy drawl, but I kinda dig that. This one's a tie.

Shopping: I could not find a decent bookstore, like Borders, to save my life - and that would have. Record store? Nope. Musical instruments? You'd think with all the country pickers down there I would have run across a decent shop that specialized in acoustic guitars. It wasn't until we headed to Gruhn Guitars in Nashville that I was finally satisfied. And, even at that, I'd take Elderly Instruments in Lansing, Winner - the North.

Yes, I'm happy to be back.

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Cal Stone

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They questioned the grounds behind the Department of Public Works building, citing a mess they saw on a WXYZ TV-7 news report.

However, as residents taking it all in without questioning the report a "hike" in journalism school I was taught that there are many versions of the truth. I question everything and everybody and understand that everyone believes they are right and what they see is true.

I think it's a real shame that two close communities seem to be in a verbal war. The two communities have worked well together over the years. Walled Lake dispatchers take Wolverine Lake's emergency calls in off hours, which helps the village out.

I also think it's a shame that Cureton is getting the brunt of the attacks. Cureton was actually the first person I talked to in the city when I first started my Walled Lake/Wixom news beats. He's a nice man, who actually works

hard for the city -- not the pollution monster that he's being made out to be.

Cureton's always at the scene any time of the night when there is water main break or other emergency. I know this because he's had to call me late at night when I needed information right away.

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I think a lot of city people who know him feel that way.

We at the Novi News took our own photographs and didn't find contaminants leaking anywhere. It didn't look squeaky clean but it looked better than my desk sometimes. However, again I realize that there are many versions of the truth.

I'm asking that residents don't make accusations until those accusations can be substantiated by state officials. I live in a world where people assume the worst in other people without knowing the facts.

And the facts will be in. Cureton and City Manager Phil Vavter assure me of that. The city is investigating the matter and Wolverine Lake officials are also conducting an investigation.

Therefore, no more accusations until environmental agencies make their own conclusions. If those conclusions prove that Walled Lake is at fault, I will be writing a different type of column. Until then, I rest my case.

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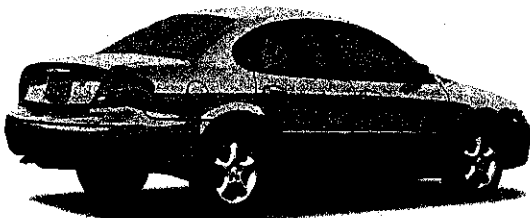
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# With a little help from their friends

Just a few donations and then the trip of a life time

By Sam Eggleston  
 SPORTS WRITER

A little help can go a long way — and in the case of four Walled Lake Western cheerleaders, a little help can go all the way to Europe.

The Warrior cheerleaders, who are coached by Bruce Martin, earned the right to represent the United States in two different locations in Europe after earning All-Star praises at the Universal Cheerleaders Association camp at Eastern Michigan University three weeks back.

The trip to Europe, which may find sophomore Natosha Cole heading to London, England to participate in Lord Mayor of Westminster's Big New Year's Day Parade and seniors Raquel Fendley, Danielle Magnaghi and Casey Mogridge heading to France, comes with a slight hitch though — it costs over \$2,500 each.

"For that price they get round-trip air fare, uniforms, lodging at some of London's finest hotels and meals," Martin said via email. "They'll also want to take some money along for shopping, souvenirs, and incidentals."

The girls are currently accepting private and corporate donations for the purpose of fundraising for their trip. The first payment, which was originally due August 5, was pushed back to early September, with

the balance due shortly after. "Right now we have about a \$1000," Fendley said. "That's concrete. We are going to need more than that if we want to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

For Fendley and the other cheerleaders, this chance to represent their countries may not be one that they come across ever again.

"I would just love to go to France," she said. "I know that this means a lot to the Danielle, Casey and Natosha, and it means a lot to me as well."

All of the girls realize how much work it took to get this far, and they are just hoping to be able to finish the journey by raising enough money to pay for the trip.

"Being an all-star as a sophomore is a big honor," Cole said. "I am looking forward to the chance of a life-time by going to London. I have worked very hard and dedicated myself."

If interested in donating funds to the cheerleaders and their trip to Europe, please contact Melissa Alexander, the group's fund-raising chairperson, at (248) 787-9909 or coach Martin via email at brucemartinjr@hotmail.com.

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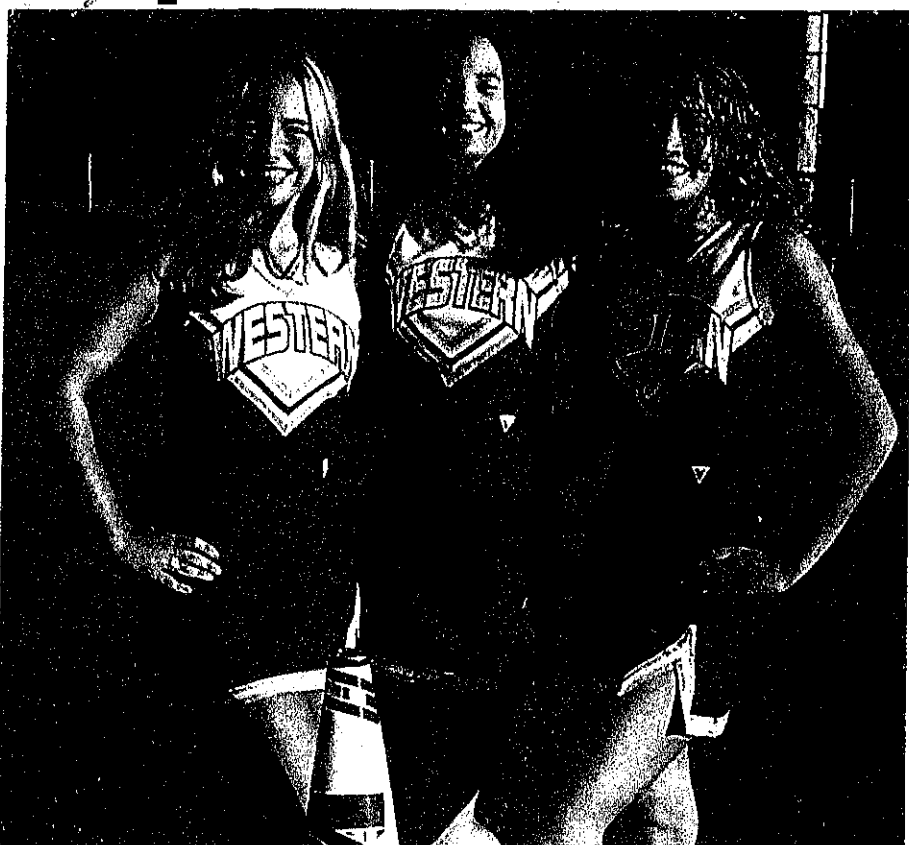


Photo by SAM EGGLESTON  
 These Walled Lake Western Cheerleaders are looking to take a trip to Europe to represent the USA in the sport they love. From Left to Right: Danielle Magnaghi, Natosha Cole and Raquel Fendley. Not Pictured: Casey Mogridge.

## Albion, here he comes!

No Bowling Green or Hillsdale College for Jake Ray, for he wants to be a Briton

By Brian Doyle  
 SPECIAL WRITER

As high school academics and athletics fade into the background, 2002 Novi High School graduate, Jake Ray is looking forward to another four years of promising athletics and academics in a new environment.

Ray will be heading off to Albion College soon where he will be playing football for the Britons. Ray was being recruited as a walk-on prospect by Bowling Green and was offered a partial scholarship by Hillsdale College, but for him, Albion was the place he wanted to be.

"It was one of those things, were you go there the first time and everything kind of clicks," he said.

Ray is also thinking about playing baseball at Albion and has been in contact with the coach also. Whether or not Ray plays depends on how difficult it will be to balance his academics along with the pressure,

and time management that comes with being a collegiate athlete.

"I'll see if I can juggle everything and work it all out," he said. "If I can play, that would be great."

Ray is looking forward to the experience of playing at Albion, who took the Division III National Championship in 1994. The Britons have also won the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title in 11 of the last 13 years.

"I'm looking forward to being apart of a winning team with winning traditions Ray said.

Ray also has a lot going for him academically. He was admitted into the Gerald R. Ford school of public policy at Albion college. Ray had to go through a rigorous admissions process after being admitted into Albion including a separate application to the school and an interview.

This program will allow Ray

to obtain a major in political science and teacher certification at the same time. It also demands that Ray participate in an internship involving government, and take a class specifically for students in that college each year.

Ultimately, Ray's goal is to go to law school at Ohio State University after Albion.

"I'm a Buckeye for life," Ray said.

Ray's father, Dave Ray, went to Ohio State University and inspired Ray's love for athletics with stories about his time at the university during which he talked frequently with football great Archie Griffin.

Ray said that his parents, Barb and Dave, have been very supportive of him in athletics and in all he does. Ray also has a younger brother, Doug, who will be a senior at Novi High School this year.

Ray began playing football in seventh grade and has always looked up to Chris Spielman. "He has ultimate toughness,"

Ray said.

He pointed to the fact that he played college at a Division I level despite most people telling him he was too small, and the fact that he played half of a season with a torn pectoral muscle.

Ray has continued to play football throughout high school and also played baseball through his four years.

Ray emerged as a natural leader in high school and held the role of captain on both the football and baseball teams in his senior year and on the baseball squad in his junior.

"I'd try not to talk to much and lead by example," he said.

Hard work is one of the many qualities Ray has taken from his time in athletics.

"By working as hard as you can, other people see that and step up their play," he said. "Anybody can talk. When you go out there and work hard, that stuff is contagious."

Ray also has gleaned a lot of other lessons from athletics.

"It taught me a lot about discipline and deferred gratification," Ray said.

Ray has gained a lot of friends through athletics whom he considers very close. His best friend, however, he said is his girlfriend, Stephanie Regan.

Ray and Regan have been dating for over two years and according to Ray, started out as friends and that is why their relationship has done so well.

"We're friends first," he said. "No matter if we're going out or not, were still going to be friends."

Regan will be traveling to Michigan State University this year and Ray understands that it may put some strains on their relationship.

"No doubt it's going to be tough," he said. "We have a good relationship and we can work it out."

For now, Ray has been working time to time as an umpire this summer, but spending a lot of time in the weight room and preparing for football at Albion.

In his spare time Ray enjoys to reading, playing video games, hanging out with his girlfriend, and working out to help him relax. Ray also enjoys movies with Mel Gibson and said that his favorite is Braveheart. Dave Matthews Band is his favorite group although he likes all types of music.

To keep himself fueled, Ray likes to eat all kinds of meat, but his favorites are lobster and steak. He also likes eating at Happy Sushi.

Ray has a promising future ahead of him athletically and academically at Albion. His love for athletics and abilities will be at his side as he heads into a brand new type of athletics in college.

"That's what I'm looking forward to," Ray said.

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## Wildcats take second for summer

The future looks bright for a group of sophomore girls that will be the core for Northville basketball in the years to come.

The girls, who formed the Western Wayne Wildcats, took to the hardwood in the Summer Joe Dumas League and managed to fight their way to the runner-up position for the year.

The Wildcats finished second in the summer league at the Joe Dumas Fieldhouse in Shelby Township as they collected a regular season finish of 8-2 — which tied them for first in the league.

In the semi-final game of the championship playoffs, the Wildcats defeated the Troy Sparks before falling to the Cougars in a heart-breaker of a title tilt, 29-26.

The team was made up of Keli Bowen, Chrissy Castelli, Chelsea Cummings, Allie Esper, Tracy Garfield, Meaghan Higgins, Alex Hollmeyer, Lauren Iwema, Jane Kruszewski, Nicole Nowotny, Vanessa Nowotny and Emily Weaver. Fred Nowotny was the coach for the squad, and Barb Hayes organized the program.

## Novi Pom Pon has Grand Champion showing

Wildcats bring home a slew of other nod-worthy awards

By Sam Eggleston  
 SPORTS WRITER

The Novi varsity pom pon team recently returned from The Mid-American Pom Pon Summer Camp showcasing some impressive awards.

The Wildcats, led by coach Jeni Hebenschiedt, took first in the kickline routine, the speed learning routine and the original routine and took home the Grand Champs trophy for the ninth year in a row.

The Grand Champs award is given to the team that showcases the most talent by taking the most first-place finishes in the three separate routines.

That wasn't all for the Wildcats though, as they also brought home the Showmanship award for having the highest total score in showmanship throughout the week-long camp held at Central Michigan University.



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 The Novi varsity pom pon team brought home more than one impressive trophy from their time at the Mid-American Pom Pon Summer Camp.

In addition to that, all the team members, sophomore age and above, were eligible to try out for the Mid-American Pom Pon All-Star Team, which is comprised of athletes from all over the state of

Michigan. They perform at such events as the Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade, College Bowl Games, Presidential Inaugural Parades and Detroit Piston NBA games.

This year, 18 of the 28 Novi Varsity team made the All-Star squad — the largest number of pom pon participants from any team at the camp to make the elite team.

The Novi seniors also brought home a few honors as well, as they won first place in the senior kickline routine with their "Walk This Way" routine. Livonia Churchill placed second in that competition while Valley Lutheran High School, out of Saginaw, placed third. This marked the fourth consecutive senior kickline title won by Novi. The seniors on this year's team include Britney Bixman, Megan Kemski, Kristen Kern, Elizabeth Kossik, Christina Moriani, Christy Stewart, and Captains Ashlee Doster, Kiley Elfring, and Lauren Powell.

The other members of the team are: Deanna Albanelli, Laura Hirschfield, Meredith Anan, Jessica Kim, Keli Black, Amanda Kowalski, Shawn Calvin, Gretchen Kroll, Carrie Capanyola, Audrey Oh, Sarah Celeski, Julie Perrea, Brittany Cirka, Ashley Powell, Danielle DeBiasi, Emily Reid, Hollee DiRocco, Katie Sloan and Cindy Herman.

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# Northville football has rich history

**Bruce Turnbull**  
SPECIAL WRITER

Competitive sports at Northville High School have had a long history, beginning the outstanding scholastic reputation the school district has always earned. Speaking of sports, football has had a proud tradition and its roots date back more than a hundred years. At the turn of the century, Northville High School football games were played at Sheldon and Seven Mile Road which was Northville's first Athletic Park with a private nine-hole golf course where today Northville Downs parking lot is located, full fields and later on horse racing. A group of Northville businessmen led by Ed Starkweather started this first Athletic Park.

From the 1890's to 1916 Northville High School which was named the Union School was located on Main Street where

today the parking lot sits behind the school offices and the library on Main Street. This school caught fire in 1916 from an overheated furnace and burned to the ground.

In 1917 a new high school was finished on Main Street costing \$85,000 which in 1917 was a great deal of money. This school still stands today and housed Northville's High School from 1917 to the late 1950's and is known as the "Old Village School."

Northville's early football teams practiced and played their games at the Athletic Park on the North East corner of Sheldon Road and 7 Mile. The team would dress in the locker rooms in their high school on Main Street and then travel to their new football field a half-mile away as part of conditioning.

There were no bleachers for spectators in those days but the athletic department set up posts with a rope partition to keep people off the playing field. Spectators would

walk up and down the field following the flow of the game always staying behind the ropes.

In 1922 a harness race track for the Northville Wayne County Fair was built on the same site as the Football field or Athletic grounds. The football team continued to play their games on the infield of what today is Northville Downs.

In 1932 land was purchased by Wayne County all the way from Northville to Dearborn becoming known as Cass Benton Park or Hines Drive. The Parkway followed the Rouge River and is 18 miles long. This Parkway system still is in existence today and is a beautiful drive between Northville and Dearborn. The county at the time of construction for the parkway built an outstanding baseball field along with tennis courts at

opening of the new parkway just South East of Northville Downs or Southwest of McDonald Ford. Today to this time all games were played after school on Fridays. The City of Northville also installed planks right into the steep bank so people could have seating; later on these

seats were milled out of concrete into the bank.

In 1953 property was acquired on Beecher Hill for a new High School. Today this location is known as Hillside Middle School. This is the highest point in Wayne County and was formerly a gravel pit. In 1956 voters approved two million dollars to build a new high school on this site. The football team continued to play their games at Ford Field until the new school was built and the athletic fields were finished. The new stadium was located on the North side of 8 Mile in a crater carved out from the earlier gravel excavating days with the same topography as U of M's stadium. At the new field, which today is still Northville High School's home field, lights were erected and grandstands were built on both sides of the field and a working PA system was installed.

Northville has always supported its athletic teams and football is no exception. In the early days before Novi had a high school, all of their students would come to Northville for a secondary education. This extra influx of talent also assisted Northville in being one of the top high schools in sports and scholastics in the state of Michigan as it is today. Northville has raised many All Americans including Steve Judy the quarterback for MSU who led the team to a Rose bowl win in the 1960's.

Northville's traditions in scholastics, sports and its competitive nature can be traced to its origins in the 1800's and this spirit still lives today as we ready for the 2002-2003 season. Good luck Mustangs, here's to another 100 years of tradition!

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## League Champs

The Northville 18 and under girls' travel fast pitch softball team were the North Division League Champs with a 12-4-1 record. The league consisted of teams from Farmington, West Bloomfield, Livonia and Walled Lake. The Northville team, in second place most of the season to North Farmington, defeated them in both games of a double header on the last day of the regular season to claim first place and win the division. The team was led by pitchers Jane Kruszewski and Carrie Banner. Kruszewski was named the Division MVP. Candra Nabozny also contributed to the season on the mound. The top hitters on the team were Amy Prentiss, Lauren Karney, Lexi Mimikos, Kruszewski, Kim Hayes and Allison Long. Do to late season injuries, Christa Baden, Laura Zima and Emily Doron were brought up and were major contributors. Assisting the team in coaching during the season and playing in the tournaments were Samantha Cooke and Ashley Knicoley. Pictured (Left to right): Amy Prentiss, Kristen Zawacki, Jane Kruszewski, Kim Hayes, Lexi Mimikos, Candra Nabozny. Back Row: Asst. Coach Mark Banner, Jamie Geist, Carrie Banner, Kim Larson, Allison Long, Ashley Knicoley, Sam Cooke, Asst. Coach Dave Cook and Head coach Jim Long. Not Pictured: Susi Boll, Lauren Karney, Kelly Wasalaski and Asst. Coach Vic Karney.



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## Kings of Soccer

On July 20, four local players from the U-9 Michigan Wolves soccer team won the University of Michigan sponsored 11th Annual 3-on-4 Micro-Soccer Shoot-out in Ann Arbor. The boys, playing in the U-8 competitive division, beat a team from Vardar in the title tilt. The team members are Marco Cattani and Troy Dolmetsh of Northville, Aaron Quinley of Novi and Danny Ross of Canton.

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## Screen Beat

**By Brian Penner**  
SPECIAL WRITER

Coming to your favorite theaters this weekend is the futuristic action/adventure comedy, "The Adventures of Pluto Nash." The moon becomes the new Wild West in the year 2087. Pluto Nash (Eddie Murphy) is a successful nightclub owner who finds himself in trouble when he refuses to sell his club to a lunar gangster who is part of a plan to take over the entire moon. Featured among the cast are Pam Grier, Jay Mohr, Joe Pantoliano and Randy Quaid. "The Adventures of Pluto Nash" is a Warner Bros. release and rated PG-13 for violence, sexual humor and language.

Surfs up in the sports drama and teen romance "Blue Crush." Living in a town beach shack with three other roommates, Anne Marie (Kate Bosworth) is up before dawn every morning to conquer the waves and count the days until the Rip Masters surf competition. Anne Marie starts losing her balance as she falls for a certain male competitor. See "Blue Crush" and learn some cool new surf

terms, like shubee, mushy, macker and soup bowl! Featured among the cast are Faizon Love, Michelle Rodriguez and Mika Boorem. "Blue Crush" is a Universal Pictures release and rated PG-13 for sexual content, teen parodying, language and a fight.

"The Good Girl" centers on Justine (Jennifer Aniston), who longs to have a child with her husband (Pat Jean C. Reilly) but has so far been unable to conceive. Justine finds a soul mate in Holden (Jake Gyllenhaal), a passionate man who represents a chance for her to escape into a new world of emotional and sexual awakening. "The Good Girl" is a Fox Searchlight Pictures release and rated R for sexuality, some language and drug content.

In theaters next week, "Serving Sam" (PG-13), "Simone" (PG-13) and "They" (R).

For more information, please log on to [TheMovieInsider.com](http://TheMovieInsider.com). Please direct any questions, comments, and/or feedback to [brian@themovieinsider.com](mailto:brian@themovieinsider.com).

## Looking for a few good sports writers

Well, the truth be told when I say that this job can get to be more than a little bit of a handful at times...



**Sam Eggleston**

It is just about then when I find myself wishing that I had someone to share all of these great writing opportunities with. As many of you may or may not know, last year my savior came in the form of Brian Doyle, a Novi High School senior that I met while he was playing football. His knowledge of writing grew and grew over the seasons and now, if he chooses this path for a career, I am confident Doyle will be one

of the better sports writers to be employed by a newspaper. Sara-Beth O'Connor also wrote for me, and she was awarded an MSU scholarship for journalism. All these opportunities and more are available to the right person. I am looking to work two or possibly three interns for the 2002-03 season. It doesn't matter if you are from Walled Lake, Northville or Novi, just that you want and know the basics about writing and don't mind using your free time to do it.

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# Bloody Good

## Eastwood proves he still has what it takes

**By Kurt Anthony Krug**  
SPECIAL WRITER

Despite the character he plays in "Blood Work," Clint Eastwood shows no signs of slowing down. The 72-year-old Academy Award winning director ("Unforgiven") and legendary king of tough guys not only stars in his taut, paced thriller, he also produces and directs it, and even does some of his own stunts. Based on Michael Connelly's novel of the same name and deftly adapted for the screen by writer Brian Koppelman (who adapted 1997's "L.A. Confidential"), Eastwood plays Terry McCabe, an FBI profiler, who has a heart attack while chasing a serial killer.

Luckily, McCabe is saved by a heart transplant, which forces him into retirement, spending his golden years in solitude on his houseboat. However, he returns to the field when he is hired by Graciela Rivers (Wanda De Jesus) to investigate the murder of her sister Gloria (Maria Quiban), who gave McCabe his heart. At first he thinks it's just a random robbery, but becomes convinced as the investigation deepens that it's the same serial killer who got away from him the night he had a heart attack.

The role plays to Eastwood's age, not to mention his strengths. It would look ridiculous for him to run around beating everyone up and spouting famous one-liners ("Make my day") like he did in his "Dirty Harry" days. As McCabe, he's in over his head and overacts himself often, running a high temperature, having shortness of breath, and always popping his medication, despite his stern doctor's (Anjelica Huston) explicit orders to get off the case. McCabe relies more on his brains than he does his brawn. In fact, in one scene he gets roughed up by a potential suspect. Further, he doesn't knock anyone out with



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Clint Eastwood is up to his old tricks entertaining audiences in his newest role in "Blood Work."

having a relationship with De Jesus' character, who must be at least 30 years on his junior. Thankfully, it's handled very subtly and maturely, not to mention has a natural—if not inevitable—progression and is more believable than Ford and Douglas having a relationship with Anne Heche and Gwyneth Paltrow, respectively.

"Blood Work" is another sterling

example of why Eastwood has cemented himself as an iconic figure in the movies, a business he's been in for nearly 50 years.

Kurt Anthony Krug is a special writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to Entertainment at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

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The fine line between Sy's fantasies and reality begins to blur as he injects his presence into the various family members' lives. When the Yorkins face a crisis that threatens to tear them apart, Sy catapults into action, driven by a need to preserve his picture-perfect family.

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Maybe that picture of Uncle John dressed in his platform shoes and orange polyester suit dancing to disco doesn't need to be buried under the floorboards in the back of your closet. Or maybe you have a sibling that likes to stuff objects up their nose — but then again, who doesn't? If your picture makes us want to throw it in the trash and burn it just so we don't have to look at it ever again, then you might be a winner!

The pictures will be judged by writers and editors at the Novi News and the Northville Record and the winner will have their picture printed along with a handful of our favorites.

The winner of the contest will win a DVD and a pass for two to a sneak-preview of "One Hour Photo" while the runners up will receive passes for two to the show. The winners will also have their pictures showcased on The Movie Insider website — the site that is sponsoring the contest along with HomeTown Newspapers.

Mail your entries to: Movie Contest, c/o Novi News/Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

Please include your name, address, phone number and, if applicable, e-mail address for notification of winning. Winners will be notified around or about August 23 with the movie sneak-preview being scheduled for some point the next week.

If you would like your photo's returned, please include a SASE. "One Hour Photo" is rated R by the MPAA, so winners must be 17 years or older.

One spy was enough

By Kurt Anthony Krug, SPECIAL WRITER

The family of spies from last year's sleeper hit, "Spy Kids," returns in "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams," yet another sequel in a summer of sequels.

In sequels, in order for Hollywood to make money, the stakes have to be higher. That means more state-of-the-art special effects. Writer/director Robert Rodriguez (who also serves as cinematographer, editor, production designer, co-producer, and even is credited for some of the music) is passionate about this movie, so passionate that he filmed it in high-definition digital format. The colors are spectacular and the gizmos and gadgets that pop out of Rodriguez's fertile imagination are clever. And that's just the tip of the iceberg when they arrive at the island of lost dreams, home of spider monkeys and winged pigs, among other creatures.

Unfortunately, these great special effects and Rodriguez's over-enthusiasm come at a price: The cost of the story, not to mention the acting.

Reprising their roles as the Cortez family are Antonio Banderas (starring in his fifth Rodriguez movie) as dad Gregorio, Carla Guginio ("Con Air") joins the cast as the villainous mad scientist, as does Matt O'Leary ("Dances with Wolves") and pigtailed Emily Osment ("The Sixth Sense" fame) and as rival spy kids, Cary and Gertie Giggles. Even "Beavis and Butt-head" creator Mike Judge appears in the film.

The acting is hammy, while the dialogue is campy, often stilted, like this scene in the beginning where Ingrid is applying makeup from her makeup kit, doubling as a computer terminal. Curten hacks into the



Photo Courtesy of DIMENSION PICTURES

The gang's all back in this summers sequel to the surprise hit, "Spy Kids."

SPY KIDS II

STARRING: Antonio Banderas, Carla Guginio, Daryl Sabara, Alexa Vega, Steve Buscemi, Danny Trejo

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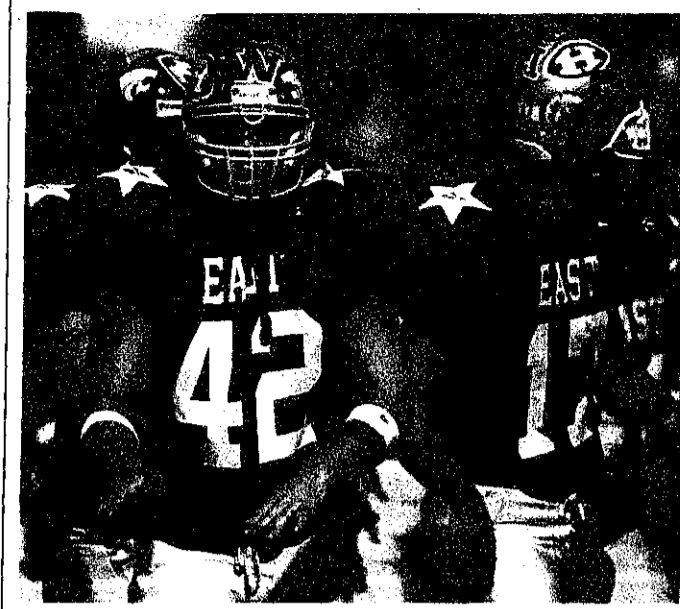
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### All-Star East dances their way to victory

Photo by HAL GOULD

Walled Lake rivals Mike Pisha (Right), of Western, and J. R. Ducat, of Central, put their differences aside so they could combine their talents and blast the West in the 22nd Annual MHSAA All-Star Football game. Ducat will be making his way to Wayne State to crush some heads at Outside Linebacker while Pisha will go to Albion to play along Novi's Jake Ray in hopes of helping the Britons to another winning season.

### Sports Shorts

**Next Level Athletes**  
The Northville Record sports department is looking for submissions for the new section, *Next Level Athletes*.

Eligible athletes include collegiate, semi-pro, professional and minor league players (please email first if other levels).

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**Fall Ball**  
Registration is now open for the Fall Baseball Program run by the Northville Baseball/Softball Association. There will be three leagues — Coach Pitch (ages 7-8), Mustang (old H league, ages 9-10) and Bronco (old G League, ages 11-12). Teams will be formed in the third week of August. There will be a single practice during the week of August 26 followed by a six game Friday night Schedule through October 13, skipping September 13, which is the night of the Victorian Festival Parade.

Games will be played primarily in Community Park, Ford Field and Millennium Park with four games under the lights every Friday. Registration is \$55 at the Northville Parks and Rec Department, located at 700 W. Baseline at Hillside Middle School. Due to limited past participation, there will be no girls' softball this Fall. Girls participation in the baseball league is available and welcome.

For more information or questions, please contact Mark Greenman at (home) (248) 348-0318 or (office) (313) 873-6200.

### Next Level Athletes

By Brian Doyle and Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITERS

The sports sections of the 2002-03 school year were used to help athletes as they searched for their sports school location to help give all that wish to be successful in their chosen athletes — and this shows that someone out there was watching.

The following are local athletes who will be playing sports at the next level. It is not a complete list by from Walled Lake, Central and Western, Northville and Novi, but rather a quick list using the athletes that the sports department is aware of heading into the world of collegiate athletes. If you know of another athlete that will be attending at the next level from the 2002 graduating class, please email the information to [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net).

Boys Basketball		
Name	High School	College
Thomas Knapp	Northville	Navy
David Zeitlin	WLW	Lake Superior State

Softball		
Name	High School	College
Courtney Dye	WLW	Saginaw Valley State

Cross Country/Track and Field		
Name	High School	College
Tim Moore	Novi	Notre Dame

Lacrosse		
Name	High School	College
Kelley Deneen	Novi	Virginia Military Institute

Swim and Dive		
Name	High School	College
Laurel Weiss	Novi	West Virginia

Hockey		
Name	High School	College
Adam Haberman	Novi	Minnesota Jr. Hockey League

Football		
Name	High School	College
J. R. Ducat	WLC	Wayne State
Brent Lang	WLC	Wayne State
Brandon Burtis	WLW	Saginaw Valley State
Steve Bell	WLW	Grand Rapids Jr.
Mike Larges	WLW	Alma College
Mike Pisha	WLW	Albion College
B. J. Opong-Owusu	WLW	University of Michigan

Baseball		
Name	High School	College
Mike Pisha	WLW	Albion College

*Next Level Athletes* includes former athletes from the readership area of the Northville Record, Novi News and the Lake Area Times. The *Next Level Athletes* are individuals who have taken the next step beyond high school athletics to the next level — including college, semi-professional, minor league and professional athletics. Anyone who would like to submit information about an athlete can do so via email at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net) or mail information to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167.

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### Golf Results

The 24-tournament Power-Bilt youth golf tour concluded last Friday and Saturday with the championship at Forest Akers in East Lansing. Local golfers placed in three of the four divisions.

Boys 16 & Up			
1. Jake Hamilton, Jackson	72	72	144
2. Tony Mango, Milford 73	74	147	
3. John Quigley, Warren 75	74	149	
4. Daniel Doyle, Rochester	75	74	149
5. Kyle Williamson, Midland	76	74	150
6. Chris Tilbury, Indiana 71	79	150	
7. Polo Hourani, Lansing 73	78	151	
8. William Stark, Schoolcraft	76	77	153
9. Jack Tyler, Novi 74	79	153	
10. Mitch Pierce, Fenton 79	76	155	
11. Chad Elliott, Rochester	77	78	156
12. Ross Lingenfelder, Ohio	77	79	156
13. Brock Ioven, Portage 75	83	158	
14. Jake Irwin, Ludington	81	79	160
15. Jeff March, Hillsdale 77	83	160	

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