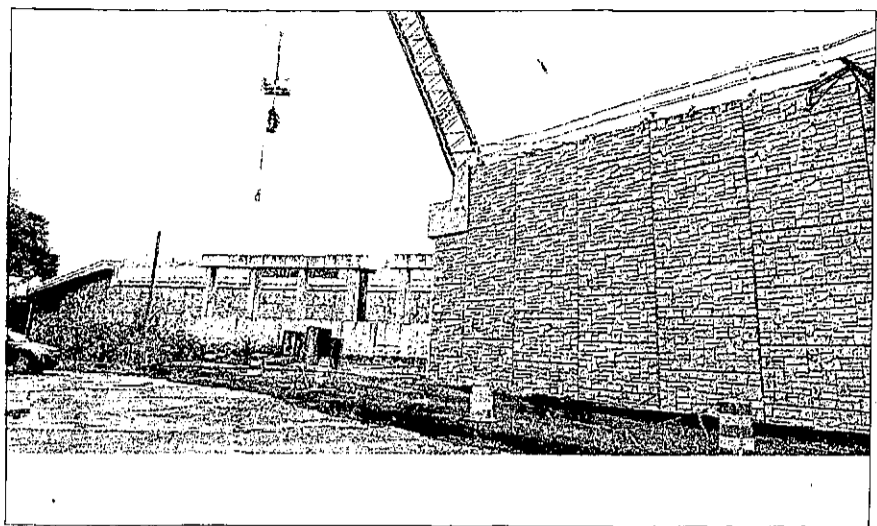


Novi Road project progresses



The elevated road sections and bridge buttress supports of Novi Road's crossing of the train tracks south of Grand River are all complete. All that remains is for the road to go over the train tracks as the expected reopening deadline of late November looms.

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CORRECTION

The front page story titled "Council approves tax abatement for Showplace" in the Sept. 15 issue of the Novi News was incorrect and should have read "Council approves tax abatement policy for Showplace." The approval for a possible tax abatement for the project has yet to go before city council.

Culinary Extravaganza set for Sunday

The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents its annual Culinary Extravaganza, a premier food and wine event that highlights the culinary talent of metro area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors. The extravaganza allows guests to sample a variety of fine food, wine, beverages and desserts in one afternoon, while at the same time support student scholarships. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants for students. Individual tickets are \$50 each and available at the college or online. Highlight of this year's raffle is a Hearts on Fire Diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville valued at \$3,400. Other raffle prizes include \$500 cash, \$250 cash (two winners) and dinner for two at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft (three winners). For more information or to purchase event tickets, sponsorship packages or raffle tickets go to www.schoolcraft.edu.

Novi Choralaires welcome new director

Wolber looks to take group in new direction

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer



Wolber

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Novi resident gets Googled

Summer computer science program helped shape future goals

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Beth Hadley had an idea of what she wanted to pursue for a career after joining the robotics team at Northville High School.

The Novi resident had become fond of computer science programming during her four years there, and a summer trip to the Googleplex in Mountain View, Calif., as part of Google's Computer Science Summer Institute confirmed her passion for the field.

It also opened her eyes even further. "I came into CSSI liking programming, but what I left with is that my original idea of programming is a lot different than computer science," she said. "It's a lot broader than I thought, which is really exciting because I don't have to focus on just what I specifically like but also the many applications of computer science."

The CSSI that Hadley attended was a three-week course in web application development for incoming college freshmen who are considering a computer science major, and it is geared toward groups traditionally underrepresented in the field.

Jessica Luovics, university program specialist for Google, said the goal is to show students all the "wonderful opportunities" computer science presents to them as a career option.



Novi resident and former Northville High School student Beth Hadley rides a Google Bike during her three-week trip to California in the summer as part of Google's Computer Science Summer Institute.

"The aim is to increase enrollment in computer science," she said. "The enrollment has been going down, and Google was looking for ways to make small changes in that. (It's also) to show them how awesome it can be and to stick with it."

Hadley, who is a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said learning about the field of computer science was only one perk of the trip.

The 29 students who were part of the program lived in the dorms at Santa Clara University for the

three weeks, and got to pick the brains of some of the company's employees.

Hadley said they were called "tourists" by many of the employees because they were in awe of the complex and the intellectual culture created there.

"It was one of those experiences where you say 'Wow I want to be part of this culture and make a change with computer science because I can see it in every day life,'" she said.

A crucial aspect of the program for Hadley was the ability to network with students who have similar interests.

"It's incredibly important for people like me to find other students in computer science and mentors and people you can turn to for assistance because it's not the easiest major," she said.

As far as the not so distant future, Hadley said she plans to major in computer science, and in terms of finding a job when she graduates, Google would not be a bad option.

"It's definitely a very vibrant options, but there are so many other things with computer science out there it would be stupid to limit yourself to just one," she said. "I have four years to decide what I like of computer science."

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BEGOLE

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eral other influential former Novi residents who probably deserved to be honored along with BeGole.

"I'm not saying Lee BeGole didn't do a lot for the city and I appreciate a lot of what (Gatt) said, but why Lee BeGole and why are we doing this right now?" he said.

Fischer made a motion to delay approval of the resolution until after a policy was in place, which was supported by council member Terry Margolis, but the rest of council voted against it.

Council member Wayne Wrobel agreed that a policy needs to be put together, but did not want to

delay BeGole's honor. "A part of a city's character is embracing its history and chief BeGole is one of the founding fathers of the city," he said, also noting he likes to see it done when people are alive because they can appreciate it and enjoy it.

Council member Andrew Mutch said he was against a policy because he is against renaming streets for people, but still signed off on BeGole.

"If we are going to name a street in the city after someone, I cannot think of anyone who has done more to earn that honorary recognition than Lee BeGole," he said.

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Two more city groups get new contracts

New hires will notice brunt of changes

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The city of Novi has new contracts in place with two more of its employee groups, leaving just the police officers and the part-time paid-on-call and auxiliary firefighters as the only groups that have yet to agree to new contracts. City council approved the settlement agreement with the police officers and the Dispatchers Association of the Police Officers Association of Michigan received their contract through an award by an arbitrator, with some of the major changes com-

ing to health care and pension plans. "Tia Gronlund-Fox, director of human resources for the city, said overall the city is happy with the results. "We pretty much got what we were looking for," she said.

The agreement with the clerks was done in house, as they are not eligible for Act 312 Arbitration, while the dispatchers contract was determined by an arbitrator.

Both groups will now have defined contribution pension plans for new hires as well as no more retiree health care for new hires.

The clerks will not have a wage increase until the final year of the contract in June 30, 2013, when they get a 1.5 percent increase. They also will be paying 10 percent of their medical insurance premiums starting January 1, 2012, and 20 percent as of January 1, 2013.

The dispatchers were awarded wage increases of 3 percent for July 1, 2009, none for July 1, 2010, 1.5 percent for July 1, 2011, and none as of July 1, 2012. They also must pay 3.5 percent of their base wage toward insurance effective Aug. 23, 2011, through expiration of June 30, 2013. Gronlund-Fox said the reason the city is get-

ting away from defined pension plans and retiree health care is because it reduces the city's legacy costs.

"With revenue down, unfortunately that is the way we have to go," she said, noting that the city has been ahead of the game when it comes to contributing to health care premiums.

She also said the contract with the police officers is scheduled to go to arbitration next month, and the part-time paid-on-call and auxiliary firefighters contract is expected to head to binding arbitration in November.

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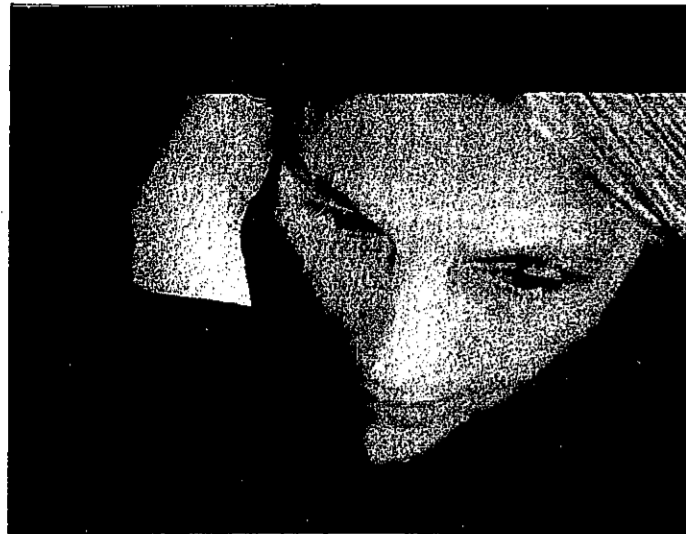
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A Canada goose flies over Tollgate Farm on Sept. 17.

A taste of fall



Frank Maynard purchases some vegetables from Mari Gonzalez and the Sun, Water and Seeds 4-H group at Tollgate Farm's annual Fall Fair on Sept. 17.

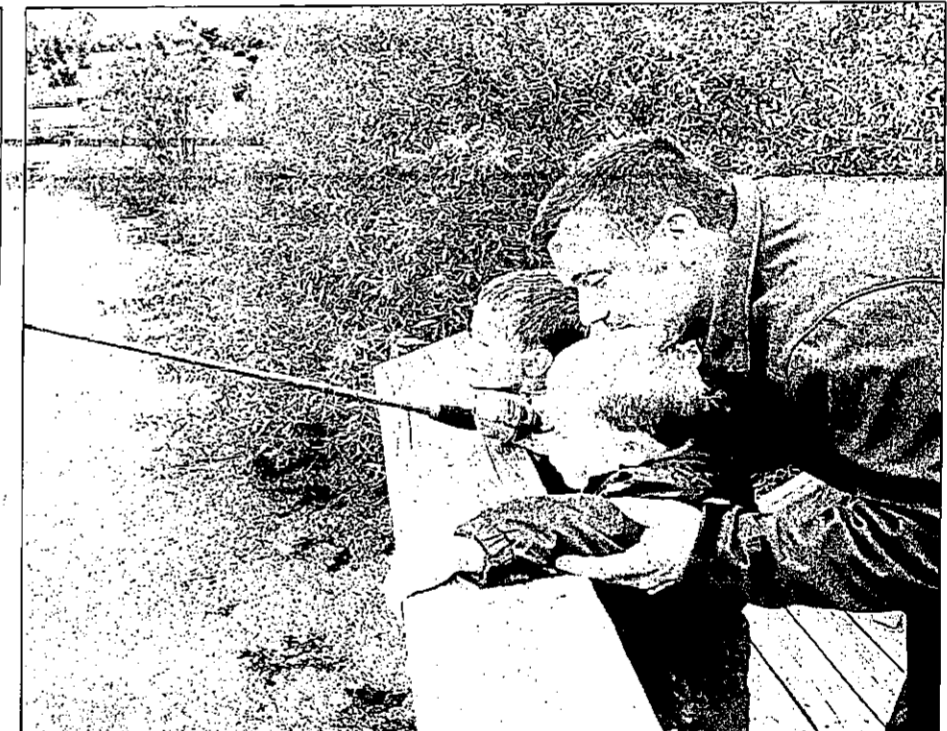


Roses bloom in the gardens at Tollgate Farm the Sept. 17 open house and Fall Fair.

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Tollgate Farm volunteer Sue Millington pours a cup of freshly-squeezed apple cider for visitors during the Sept. 17 Fall Fair.



Bill Smedley fishes Tollgate Farm's pond with his sons Joel, 2, and Nathan, 4, during the Sept. 17 Fall Fair.



Visitors to Tollgate Farm relax, enjoy hot dogs, apple cider and a nice late summer-type day during its annual Fall Fair on Sept. 17.



Olivia Brown dons a smock and takes a paintbrush to a rock as she enjoys the Sept. 17 Tollgate Farm Fall Fair.

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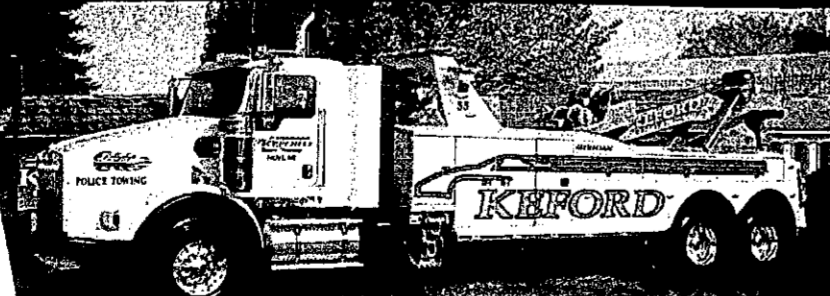
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Novi schools' measuring stick must see growth

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist

In our house, my wife and I have a measuring board that has measured the growth of our three boys since 1985. The measuring board was just a scrap of lumber that was sitting around our house when we pulled it out and stood Tyler up against it. We told him to stand straight and took a pencil, marked the spot, and wrote the date next to the mark.

That year our oldest son was 3 years old. As Tyler grew we would measure him. When our other boys were old enough we would measure them. Every few months over the next two decades we would line the boys up against the measuring board, ask them to stand straight, and mark their growth on the board.

When you stand the board up against the wall you can see three columns of numbers — one column for each son. It provides a graphic example of their growth. Sometimes they grew a lot and sometimes not very much at all.

In our district, a goal has been established that calls for us to mark our

growth. The goal states that every student in our district will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time. This goal asks us to measure the students in our district to make sure that they are making progress. It is a goal I think all of us can agree is worthy.



Super Talk
Steve Matthews

It requires the district to have a robust internal accountability system. While I wish that measuring the growth of our students was as simple as lining them up and marking their height on a measuring board, it is not that easy.

First, we have to agree on what we should teach. We have taken steps to align our curriculum so that every parent can be confident that no matter where a child goes to school, they will receive essentially the same information in their curriculum.

Instructional strategies may vary depending on the teacher, but the content is the same. First

grade is first grade no matter where you go to school in Novi. Then we have to have agreement on how we will assess our students. The assessments have to connect with our curriculum. We have to make sure that we align with state and national expectations as well. Our teachers have to agree on what third or fifth or seventh or eleventh grade writing looks like or how to measure a student's ability in science.

Measuring the growth of our students is an important part of our jobs. We have to demonstrate that every student is making growth. While I could just line my sons up against a board and measure their growth, our district has to create a more robust measure.

We have to demonstrate to our students, parents and community that every student is making the growth they need to reach their potential.

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ON CAMPUS

DePaul University
Michelle Behr, of Novi, graduated cum laude this summer. It was DePaul's 112th commencement.

Halftime display



Novi High School's color guard performs along with its marching band at the home football game on Sept. 16.

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Michigan's uncertain economy and with the significant budget pressures all school districts face, to consider if and how we might do things differently, share resources and look for savings."

Fisette said she put her name in the mix to serve as the interim AD because she has been thinking about pursuing an administrative job in athletics and worked closely with Ellis over the years.

She said she does not know yet if she is going to apply for the full-time position, saying it's "still a possibility but I haven't quite made my decision yet."

In the meantime, she wants to make the transition as seamless as possible for the coaches, student-athletes and parents.

"I'm looking to fill in and keep things running," she said. "This ship was not broken. I'm looking to keep it afloat and keep things in order."

Matthews told the board that in just over a week, 50 applications



Former Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis received a crystal wildcard between the third and fourth quarters of last Friday's football game as a token of appreciation for the past decade he spent working with Novi athletics. Ellis, a life-long Saline resident, has left the Novi Community School District for a human resources position with Saline Area Schools.

have come in, a testament to "Mr. Ellis left a tremendous legacy, building a strong, competitive athletic program that understood the connection between academics and athletics," he said. "I appreciate Mr. Ellis' work here and wish him well."

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Your move!



Elijah Diller, 9, studies the move of his chess partner Nilay Trivedi, 8, during a Monday evening Beginning Chess class at Novi Meadows school. The chess class, for kids of all ages, is offered through Novi Parks and Recreation.

Local events

HEALTH FAIR

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Better Health Store and Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: Kids and parents will learn about exercises, nutrition and supplements suitable for children with health and fitness expert Peter Nielsen.

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NOVI CANDIDATE NIGHT
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3

Location: Performing Arts Center at Fox Run, 41000 13 Mile Road, Novi

Details: Each candidate running for mayor and city council will speak for five minutes. They will then take questions from the nearly 1,000 residents who will be in attendance. Sponsored by the Fox Run Resident Advisory Council.

DANGERS OF TEXTING & DRIVING
Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25

Location: Paradise Park, 45799 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: Driving and texting or distracted driving is the leading cause of accidents, according to www.teendriving.aaa.com. Hebrew Memorial Chapel's event brings area teens from all over Metro Detroit together to the go-cart track at Paradise Park in Novi and drive under the watchful eye of the Novi Police Department while trying to text at the same time. This inaugural event is the Oak Park-based funeral home's unique way of driving home a real life experience to how dangerous texting and driving can be.

The judged event will test the driving skills of teen drivers around the course while testing specific phrases to the judging number compared to driving the course without texting. Teens will be judged on accuracy, speed, number

Sounds of fall



Novi High School's marching band performs its medley of Sting tunes during halftime of the Sept. 16 home football game.

of text messages sent and how many flags they hit or drive by. The hope is that everyone will win as a result of the lessons learned during the Driving to Distraction event.

Contact: To register call Jared Rothenberger at 248-432-5685 or jrothenberger@bbo.org. Teens must own cell or smart phone and willing to send text messages and have parental permission to participate.

FANFARE FUN

Time/Date: 5:50 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 24

Location: Novi High School Football Stadium, 24062 Taft Road, Novi

Details: The popular marching band competition, Fanfare 2011, hosted by the Novi High School Band Boosters takes place Saturday. The adjudicated event is held in the football stadium (unless rain dictates it being moved into the school). Opening Ceremonies begin at 5:50 p.m. with the "Star Spangled Banner." Four flights of high school marching bands perform. The Novi High School Marching Band concludes the evening with its tribute to the music of Sting by performing "End of the Game," "Englishman in New York," "We Work the Black Seam," and "Every Little Thing She Does is Magic." Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors

and students; kids under 5 are free. All proceeds benefit the band program.

STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING (SUP)

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Novi's Lakeshore Beach on Walled Lake, 601 South Lake Drive, Novi

Details: Register now for an opportunity to Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) on Walled Lake. Novi's Lakeshore Park Beach will be the launch site for the SUP clinics. This is the newest fitness and recreation sport for people of all ages (10+ for our lessons) and any activity level. Everyone is encouraged to wear comfortable workout clothes or a swimsuit. Life vests are available for adults, participants 10-17 years of age will need to bring their own. Rarely do SUPers land in the water. Paddleboards are provided. Paddle the Mitten's instructor, Linda Brown, will conduct clinics in 20-minute intervals, four people to a clinic. For more information on Stand Up Paddleboarding, visit www.paddlethemitten.com.

WINDSURFING FOR THE 50+ CROWD

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Novi's Lakeshore Beach on Walled Lake, 601 South Lake Drive, Novi

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Submit! Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gnnet.com; or by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper. More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Details: If you are 50 or older, here is a chance to get back on a board or try a sport that may be on your "bucket list." Windsurfing enjoys quite an impressive group of older adults who are interested in this peaceful opportunity to be pulled by the wind across the water, a truly serene and thrilling feeling! Onshore group instruction will take place from 11-1:30 a.m. Each of the five registrants will receive 30 minutes of individual instruction on the water. Lifeguards

will be provided (you may choose to bring your own). The instructor will be Peggy Glahn, a certified windsurfing instructor from the Michigan Sailing Club.

Cost: \$10 for residents; \$15 for non-residents. Registration is limited to 24. If availability allows, registration will be taken at the beach on the day of the event (\$5 late fee).

Contact: For additional information, please contact Tori Heglin at the Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414.

Business

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business

leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupinc.com

METRO NOVI BNI
Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1655 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

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Attorneys J.B. Bleske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only by the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Novi Fire Department offering up safety tips

By Diane Gale Andreassi Staff Writer

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15 and the fire departments in South Lyon, Lyon Township and Novi have events planned in September and October to spread the word about fire safety.

The Novi Fire Department will have an open house, along with all other city departments, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday.

"It's our way to showcase all of our fire equipment and demonstrations," said Jeff Johnson, Novi director of EMS and fire operations.

The department will show how quickly a fire can start and spread, and the effectiveness of sprinkler systems.

"They have a lot of advantages to protecting families and property," Johnson said. "It's a great safety feature. They help the value on a home and they could save homeowners money on insurance."

A fire safety trailer will allow the firefighters to illustrate safety tips and simulate the best ways to get out of a house during a fire.

"We also show kids what a firefighter looks like with all the equipment and not to be afraid," Johnson said.

Kids and adults will also get a chance to target a fire hose at a target. A Survival Flight helicopter will be on display along with Sparky, the fire safety fire dog.

Johnson also recommended changing the batteries on smoke detectors the weekend of daylight-saving time, which this year is Nov. 6.

"We had a number of fires over the past year and in a number of cases they didn't have smoke detectors or they had one

and it wasn't functioning," he added.

The South Lyon Fire Department is inviting the community to visit the station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 2. Kids and adults will see fire trucks up close, tour the fire station, spray a fire hose, learn to crawl under a table and watch firefighters demonstrate their skills in several scenarios, including cutting a car open using the Jaws of Life, according to South Lyon Fire Chief Mike Kennedy.

Members of the South Lyon Police Department and Huron Valley Ambulance will also be available to talk with visitors.

With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009 your defense is a good offense, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association.

This year's campaign is "Protect Your Family From Fire."

The Lyon Township Fire Department is holding an open house 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 16. An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be served. The cost for the breakfast is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children three to 12 and children under three eat for free at the fire station No. 1, 58800 Grand River in New Hudson.

Firefighters will demonstrate vehicle extraction techniques using the Jaws of Life, a University of Michigan Survival Flight helicopter will be landing around noon and firefighters will also use a "smoke house" to demonstrate how to escape a burning home.

Lyon Township is also accepting applications for paid-on-call firefighters and Fire Explorers, who are high school students 14 to 18 years old.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

Scissor lift taken from Kroger

A JLG scissor lift was stolen from behind Kroger on Grand River Avenue sometime between Sept. 16 and Sept. 18.

According to the complainant, any JLG key can be used to operate the lift, which was rented to a company by Evans Equipment Rental.

Someone from the rental company said another person could have taken the lift by accident, but it's also possible the lift was stolen by someone who had a small truck and trailer.

The two companies said they will check with their employees to see if they accidentally took it and let police know.

The case has been forwarded to the detective's bureau for review.

Man falls for e-mail scam

A Novi resident was the victim of an e-mail scam on Sept. 16, losing \$2,000 after sending money through Western Union from a store on Haggerty Road to someone in London who he thought was his cousin.

The victim told police he sent \$2,000 at first, and send an additional \$1,000 before he contacted his cousin who told him he had not sent him any money. The victim then checked the two e-mail addresses and noticed they were different by a letter.

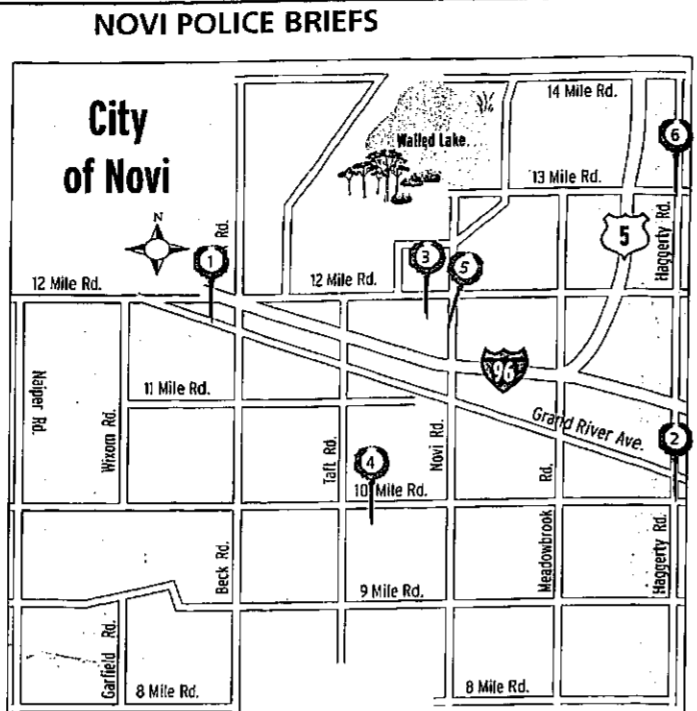
Western Union was able to stop the \$1,000 transfer, but the \$2,000 had already been delivered.

The man said he was advised by Western Union they would be contacting the authorities in London and Washington D.C.

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Man caught driving with drugs

A driver was arrested for operating while under the influence of drugs at 1:38 a.m. on Sept. 7 after an officer in the area of 10 Mile Road and Novi Way observed him driving erratically.

According to the report, when the officer approached the car he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants and the man admitted to drinking earlier in the night.

The failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .126 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released after posting bond and when sober.

Novi police arrested a man at 12:56 a.m. on Sept. 8 for possession of marijuana after an officer on 13 Mile Road near Haggerty observed the man stopped his car two lengths past the stop line.

When the officer approached the car, he could smell a strong odor of marijuana, and the driver admitted to having the drug in his car under the seat.

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Man busted with weed

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Woman caught stealing again

Novi police arrested a woman for retail fraud second degree after she was caught trying to take

over \$200 worth of merchandise from Kohl's around 4 p.m. on Sept. 7 after an officer in the area of 10 Mile Road and Novi Way observed him driving erratically.

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Designers show what they can do in Demray's Griswold home

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

If you've ever wondered what that large 1929 Tudor home on Griswold just south of Eight Mile looks like inside, you'll have an opportunity to see it next weekend, thanks to the American Association of University Women.

The organization's Northville-Novati Branch is hosting a Home Tour with a Gala Preview Party from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at the home, which is owned by Northville dentist William Demray.

This is the 15th year of the AAUW's home tour, but they decided to bump it up a bit this year with



Visit Dr. William Demray's home at 800 Griswold in Northville during the AAUW's designer showcase and home tour next weekend.

thousands of dollars in food, tents and drinks — all donated by local people. "The two realized that many other metro Detroit areas have designer

showcases, so "wouldn't it be great to have one on this side of town?" said Gagnon.

Her organization solicited designers from all over and wound up with a group of mainly locals — David Pulice; Donna Brown; Tracy Garfield; Candice Marston; Sue Arnold; Marlene Jaworski; Warren; Phyllis Padmore; and Carol Jacobs — to give their visions for the bedrooms, media room, living room, bar, bathrooms, breakfast/kitchen area and solarium.

"It's the only parameters we gave them where that it had to fit in the tradition of the home," said Gagnon. "We don't think they talked to each other, but it just flows together

beautifully. We're astounded at what they did. According to Gagnon, Demray purchased the house at an auction years ago because he didn't want to see it razed and replaced by condos, etc. He then started restoring it and lends it out periodically for nonprofit functions.

"It was basically empty. It's his hobby," said Gagnon. "He lives in his practice at Preservation Dental in an older home." During the Friday gala, harpist Christa Grix will be performing in a trio setting and attendees can have keepsake photos taken by Demray's antique Volkswagens. There will be a strolling dinner, beer and wine, a

silent auction, and all the designers will be on hand to answer questions and discuss their work.

"We think it's going to be a great evening," said Gagnon.

The cost for the gala is \$50, and tickets are available at Gardenviews, Starring The Gallery, Pear-Aphernalia and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. That ticket is also good for the rest of the homes on Saturday's tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those who just want to tour the other

four homes can for \$20 on Saturday.

"But we think there will be so many people that we're also having a last chance day for \$10 for

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The image and impression manager

By Rick Radners
Guest Columnist



Takin' Care of Business
Rick Radners

Today's business schools take great pride in the curriculum they develop. Many of the basics include classes in marketing, accounting, finance, production, distribution, and strategy. In addition to these core principles, academia peppers their programs with ethics, management styles, and data development. Once these students leave the hallowed walls of their respective institutions, they must take their new found skills and put them into motion in hopes of carrying out a career that will sustain and entice them for many years. In some instances, these new recruits are immediately faced with a particular kind of animal they did not encounter in the safety of their classrooms, the image and impression manager.

This creature is politically perceptive when it comes to the dogmas of the office. They can manipulate situations to deflect and deter to team members and, in most cases, the sorry victim doesn't see it coming. Mission statements are frivolous and core principles sit on their work stations for "impression" points only. They consistently work around the concepts of "team" and prefer to rail or derail according to their personal and professional desires. They are constantly dressed to "impress" and will only coffee and lunch with the elite. They seek to worry about what their boss will hear versus what the

company will experience. They smile, nod, and can be seen dashing through the workplace giving the "impression" that the company will collapse without them. What else are these managers capable of?

This type of manager can serve a minor purpose however, in many cases the costs out way the benefits. The image and impression manager can usually contrive a little "team spirit" when conducting day to day business. They are careful not to distract attention from themselves. They will give a subtle shove to underperforming team members, especially if it has an unhealthy impact on their overall image.

They are often first to step up for assignments and are willing to take on any daunting task especially if that task is offered from a superior. Whether the resources are available, the image and impression manager will step up just for the sake of stepping up!

party and be the first on the dance floor. Taking assignments, motivating employees, and participating in activities are all situations that sound like positive things for any company however, in this case the reasoning is a little off center. Do these managers actually serve a purpose? The image and impression manager needs a little coaching from the experts.

Many great LEADERS of the past century have indicated that the only way to promote yourself is to promote your team. Leadership tasks should focus on what makes a team perform and what makes the company experience a positive return. Setting up your subordinates to achieve allows you to achieve; the formula is rather simple.

The leader lets subordinates take leads, organize events, and take on tasks from superiors. The leader will coach and counsel them along the way only if it's necessary.

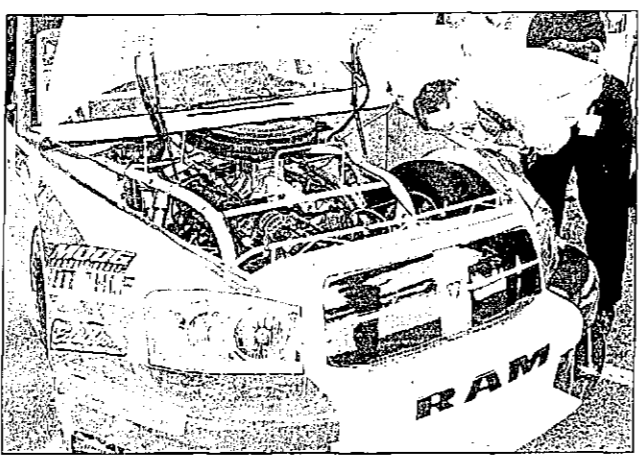
Companies need all the resources they can muster, even the image and impression manager. The best defense is identifying one of these wild cards and guiding them to the idea that if one can succeed, we all can. Also, be careful not to become one yourself. Strive for integrity and know when to say "no" for the sake of the company.

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Driving 'em crazy



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NASCAR driver and Michigan native Brad Keselowski (above) signs and autograph for Cooper Standard employee Abigail Davis on Aug. 18 during a visit to the Novi campus of the automotive parts engineering and supply firm. Cooper Standard donated \$10,000 to Keselowski's "Checked Flag Foundation" (which supports U.S. soldiers, veterans and first responders — during a ceremony later that day. Cooper Standard is one of Keselowski's sponsors in his races. Cooper Standard Senior Director of Engineering Jeff Davis (below) takes a look under the hood of Keselowski's truck.



Telcom purchase shows long-term commitment in Lyon Township

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Telcom Credit Union is building a new location at the corner of Pontiac Trail and Quail Run in Lyon Township. The company will own and operate the new location after its five-year lease is up at their current location in the plaza just to the north, where the Big Boy restaurant is located, which is in the city of South Lyon.

"Obviously, we like to see these properties become developed," explained Lyon Township Supervisor Lannie Young. "Telcom is committed to stay and seeking another location and that is always a good thing." Telcom Credit Union is celebrating its 75th year of being in business and serving their members, according to a Telcom press release. Telcom plans to have their new branch on Pontiac Trail completed by 2017.

"We are pleased to be making a permanent commitment to the South

Lyon community by purchasing this property," said Tom Reagan, Telcom CEO. "We are envisioning a 2,600-square-foot building that is architecturally pleasing with a convenient drive-thru located behind the building."

The property used to be residential, and there are still vacant homes on it, until Lyon Township rezoned the property for commercial purposes. In 2006, Telcom Credit Union was the first credit union to open a branch in South Lyon at 21985 Pontiac Trail in the Glenwood Plaza. "I was thrilled to hear that Telcom Credit Union purchased a piece of property just south of the city limits," according to Kristen Delaney, South Lyon Director of Community and Economic Development. "Although we'll miss having them in the city proper, I think it is wonderful that they will be putting down roots and making a long-term commitment in the community." During the past five

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Keller Williams Novi on Top 250 list

The Wall Street Journal and Real Trends, Inc. announced the top 1,000 real estate agents and teams for 2011 in the United States. Teams and agents were ranked based on the total number of closed transactions in 2010. The Keller Williams Novi Market Center's Mark Zawadeh Team is present at number 81 on the "Top 250 Teams by Transaction Sides" for 2011. "The Thousand" consists of data collected in 2010 which is divided into four separate lists of 250: sales professionals by transactions sides, sales profession-

als by sales volume; real estate teams by transaction sides; and real estate teams by sales volume. "The Real Estate Market collapsed four years ago, challenging the industry to shift the way they conduct their business. Thanks to Gary Keller's bestselling book, "Shift: How Top Real Estate Agents Tackle Tough Times," our campaign and agents were prepared for this market change," says Keller Williams Michigan/N. Ohio Regional Director Louis Ronayne. "The list of our KW agents in Michigan validates what Gary wrote about. We are proud to be in a business with such successful people and congratulate them on being ranked on these lists."



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Ridge Wood Elementary kids enjoy skits put on by Northville High students on Sept. 16 as they learn about Victorian-era habits in downtown Northville.

Northville celebrates at Victorian Fest



Northville resident Pat Delany waves as the Victorian Festival parade goes by Dunlap Street on Sept. 16.



Lorelai Schafer, 5, has a relaxing view of the Sept. 16 Victorian Festival parade as it makes its way down Dunlap Street as she rides in a wagon pulled by her mom, Lena.



Kristen Hinshaw and her son Thomas, 6, walk hand-in-hand along the Victorian parade route on Sept. 16.



Northville High School students Meghan Ulmer (left) and Lauren Rodriguez help Ridge Wood student Abby Wilbanks in playing a game of pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey as local third graders traveled around downtown Northville learning about Victorian times.



Northville High students Meghan Ulmer (left), Lauren Rodriguez, and Gracie Goble (right) demonstrate some simple Victorian era kids' games on Sept. 16 in downtown Northville.

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OUR VIEWS

Voters said yes It's time for Legislature to fix marijuana law

Not everyone was happy when Michigan voters overwhelmingly said that marijuana should be available for those who find it helpful in dealing with pain and other debilitating symptoms arising from various medical conditions.

Those people should be happy now. Thanks to a vague law, a listless Legislature, aggressive police work and a crushing appellate court ruling, it's just about impossible for a person to legally obtain the marijuana that 63 percent of the state voters said should be available to them.

In other words, if grandma's cancer-related nausea is alleviated by a small dose of marijuana, she better know how to grow it herself. Or she better have a grandchild who can connect her with the local pot pusher.

The Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, approved in a statewide referendum in 2008, has some wording problems. But, vague wording notwithstanding, the public clearly supported the intent.

That didn't sit well with some politicians, including Bill Schuette who two years later became attorney general, thanks to a Republican landslide.

It also hasn't set well with police and prosecutors, particularly in Oakland County. To be fair, they were in a bind. The possession, manufacture and sale of marijuana is still illegal. Without clear guidelines, they needed to enforce the law as they understand it. Some, however, seem to take this responsibility quite eagerly.

For instance, the Michigan Court of Appeals court ruled recently that no one — caregivers or so-called dispensaries — could legally sell marijuana to legitimate, card-holding medical marijuana users. A day later, two Ann Arbor medical marijuana clinics were raided by mask-wearing police officers who took some employees away in handcuffs. Police officials said that the raids were unrelated to the court ruling, but also declined to provide any details or specifics about what crime may have been committed.

Attorney General Schuette didn't try to restrain his glee. Shortly after the Appeals court ruling, he essentially informed law enforcement officials that it was open season on medical marijuana clinics.

In a prepared statement, he called the ruling "a huge victory for public safety and Michigan communities struggling with an invasion of pot shops near their schools, homes and churches." Schuette described the horror created by the act. It seems that somewhere in the state, the holder of a medical marijuana card may have been stopped while driving under the influence of pot.

The court ruling affects people like Steven Green of New Hudson, a licensed medical marijuana patient and caregiver. He's suing Lyon Township and Oakland County because a local ordinance passed the previous summer says having marijuana plants violate federal law. He received a letter from Township Attorney Matt Quinn saying that "the possession, cultivation and use of marijuana violates the federal Controlled Substance Act."

He's suing, he said, because he feels a local ordinance has no right to keep him from growing and using marijuana in his home.

Other communities like have basically ignored the voter-approved law, placing a moratorium on the issue since it was passed. Officials have said they were waiting for county and state legislators to tackle the issue.

The law makes it legal for a person to use marijuana for medical purposes, but officials say it provides no legal way for a person to obtain that marijuana. That's even more true now that the appeals court has spoken.

But Lansing has barely lifted a finger, despite continued evidence that people want this solved in a way that will provide for the safe, effective distribution of marijuana for legitimate medical purposes.

Legislators have had time to cut funding to public schools, hack away at public employee benefits, raise taxes on retirees and cut benefits to children in poverty. But grandma and her grandchildren? She's on her own.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's the best part of a Catholic Central home football game?



"I just like the energy of the crowd - having the spirit around you. Makes you feel like you're going to win."
Steven Katofias
CC sophomore



"Simply the brotherhood."
Zach Racine
CC sophomore



"It's fun to see what high school football can really be. I also like that the fans and the jocks are one big family at CC."
Terry Fitzpatrick
CC parent - West Bloomfield



"Watching the crazy student section. That and my son plays on CC's team."
Teri Bowen
CC parent Novi

LETTERS

A deficit history lesson

Linda Sroka might want to do a little more research on who is, and who isn't paying taxes. Since she wants everyone to "have a little skin in the game," she might be disappointed to learn that 25 of the top U.S. 100 companies and their CEO more than they paid the federal government in taxes last year. These 25 companies averaged \$1.9 billion in global profits, and most of these companies collected refunds averaging \$304 million (Detroit Free Press, 9/11/11).

Ms. Sroka might also want to do a little research into the policies of which presidents signed the spending bills that got us where we are today. It took 200 years and 40 presidents to create just short of \$1 trillion in debt in 1980. The World Wars, Korean War, Vietnam War, interstate highway system, etc. were largely paid for. Eight years later when Ronald Reagan left office the debt was around \$3 trillion. He tripled in eight years what 40 presidents before him had amassed over 200 years!

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Reagan's tax breaks for the wealthy didn't "trickle down," and his attack on the middle class by eliminating deductions like interest on credit cards and car loans only ended up comforting the comfortable and creating policies that continued the slide into continued and increased national debt.

When Bill Clinton left office, we had a \$500 billion in annual surplus, and the debt was being

paid down. George Bush was handed a surplus and doubled the national debt from about \$5 trillion to over \$10 trillion in his eight years. Obama walked in the door with a budget that handed him a \$1.3 trillion structural deficit and a country that was losing 750,000 jobs per month. If tax breaks for the wealthy worked, we would have full employment, but low-information right-wingers still believe that there is some benefit to continue comforting the comfortable at the expense of the middle class. Class warfare is alive and well, and the very wealthy have been the hands down big winners over the past 30 years. A little research will also tell you that neither Reagan or Bush vetoed a single spending bill. When you tax and spend, as Democrats are often accused of doing, the bills get paid. When you are a borrow and spend Republican, you pass the bill to your children and grandchildren and laugh all the way to the foreign bank.

Steve Lawrence
Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Closing of state facilities is a win for all

By Tom Watkins
Guest Columnist

At the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon in Northville Township, a state institution for people with developmental disabilities once existed.

There was a time in Michigan when, if you were born with a severe disability, you were likely to be institutionalized for the rest of your life.

It was a life sentence: Your freedom to live a productive life with your family and friends, attend a neighborhood school and make decisions for yourself were just some of the rights stripped from you.

It was a costly policy from both a human development and tax expenditure perspective. The cost of "care" in a state institution far outstripped the life of opportunities that came from being able to participate fully in one's community.

Ray Schucholz knows the human cost all too well. "I lost three and a half years of my life in a state institution," the former Plymouth Center resident recalls with tears welling in his eyes.

Today, however, his smile illuminates the room as he reflects on his new "freedom" after moving from a state institution to a group home to now living in his own home and working as a peer mentor advocate (a person with a disability who is employed to perform training, advocacy and help others navigate the system). "Joy, freedom, I am living my life!" he exclaims.

Today, because of the work of parents, advocates, enlightened governors, investigative journalists and supportive legislators, Michigan is one of only a handful of states — and by far the largest — to have closed

all state institutions for persons with developmental disabilities.

The last state facility, in Mount Pleasant, was closed in 2010. This policy decision is morally right and fiscally sound. The lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have been enriched and our communities strengthened, all at less cost to taxpayers — a true win-win for all.

Dohn Hoyle, executive director of the statewide parent/advocacy group Michigan-ARC and someone who has spent a lifetime advocating for persons with disabilities, can fire off the statistics of how many people are still trapped in "community institutions."

"The ARC believes there is much, much left to do to provide full rights to people with disabilities in Michigan and across America," Hoyle said. "Today, while some are parting themselves on the back, thousands of people with disabilities are inappropriately 'housed' in nursing homes, group homes and in large congregate living facilities."

Michigan's system of support for persons with disabilities has evolved, weaving together coalitions built across political lines and engaging parents, the news media, the legal community and persons with disabilities to "educate" and, when necessary, cajole multiple governors and legislative bodies into action.

Although all the institutions have been closed, there is a continuing need for vigilance to ensure Michigan does not slip backward.

Simply living in the community in a provider-centered and institution-like arrangement, instead of a person-centered and home-like environment, is contrary to the freedoms and rights all Americans expect. As a state, we need to be cautious we don't simply re-establish the former institutions in a new community form.

One way that Michigan has taken

deinstitutionalization and community integration to a higher level is through a concept of "self-determination." The state defines it as "a set of concepts and values which underscore a core belief that people which require support from the public aging or behavioral health system as a result of a disability should have access to meaningful choices, and control over their lives."

Tom Nerney, president of the Center for Self-Determination, compliments Michigan on being a leader in embracing the core concepts of self-determination. Nerney sums up self-determination this way: "All people should have freedom, a home, deep human relationships, meaningful work and control over their income and supports."

Clearly, the path "from out of sight, out of mind" state institutional care to integrated community living is not without its challenges.

Jim Dehem, president and CEO of Community Living Services, in Wayne, which provides administrative and support coordination for approximately 4,000 persons with developmental disabilities and senior citizens in metropolitan Detroit, rejoices in the institutions being closed.

"At CLS we are assisting people with disabilities to have authority over their own lives," Dehem says. "As an organization, we have converted to a model of support rather than a system of professionals, programs and facilities — people should not have to give up their freedom and life because they happen to need support as a result of a disability."

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DEMRAY

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just the designer home from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday," said Gagnon. "We're hoping to get that after-church crowd."

In addition to Demray's home, visitors of the tour can check out four other residences in Northville. "Some are historic, some are contemporary," said Gagnon. "We're very appreciative of the homeowners who let us use their homes this year."

They are widely different in architecture and interior design and span two centuries of construction. Hostesses

in each home will note architectural features and special furnishings.

Traditionally, the AAUW's home tour is the same weekend as the Victorian Festival, which is this weekend. Gagnon said her organization decided they would be better served to wait a week.

"And we're hoping people come to Northville from all over the metro Detroit area who might not have been here before."

Not only will visitors of the tour get to see some of Northville's residential jewels, they'll be supporting the local AAUW branch's efforts to promote equity, education

and development of opportunities for all women in the local, national and international community. Locally, scholarships are awarded to women at area community colleges and high schools. The branch also has a commitment to the Mercy Education Project in Detroit and Kids 4 Afghan Kids.

"We work very hard at that," said Gagnon of the group's mission. "As well as giving our money, we try to give our time."

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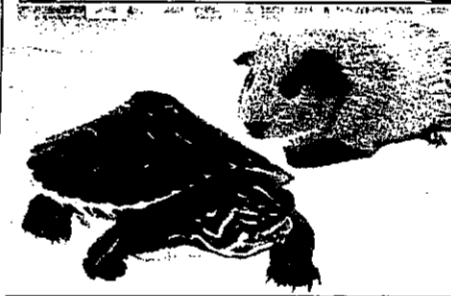
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Frankish & Tringale

Melissa Roth Frankish and Vito Joseph Tringale are engaged to be married Dec. 31 in Grosse Pointe at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. A reception will be held at the Westin Book Cadillac in downtown Detroit. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late William Frankish and Sara Coffelt of Novi. She earned a bachelor's degree in supply chain management at Michigan State University and is also an alumna of Chi Omega sorority. Melissa is a buyer for Guardian Industries Corp.

The groom is the son of Nina and Joseph Tringale of Grosse Pointe Woods. He earned a bachelor's



degree in marketing management from Hillsdale College and is an alum-

nus of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Vito is a small business owner.

NEWSMAKERS

Farrell named Super Lawyer

For the second consecutive year, nine attorneys from Southfield-based Collins, Einhorn, Farrell and Ulanoff were named to the 2011 Michigan Super Lawyers list, including Clayton F. Farrell, of Novi.



Farrell

Farrell, who was named Michigan Super Lawyers for the third consecutive year, concentrates his practice on multi-party, complex litigation, including litigation in the areas of environmental torts, product liability, toxic torts and emerging claims. The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law alum's trial experience spans more than three decades.

Veneziano joins J.R. Thompson

Tony Veneziano has joined J.R. Thompson Company as a motorsports copywriter. Previously, Veneziano worked for the World Racing Group as the director of Public Relations for the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series where he was a two-time recipient of the Media Member of the Year Award, presented by the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame.

Veneziano, a resident of Wixom, earned a master of arts in communications from Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, Ind., and a bachelor of science in environmental studies from Ripon College, Ripon, Wis.



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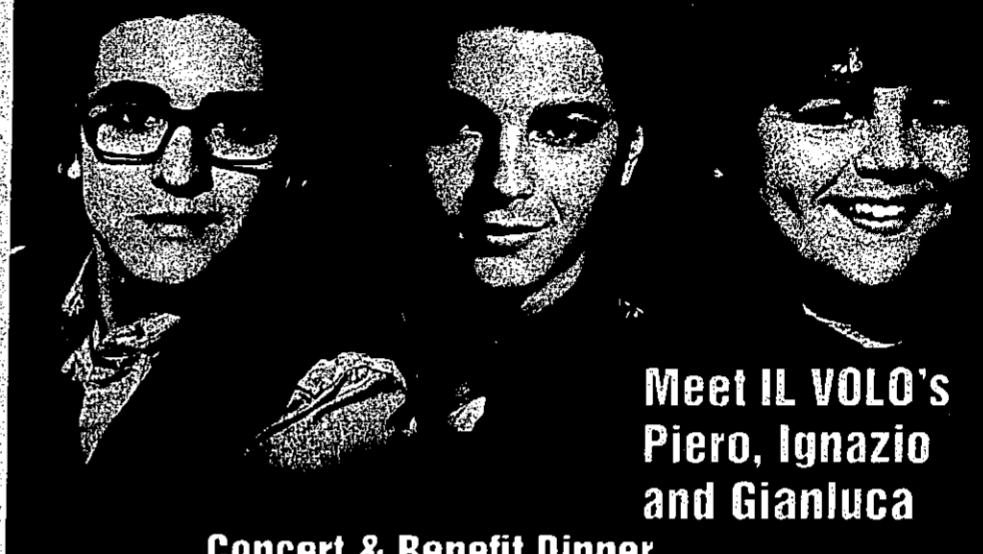
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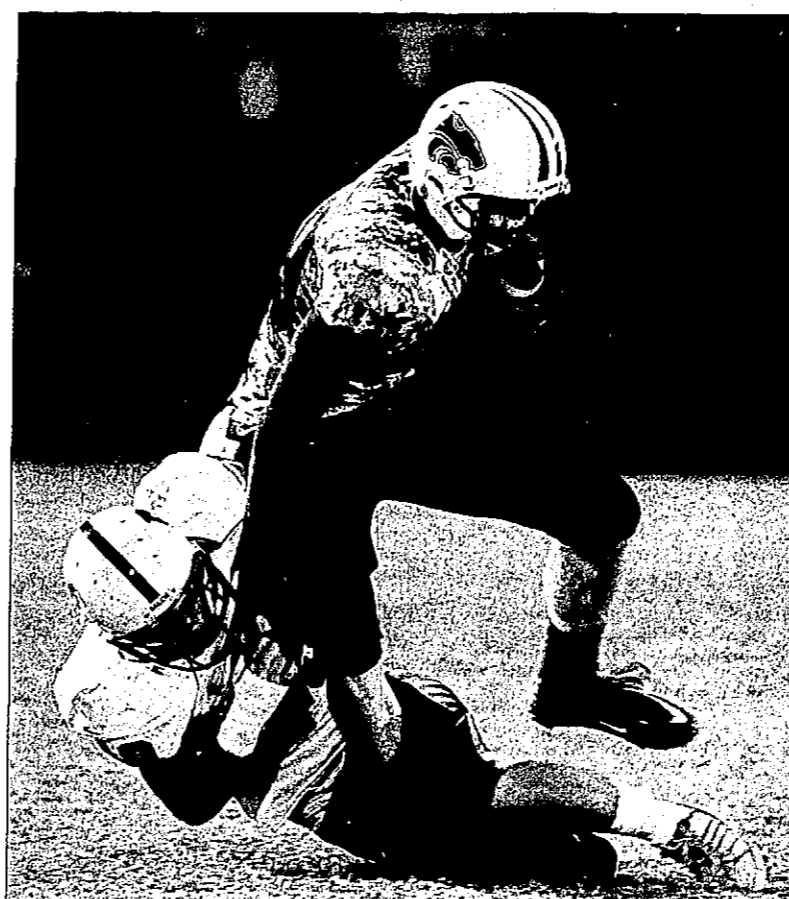
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Wildcat Michael Jocz gains some yards against Salem on Sept. 16.

Wildcats blank Rocks to earn second win
Novi dominates Salem 42-0

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Since switching senior Derek Ince to the starting quarterback role and tweaking the offensive routes, Novi's football team has been dominant.

The Wildcats (2-2, 2-0 KLA Central) defeated Plymouth Salem (1-3, 0-2 Central) last Friday and have now outscored opponents 91-13 during the past two games since making the changes.

"I think they're having fun

with it and that's one of the things we wanted to do with it," Novi coach Todd Penney said. "You've got to make plays and the kids are making plays."

Novi racked up 428 yards of offense, primarily behind 20-for-25 passing from Ince (322 yards, four touchdowns). Ince's touchdowns came from 15, 4, 10 and 3 yards, respectively.

"I think Derek Ince is really coming into his own and getting a little more comfortable," Penney said.

Please see FOOTBALL, B2

ON TAP

Novi (2-2, 2-0 KLA Central) hits the field 7 p.m. tomorrow when the Wildcats visit South Lyon East (1-3, 0-2 Central). The Cougars are coming off a 14-3 loss to Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 1-1 Central), which Novi beat 49-13 in week three.

In week six, Novi visits South Lyon (2-2, 1-1 Central) 7 p.m. Sept. 30.

Volleyball spikes
Salem, Northville
Wildcats take early lead in
Central Division race

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

A pair of victories last week put Novi volleyball alone on top of the KLA's Central Division.

The Wildcats (17-2-1, 3-0 Central) defeated Plymouth Salem (0-3-0, 0-3 Central) 25-19, 25-10, 25-22 at home on Armed Forces Night on Sept. 13 before taking care of Northville (13-5-2, 2-1 Central) 25-21, 25-4, 18-25, 25-14 on the road Sept. 15.

The Salem match was a strong outing for Novi, as several players got involved.

Junior Casey Sheldon had a well-rounded performance, earning six kills, seven digs, three aces and 12 serve receptions.



Seniors Lesley Harrington and Victoria Rose warm up before the Sept. 13 Plymouth Salem match wearing their camouflage shirts on Armed Forces Night.

Senior Katie Enright led the attack with nine kills and four digs. Senior Aly Ryan (six digs, four blocks), senior Victoria Rose (three blocks) and sophomore Isabelle Glancy (10 digs, four blocks) each added seven kills.

Many of those kills were set up by sophomore Emily Robb (36 assists, three digs), while senior Lesley Harrington added two kills, four digs and seven serve reception. Senior Molly Marzonia had 13 serve receptions and eight digs in a largely defensive role.

"During the player introductions, each kid was announced along with the name of a victim from the 9/11 tragedy," Novi coach Ginette Parsley said. "The players dedicated their performance tonight in that person's honor and memory."

The Wildcats had a tougher time against Northville, but bounced between tough first and third games and easier second and fourth games.

Enright again led the team with 13 kills to go with five digs, three blocks and one ace.

Rose added nine kills, four blocks and four aces, while Sheldon had a solid outing with eight kills, seven digs and nine serve receptions.

Ryan chalked up an additional five kills, six blocks, four digs and two assists against the Mustangs, while Glancy (four kills, four blocks, four aces, 11 digs) and Harrington (two kills,

ON TAP

The Wildcats (17-2-1, 3-0 KLA Central) were scheduled to finish the first half of the division schedule this week. Novi was to host South Lyon East (4-13-0, 0-3 Central) two nights ago, South Lyon tonight (9-2-0, 2-1 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (15-3-0, 2-1 Central) Tuesday.

All dual matches are at 7 p.m. in the Performance Gym.

The team is also slated to make their return to the Bedford Invitational Sept. 24 in Temperance.

five digs, four serve receptions, one block and one ace) also chipped in all around the course.

Robb again led the assist category with 33, while adding four digs and one ace.

Marzonia added 12 digs and 22 serve receptions.

Junior Varsity

The Wildcat junior varsity squad won the Novi JV invite last Saturday.

The girls opened pool play with a 25-10, 21-25 split against Anchor Bay before defeating

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Shamrocks football remains undefeated
Team crushes Highland Park in nonconference game

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

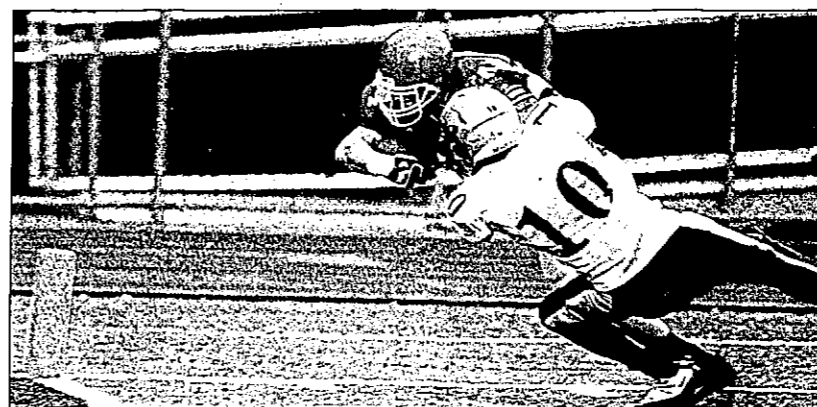
It's kind of strange to see game stats in which the Detroit Catholic Central football team put up more than just a few token yards through the air.

The team, which has been a power running program since coach Tom Mach took over three decades ago, went to the air on several key plays as they rolled over Highland Park, 42-6, in just the second meeting even between the two teams.

The Polar Bears no doubt came out expecting exactly what the Shamrocks gave them — a game full of runs and an incredibly strong defensive pressure. The problem for Highland Park was they just didn't have an answer to that game plan as the Shamrocks rolled to victory.

Leading the way on the ground attack was Wyatt Shallman, a Division I collegiate prospect who put up a touchdown and 67 yards on the ground for the Shamrocks. The surprise on the day was Kyle Cooper, the Shamrocks quarterback, as he threw for 106 yards and two touchdowns while going a spotless 6-for-6.

The Shamrocks defense was almost infallible as they



With the goal line in sight and a defender draped over him, Catholic Central's Aaron Hess tries to convert an interception into a touchdown during the Shamrock's Sept. 16 home game against Highland Park.

ON TAP

If you thought the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team was serious over the past four weeks as they rolled to a perfect 4-0 record, then you haven't seen anything yet.

The Catholic High School League portion of the team's schedule begins this week with the Sham-

rocks playing visitor to DeLaSalle at 7 p.m. Friday.

The Pilots are currently 4-0 with wins over Ann Arbor Pioneer (43-28), Flint Carman-Ainsworth (34-6), Dearborn Fordson (31-28) and Brother Rice (21-20).

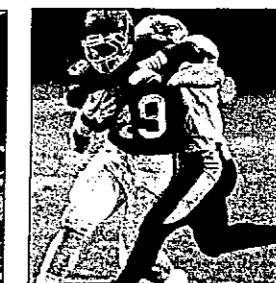
Last year, DeLaSalle fell to the then-undefeated Shamrocks, 27-7.

showed why the team was ranked first in the 2011 AP rankings last week. The followed the lead of defensive

lineman Matt Godin as he recorded 2.5 sacks against the Polar Bears.

The defense wasn't perfect,

however, giving up a single score on a 38-yard touchdown pass that was caught by Haddon Rashad.



Shamrock Wyatt Shallman tries to gain some yards during CC's Sept. 16 home game.



Catholic Central's John Maline picks up some yards against Highland Park during the Shamrock's Sept. 16 home game.

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Novi cross country outruns Lions Wildcats finish fifth at Spartan Invite

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's boys cross country team had a strong week of races, winning their first dual meet of the season and placing amongst some of the best in the state at the Spartan Invite.



ROBERT SMITH

Novi's Ryan Tigras was in the thick of things Sept. 16 at the Spartan Invite. He finished 20th out of 245 runners with a career-best 16:45.

The Wildcats began their week with a 19-40 victory at South Lyon on Sept. 13, where senior Ryan Tigras won the race in 17:51. He was followed by sophomore Brian Barnes (second in career-best 17:55).

Barnes came from behind as Tigras and senior Dan Lee (ninth in 18:33) had formed a pack with two Lions runners at the front of the group early in the race.

"We beat them with our depth today," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "Novi finished with four of the top five runners and seven of the top 10 finishers."

Junior Ben Jenkins (fourth in 18:08), senior Eric Gardner (fifth in 18:09) and senior Kevin Hanlon (seventh in 18:18) rounded out the scoring for Novi, as Lee and junior Allen Potter (10th in 18:34) pushed the Lions' finishers further back.

"Cross country is truly a team sport," Smith said. "The team scoring aspect means that you really need seven runners to place high. I have

seen far too many teams lose a meet even though they may have the top two runners in the race. Ryan and Brian did their job up front, but it was just as important that Ben, Eric, Kevin, Dan and Allen ran well, too."

The Novi victory also earns Smith a special prize: a dinner paid for by his brother, South Lyon coach Scott Smith.

"It is one of the most enjoyable meals I have all season," Robert Smith said. "It's not the cost of the dinner that counts, it is simply the fact that Scott has to open up his wallet."

The team followed their victory in the dual open-up with a fifth-place finish among 35 other schools at the Spartan Invite last Friday in East Lansing behind a 243-point performance. "I had no idea how our

guy would place today," Robert Smith said. "It was our real first test of the season. I was hoping for a top-half finish, and I would have been very happy with a top 10. When the results were posted and I found out that we were top five, I was ecstatic."

"This current team is dedicated to keeping our rich tradition of excellence alive. I am very proud of them." Tigras again led the Novi runners, finishing 20th out of 245 athletes with a career-best time of 16:45.

"Tigras was on his game again today," Smith said. "Ryan chopped off over a minute from his season personal record and he was one of three veteran athletes who also set a career personal record. His time of 16:45 was the first time ever that he

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nyouff said. "The kids are getting comfortable with this new offense, this new style, and I think they like it. As the season goes, as long as we're getting better and maturing in every facet as young men and as coaches, that's all we can do."

Salem mustered just 120 yards of offense, mainly on 7-for-22 passing from junior Jeremy Lewis (114 yards, one interception).

Salem senior Marcus Houston had three catches for 102 yards, while Novi seniors Logan Regnier (133 yards on six catches), Derek Cingel (131 yards on four catches) and Michael Jocz (110 yards on eight catches) combined for five touchdown receptions, three for Cingel.

One of Cingel's touchdown receptions was a 68-yard strike from Regnier (1-for-1) on third at 22 at Novi's own 32-yard line.

"I think our tempo helps that and how we do things," Pennycuff said of such big plays. "We're going to put our best kids in space like most teams try to do. We're going to really take what they give us. When they try to take something away or make a gamble, that's usually when we get big plays. We caught them in a blitz. A missed tackle here or there and we're gone. We can score very quickly and I think our kids realize that."

In the junior varsity race, senior Mike Benkowski (17:44), freshman John Potter (17:43) and sophomore Michael Dickmann (18:18) also had season bests.

Novi had eight for 86 yards and Salem had seven for 48 yards.

"(Emotion) kind of got in the way," Pennycuff said. "As a football team, we did not have a lot of maturity. We're going to have to fix that; it can be fixed. You have to look at it as a mistake of the heart or a mistake of the mind? If it's a mistake of the mind, that's something we can deal with. If we've got things that are a mistake of the heart, then that's not something we can deal with."

Each team handed the other two first downs, but the Wildcats otherwise earned a 12-3 advantage in first downs while holding Salem's runners to six net yards on the night. Senior Alex King led the Novi defense with eight tackles (four solo), a sack and 1.5 tackles for a loss.

"The defense did a great job," Pennycuff said, noting defensive coaches Dave Ray, Sonny Favor and Jerry Stempier have prepared the team well. "They're just good guys who care about the kids. It's probably the best staff I've ever been a part of as a head coach or an assistant."

"They're just good people who want to do the right thing."

Both teams were plagued with penalties throughout the evening.

Doubles teams dominant as Novi remains unbeaten

Injuries not slowing Wildcat tennis squad

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Not even the weather could slow Novi's tennis team. After a week of matches was postponed due to weather, the Wildcats returned to action by winning five dual meets in four days.

The "Varsity A" team defeated Plymouth Salem 9-0 Sept. 12, Northville 7-2 Sept. 13 and No. 7 Saline 8-1 Sept. 15, while the "Varsity B" team defeated Howell 6-3 Sept. 12, Livonia Stevenson 8-1 Sept. 19 and also finished second of four teams at last Saturday's Howell Patriot Invite. The Wildcats' program (9-0, 4-0 KLA Central) is ranked No. 5 in Division I.

"It was a good week of tennis for both our teams," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Northville is always tough. It was, as expected, a very competitive match, a hard fought match."

For the "Varsity A" team, all five doubles flights, as well as two and four singles, each went 3-0 on the week.

"That's part of the depth of our team. Doubles again did an extremely nice job," Hanson said. "I was pleased with how everybody played."

Freshman Andre Liu had

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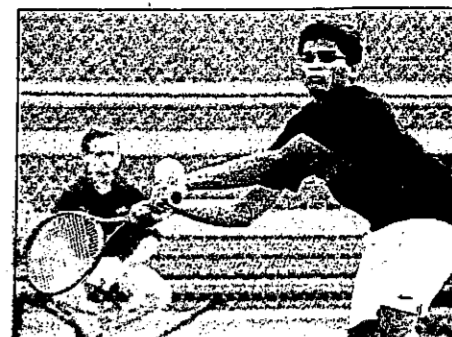
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Wildcat Pavan Rao reaches for a shot during a Sept. 13 game at Northville High.

a tough week at three singles, defeating Salem 6-2, 6-2 before dropping a 7-6(8), 6-2 decision against Northville and battling to a 6-7(0), 6-3, 6-4 thriller over Saline.

Freshman Tim Wang split his week at one singles, defeating Salem 6-4, 6-2 and losing 6-2, 6-0 to Northville. He rested a nagging wrist injury against non-confer-

ence foe Saline, as sophomore Shashank Chitra stepped in and lost 6-2, 6-1. It was Chitra's first loss of the week, as he had teamed with senior Matt Pilat at five doubles to defeat Salem 6-0, 6-0 and Northville 6-2, 6-1. Pilat teamed with sophomore Kevin Xu to defeat Saline 6-2, 6-2 in five doubles.

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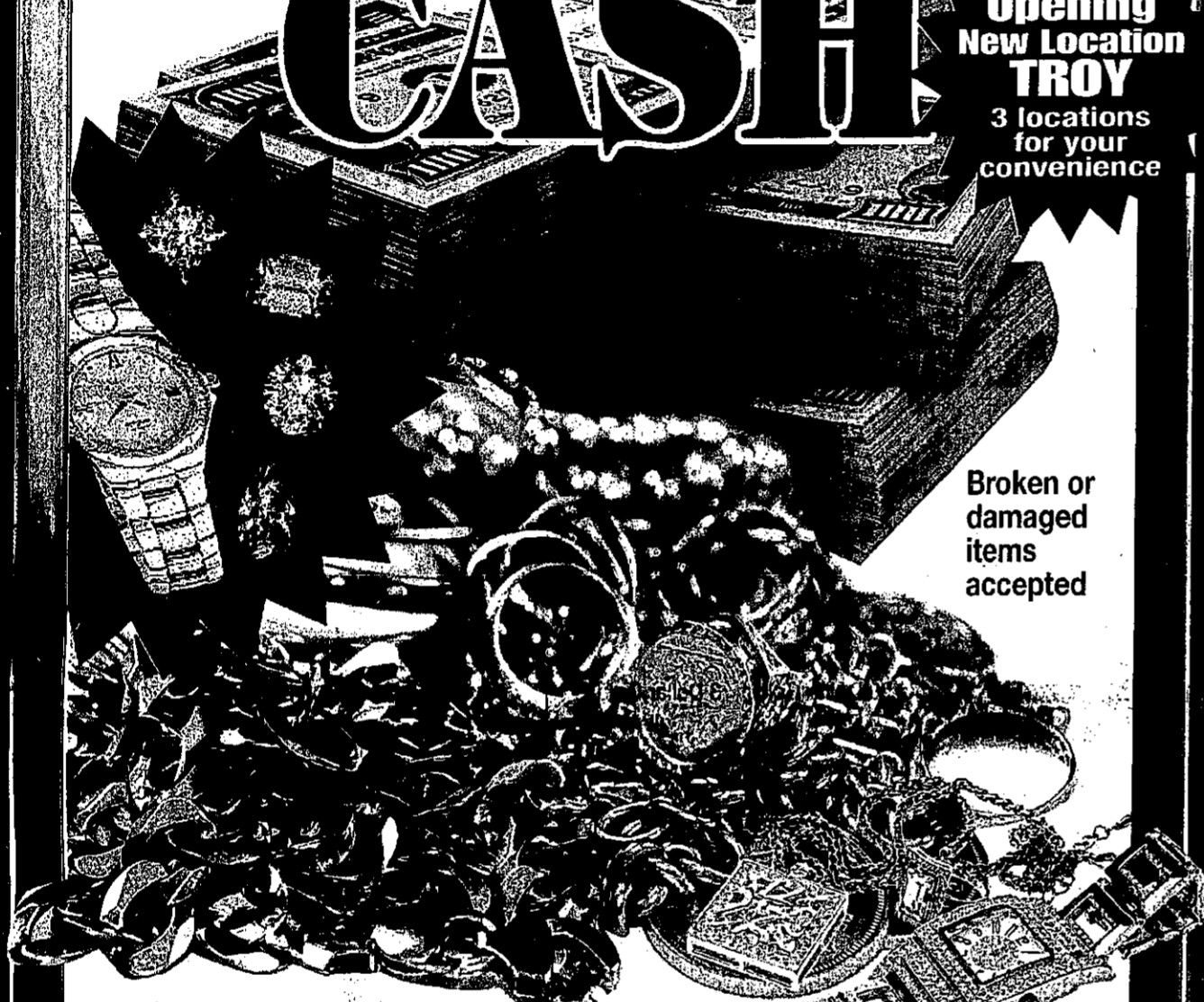
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