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## Life in prison

Pittao sentenced for Novi cold case

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

Part one of a two-part series.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren sentenced Daniel Pittao last Thursday afternoon to mandatory life in prison without parole for the 1997 murder of his estranged wife, Tamara Pittao.

The sentence was delivered 15 years to the day after he married his wife, then Tamara Pindar.

In orange jail garb, Pittao stood in a packed Oakland County courtroom and professed his innocence before his sentencing, saying he looked forward to seeing his freedom once the case was appealed.

"I wasn't there and I did not cause this," he told Judge Warren.

But Tamara's father, Robert Pindar, had strong words for his former son-in-law. Calling Pittao "selfish and cowardly," Pindar said, "You have no soul."

They were in the middle of a divorce, and Pittao had been charged with physically assaulting her. Before he was led away, Warren said, "The defendant shows no accountability or remorse, which is what we expect from cowards."

Pittao, 49, of Highland Township was found guilty of first-degree, premeditated murder Oct. 14.

"We met with the family and still my heart aches for them, but I believe this provides a bit of closure for them," Novi Police Chief David Molloy said

following the Oct. 14 verdict. "We still have other open cases, but in the last couple of decades, it's one of the longest running cases we've had."

### THE HOMICIDE

On Nov. 27, 1997, Tamara Pittao, age 30, was found dead in her Novi apartment by the Novi Police Department. It was Thanksgiving Day and the victim's father, Robert Pindar contacted police when Tamara, and her then, 2-year-old daughter with Daniel, didn't show up at Pindar's Illinois residence for the holiday.

The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the manner of death as homicide, caused by head and neck trauma. It was determined Tamara died three days earlier.

Molloy was a sergeant at the time and recalls working on the case for the first month or so.

"It's cases like this you never forget because there's always a family — the victim's family," he said. "We've cried with them, we've argued with the prosecutors with them. It's a great feeling of relief right now, knowing the efforts have paid off."

### THE CASE

At the time of the murder, Tamara and Daniel were separated and going through

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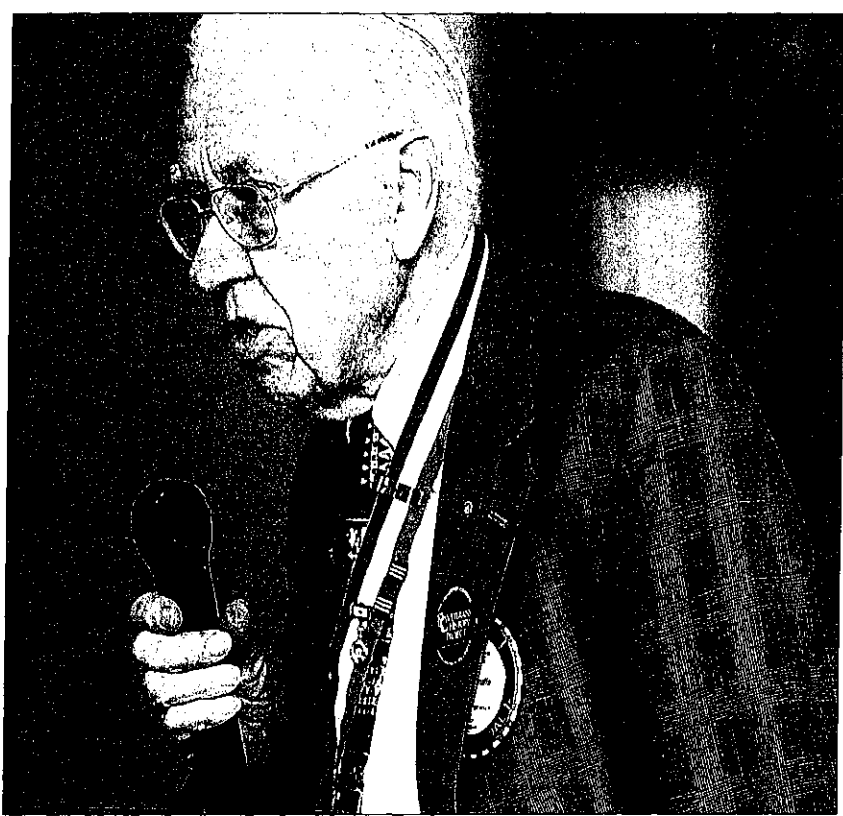


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## Remembering our veterans

World War II veteran Ernie Aruffo talks about his European experiences in a field hospital during the Nov. 6 Novi Rotary Club Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon. Veterans Day was Tuesday, Nov. 11.

## Novi library breaks ground

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's old Township Hall was ready to move to the Fuerst Park property this week, making room for the city's new library.

An official ground-breaking ceremony was scheduled for yesterday to celebrate the start of construction on the new building.

One year after Novi voters approved the \$16 million bond proposal for the new facility, a \$10.135 million construction contract was awarded to the Dailey Company of Lake Orion.

"This is such a great positive thing that's happening for Novi," said Julie Farkas, Novi Public Library director.

Completion of the 57,000-square-foot facility, which includes a 2,000-square-foot outdoor patio, is slated for summer 2010.

"That's a pretty firm time line at this point," Farkas said.

Farkas said the Building Authority has been fairly conservative in trying to stay within the \$16 million budget, but is considering further enhancements because the construction bid came in lower than the estimated \$12.5 mil-



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

With long I-beams already placed under the floors, the Novi Township Hall is prepped on Tuesday afternoon to move about 200 feet to the southwest from its current position near 10 Mile Road. The hall's move will make way for the new Novi Library construction.

lion projected cost.

And although the \$16 million bond does not cover future operational costs of the facility, Farkas said they have additional money in a separate fund she hopes will be utilized for that purpose.

Among the many amenities, the new library will double its collection space and increase user and staff workspace. The two-story facility will also include a 200-seat meeting room; a children's activity

room and teen area; additional computer labs and study rooms; a Friends of the Novi Public Library used book store; and a full-service cafe.

The building is being constructed west of the existing library, located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

Once construction is complete, the current library will be torn down and turned into a parking lot.

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## Ready for some business, Novi?

Next week, The Novi News will debut its new business page titled, Strictly Business.

The business page will highlight Novi business openings and closings along with special milestones including special events, anniversaries, trunk shows, special sales, tastings and samplings.

We will also be highlighting local newsmakers, profiling businesses and letting you know what the Novi Chamber is up to.

But we need your participation to make celebrating our business community a success. If you would like to highlight your business, have an anniversary around the corner or are a newsmaker yourself, please e-mail vemitchell@gannett.com.

And don't forget to include your color photos, too.



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Daniel Pittao is led into the courtroom during his first murder trial earlier this year. He was later found guilty of murdering his wife, and was sentenced last week to life in prison.

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## Documents show brutal Novi slaying happened two weeks before bodies discovered

Federal court records indicate that the mother and two children found slain in their Novi home last month were killed two weeks before police discovered their bodies.

Authorities say Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu on Oct. 13 killed his 37-year-old wife, Jayalaxmi Nerusu, 14-year-old daughter, Tejassvi Nerusu and 12-year-old son, Siva Kumar Nerusu.

An FBI affidavit filed last Wednesday said he believed to be in India after buying a one-way ticket for a flight from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, departing Oct. 14. The bodies were found Oct. 27.

The exact whereabouts of Nerusu, 42, remain unknown, but the Novi Police Department is working with several national and international law enforcement agencies to locate him, reports said. The Novi Police Department received a three-count arrest warrant for Nerusu, who was originally identified as a person of interest in the investigation, from the Oakland County

Prosecutor's Office for murder in the first degree. A charge of murder in the first degree includes premeditation and deliberation. If convicted, Nerusu faces life in prison with no possibility of parole. "We believe it is someone who knew the victims," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy in a press conference Oct. 26, noting there was no sign of forced entry and the home was locked

when officers arrived. Nerusu's brother contacted police the morning of Oct. 27 when he had not heard from the family in several days. Officers went to the home, located in the Westford Townhomes development at 13 Mile and Novi roads, and discovered the bodies in multiple areas throughout the home, Molloy said.

According to police, edged weapons such as knives were

used in the triple homicide and the cause of death was extensive head and neck trauma, determined by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office. Although Molloy said Nerusu has no documented criminal history of domestic violence, police believe he had been unemployed and said the family believed he was recently reemployed.

Neighbors of the family said the Nerusis moved into the

townhouse on Wharton Court three or four months ago, but kept to themselves. According to a source in the United States 18 years ago, Molloy said there is evidence the family lived in Texas and Illinois, prior to coming to Novi. Anyone with information regarding Nerusu's whereabouts is asked to contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100. This is the first homicide in the City of Novi since 2003.

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.



Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu



Jayalaxmi Nerusu



Siva Kumar Nerusu



Tejassvi Nerusu

## PRISON

divorce proceedings. Even though he was the only suspect who was not cleared by police, there were no hairs or fingerprints belonging to Pittao found at the scene of Tamara's death.

"Granted we did not have a lot of direct evidence in this case, but we had mountains of circumstantial evidence that all had back to Dan Pittao," Molloy said in October. "This was a very objective and unbiased investigation by our men and women, and I'm very proud of them."

The investigation revealed Daniel's history of domestic violence with his son from his first marriage, ex-wife and Tamara, as well as a personal

protection order against him. Witnesses said they saw Daniel at the apartment complex the Monday Tamara was reportedly killed, and he could never account for his actions during the estimated time of death. But the defense claimed there was a lack of evidence and said Daniel was a good father.

The case had been open for nearly a decade when Daniel Pittao attempted to collect \$180,000 in his wife's life insurance in May 2006 and made statements that conflicted with prior testimony. Investigators were able to uncover new information,



Daniel Pittao

which facilitated the issuance of an arrest warrant of Daniel Pittao, who has been in the county's custody since January 2007.

**THE TRIALS**

There were close to 40 witnesses who testified in the Pittao case, which went to trial twice, due to a hung jury in February.

Warren ruled a mistrial Feb. 7 after the jury spent two weeks in deliberations, following a five-week trial, only to reach a split vote with seven jurors suggesting Daniel Pittao as guilty and five saying he was innocent.

The second trial commenced Sept. 2 and the jury began deliberations Oct. 9.

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

**Laptop and GPS unit suspected stolen**

A laptop and global positioning system unit were taken from a vehicle between 9 p.m. Nov. 4 and 10 a.m. Nov. 5, reports said.

According to the victim, an Apple MacBook, valued at \$2,000; a Garmin navigation system; and \$60 are missing from the vehicle, which she believes was left unlocked.

The woman said the global positioning system unit and cash were both in the center console and the laptop was in the back seat.

**Radio reported stolen**

Between 9 p.m. Nov. 4 and 7 a.m. Nov. 5 a Denso satellite radio and pair of Sidel

**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

sunglasses were taken from a vehicle while parked in the lot of the Residence Inn on Cabaret Drive, near 12 Mile and Novi roads, reports said.

According to reports, an unknown suspect(s) broke the rear, driver-side window of a tan four-door Chevrolet Suburban and removed the radio and sunglasses.

Police said the suspect(s) never opened the vehicle doors because the alarm didn't activate.

**Radar detector and GPS unit suspected stolen**

The passenger-side window of a black Ford Explorer was broken between 1-11 a.m. Nov. 2, reports said.

The doors of the vehicle, parked on O'Connor Lane, near 13 Mile and Meadowbrook, were locked, reports said.

According to the victim, a

global positioning system unit and radar detector were missing. Police said the victim did not see or hear anything suspicious.

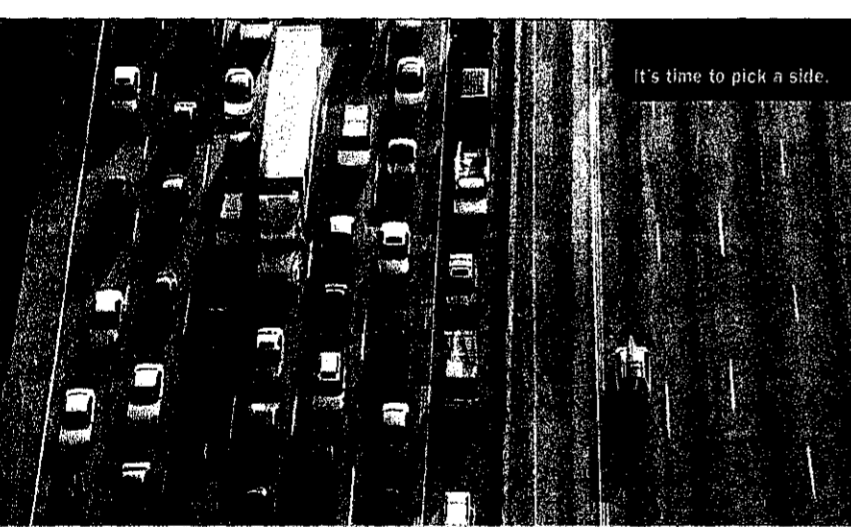
**Vehicle window broken**

The front, passenger-side window of a vehicle was broken between 9:40 p.m. and midnight Nov. 1, while parked in the Engage theater lot at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, reports said.

According to the victim, the doors and windows of the silver Buick Century were secure. Police said the unknown suspect(s) didn't completely enter the vehicle, because the doors were still locked when the officer arrived.

A black leather purse, black iPod nano and \$51 are suspected stolen, reports said.

There are no witnesses or other vehicles damaged in the area.



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P.S. The pear-shaped blue diamond mentioned above is sold as "they will" - check in the most famous color.

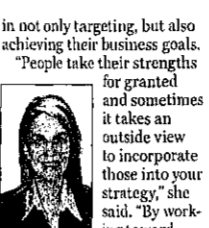
## Novi entrepreneur helps businesses reach their Final Destinations

**BY KELLY MURAO**  
STAFF WRITER

In today's struggling economy, Novi resident and business owner, Bonita Trush believes businesses and individuals need coaching now, more than ever.

"Athletes hire a coach to take them to the next level, and that's what I do for businesses," said Trush, business coach for Final Destinations, LLC. "If a business is at a crossroads, we need to take a look."

Through coaching and consulting, Trush assists clients



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in not only targeting, but also achieving their business goals. "People take their strengths for granted and sometimes it takes an outside view to incorporate those into your strategy," she said. "By working toward your strengths, you're minimizing your weaknesses."

In her eight years of business, Trush said she's coached about 200 clients, ranging from doctors and lawyers, to mortgage brokers and financial advisors.

"I don't just create a need, a need is there," she said. "We work on an as-needed basis."

Trush said her introductory package for new clients is \$490 and includes a consultation, where she gathers all the information on the business; a

written plan with action items about what is pertinent to the client and their business; a feasibility study; and an execution plan via a priority list.

"The bottom line is all the functions of business have to be addressed," she said. "That's why I call it Final Destinations. It's a road map. I give people a path."

**A coach's path**

A graduate of Novi High School, class of 1981, Trush went to The University of Michigan Dearborn and earned a BA in International Studies, with an emphasis in marketing, economics and Spanish.

After years of working in the corporate world, Trush felt compelled to continue her education and earned an MBA in Entrepreneurial Management from Wayne State University.

"I found a lot of people in the corporate world not living out their passion. What I saw was a lot of unfulfilled dreams," she said. "I always had a vision to be an entrepreneur."

**Eight years in Novi**

Although Trush has lived in Novi 41 of her 45 years of life, her business didn't join the community until 2000.

"I have a personal vested

interest to see Novi succeed," said Trush, who is also an active member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "It's about meeting people and building relationships."

In honor of Final Destinations' eight-year anniversary, Trush outlined eight common things businesses fail to do:

1. Plan
2. Prioritize
3. Prepare
4. Release their sales pitch
5. Think outside the box
6. Create work-life balance
7. Follow-up
8. Follow-up

## Dividends may still be worth pursuing even if tax laws change

Tax laws change all the time — and these changes can have a big impact on your investments. But if you have some inkling of these changes in advance, you may be able to make decisions that can help you stay on track toward achieving your financial goals. Such is the case with dividend-paying stocks.

Until a few years ago, dividends were taxed at your personal income tax rate. But changes in tax laws resulted in a 15 percent tax rate on dividends for most people. This rate was set to expire in 2008, but it has been extended until the end of 2010. At that point, dividends will again be taxed at your individual tax rate, which currently could be as

high as 35 percent.

Of course, things can change. As an alternative to taxing dividends at an individual's income tax rate, lawmakers could decide to impose a higher fixed rate than the current 15 percent. At this point — no one can predict these things.

Nonetheless, as you prepare your investment strategy, you may want to factor in the possibility that, in the near future, dividends will be taxed at a higher rate than they are now. If this happens, should you still consider adding dividend-paying stocks to your portfolio?

To answer that question, you'll want to assess the benefits that dividend-paying stocks may offer, regardless of how they are taxed. Here are a few of them:

- Potential for rising income — Some stocks have paid — and increased — dividends for many years. So, if you're looking for a possible source of rising income that can help you combat the effects of inflation, you might want to consider these types of stocks. (Keep in mind, though, that companies may decrease or discontinue dividends at any time without notice.)
- Stability during market turmoil — As you are no doubt aware, the stock market has gone through some difficult times for much of 2008. Generally speaking, though,

dividend-paying stocks are less volatile than those stocks that don't pay dividends. Furthermore, historically in down markets, dividend-paying stocks tend to outperform non-dividend-paying stocks, although past performance is not an indication of future results.

- Ownership of quality companies — Dividend-paying stocks usually represent well-run businesses that seek to reward their investors. In fact,

these are the companies that actually have money to pay the dividends. And despite the many "fads" you can find in the investment world, investing in quality companies never goes out of style.

- Ability to increase ownership shares — If you consistently reinvest your dividends, you'll boost the number of shares you own. This can be particularly beneficial when the market recovers and stock prices rise.

If you invest in dividend-paying stocks, it would be advantageous if the tax laws were to stay at its current 15 percent level. But even if the tax rate were to rise, you'd get plenty of good reasons to consider adding these types of stocks to your portfolio — so give them some serious consideration.

This article was provided by Mark Whitfield, financial advisor, 43290 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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# Fabric artist joins local shop

## She designs, creates knitted, crocheted items

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

While some artists express themselves through oil, acrylics, metal or clay, Tina Sherfield does so through yarn. The Plymouth Township resident is an award-winning creator of custom knitted and crocheted items. She recently began offering her product at Northville Gifts & Yarn at 124 N. Center St.

She not only has her unique fabric art for sale in the downtown Northville shop, but also wants to start offering knitting and crocheting classes at the shop. She's been teaching for more than 10 years.



PHOTO BY JOE HEDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Tina Sherfield displays one of the many sweaters she's created that are for sale at Northville Gifts and Yarn at Center St. Sherfield creates sweaters, purses and other fiber arts for her Silver Lining Knitlings business. The model she's holding took her about 80 hours to create and costs \$200.

### SCHOOLCRAFT CRAFT SHOW

Custom knitter and crocheter Tina Sherfield, whose business is called Silver Lining, will have a booth this weekend at Schoolcraft College's Fall Craft Show.

**HOURS:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

**LOCATION:** The school's Physical Education Building off of the east side of Haggerty Road just south of Seven Mile Road near the south parking lot.

**BENEFICIARY:** Proceeds from the event will fund scholarships.

**ADMISSION:** \$2 per person.

For more information about Sherfield's work or classes, call Northville Gifts & Yarn at (248) 380-7059.

in earnest in 1986." In 1993, she won First Place/ Best of Show in the Knitters Guild International Show in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Linderoth contacted Sherfield because Sherfield's sister, Julie Giordano, of Farmington Hills, is friends with her best friend, Barbara Davies, who works at the local UPS Store.

"We're going to be stocking some high-end yarn as well," Sherfield said.

She even designed a special hat for the local Red Hat Ladies. "It's really hard to find red hats," Sherfield said. Some of her designs come from magazines and books. "I've got a huge box of Vogue knitting magazines," she said. "That's my main inspiration." Designers who have influenced her include Kate Bassett and Donna Karen. She will make items on commission, and some of her handbags would be perfect for a Victorian Festival outfit.

Her late mother, Terry Giordano, was a seamstress and crocheted, and her sister, Julie, is an artist who used to have a gallery in Northville.

"It's in the genes," Sherfield said. "Knitting gives me a personal high."

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"Most of the pieces I have here are designs I have come up with on my own," she said. "I knit them just to see if I can."

Beverly Linderoth, owner of the shop, called Sherfield at the drop of a hat after the designer who had items in her shop decided to pull her product. Sherfield brought over her inventory right away.

**MORE THAN SWEATERS, VESTS**  
Her creations include more than just the traditional knitted sweaters and vests. She creates hats, scarves and even handbags.

One of her most creative pieces is a yarn headband that can also be worn as a bracelet.

"We're going to hang charms from some of them, so they can also be worn as a necklace," Sherfield said.

"All of the handbags are my own designs, and they're made out of upholstery samples," she said. "It's recycle/reuse. A lot of

my items are made from yarn that people have just given me. People will say, 'Here, you can have this. Just make something out of it.' That's how it all got started."

Sherfield is mostly self-taught, although she learned the basics of knitting when she was 6 years old. "I started crocheting between the ages of 8 and 15, and I started knitting

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**CHURCH EVENTS**

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
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CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres-northville.org

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
**Worship in the Park**  
TIME: 10:11 a.m. Every Saturday  
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 14 Mile Roads)  
DETAILS: Group meets for lunch after worship.  
CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

**Single People Ministries**  
TIME: 7:30 p.m. social time, 7:45 p.m. opening 8:30 p.m. program, every Wednesday through May.

**St. John Lutheran**  
LOCATION: 2325 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com

**Sunday School**  
TIME: 9:15 a.m.  
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**St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
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**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
**Worship Service and Holy Communion**  
TIME: 9:45 a.m. First Sunday of every month  
**Prayer Breakfast**  
TIME: Noon, 1st Sunday of every month  
**Liturgy in front of the church**  
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

**Novi Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
LOCATION: 4000 Six Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Traditional, 9:30 a.m. Contemporary  
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**St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit firstpres-northville.org

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with praise band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study; through Nov. 18, 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study  
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7th Team 42336. On Nov. 14, 2008... TIME: 10:30 a.m. Saturday... LOCATION: Novi Public Library... DETAILS: Come and see the Novi Lepopols present how changes in the climate can affect us today...

Includes for Social Policy and Understanding... TIME: 7 p.m. Saturday... LOCATION: Novi Sheraton... DETAILS: Novi Sheraton... DETAILS: Novi Sheraton... DETAILS: Novi Sheraton...

Life Story Writing Workshop... TIME: Monday, Nov. 17, and Dec. 4 and 15... LOCATION: Novi Public Library... DETAILS: Write your life story...

Democrats of West Oakland County... TIME: 7 p.m. Tuesday... LOCATION: Maplewood and Golf... DETAILS: Dinner and meeting...

St. Mary's Hospital... TIME: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21... LOCATION: St. Mary's Hospital... DETAILS: Dinner and meeting...

10th Street... TIME: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21... LOCATION: 10th Street... DETAILS: Community event...

Conch Concert... TIME: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22... LOCATION: Novi Public Library... DETAILS: Live music performance...

"Deface the Nation" at Second City... TIME: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday... LOCATION: Second City... DETAILS: Political comedy show...



Fall Beauty

Some maple leaves in the forest of Novi's Lakeshore Park.

TIME: 7 p.m. Wednesday... LOCATION: Novi Lakeshore Park... DETAILS: Nature walk and photography...

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The Second City presents 'Deface the Nation'

The Second City presents 'Deface the Nation,' its newest and most hilarious production now through Nov. 23. 'Deface the Nation,' is Second City's all-political revue with customized comedy for the election year...



The cast of The Second City's newest production 'Deface the Nation' performs in Novi through Nov. 23.

Your invitation to Worship

A large directory of churches and religious organizations in the Novi area, including Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church, and many others. Each listing includes the church name, address, phone number, and service times.

Advertisement for Flagstar bank, featuring the slogan 'LOVES A SURE THING' and a 13-month CD with a 4.25% APY. The ad also mentions FDIC-insured up to \$250,000 and consistently ranked top in customer satisfaction surveys.

Advertisement for The Moose Grille, located inside the Moose Ridge Golf Course. It features a live jazz trio on Nov. 20th, with a menu including turkey, steak, and fish. The address is 11801 Doone Road, South Lyon, and the phone number is 248.446.9030.

# Novi Schools and City finalize land deal for anticipated Signature Park

## 2009 bond proposal will follow

The Novi Community School District Board of Education unanimously approved last Thursday a land transfer with the City of Novi and development rights for the anticipated creation of a Signature Park.

The Novi City Council approved the agreement on Oct. 20.

The City first approached the School Board at its July 10 meeting about trading the City-owned

52.2-acre Wildlife Woods Park, which surrounds Novi Middle School and Deerfield Elementary School, at the northeast corner of 11 Mile and Wisom Roads, for the district-owned 73.9-acre Bosco Property southwest of 11 Mile and Beck Roads.

The Bosco property was purchased by the school district with money from a 2001 voter approved bond.

Discussions also included the transfer of school-leased property and additional City-owned property south of Novi High School by the City to the Schools and the possible "squaring off" of the Forest property where the City is developing the Forest Park at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads.

The agreement includes the Novi Community Schools retaining 10 acres of the district-owned Bosco Property for a possible future general school building.

With the transfer of property and

development rights, the City of Novi intends to create a Signature Park. The Signature Park would consist of a community recreation center that would include teen activities, an older adult center, theatre, gymnasiums and various community programs; a festival area; a variety of outdoor amenities; art in the park; nature trails; and youth ball fields.

In addition to the land transfer with the schools, the City has an optional purchase agreement for 20 acres of property to the northwest

of the district's Bosco property. The combination of these properties would allow for the creation of a more than 83-acre Signature Park and would fulfill all current and future park land needs for Novi.

Novi Community School District Superintendent Peter Dion and Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said the deal is historic, as evidenced by how well the city and district worked together to provide residents with a recreation amenity without the expense of purchasing land.

# Orchard Hills journal program makes waves

The word is out and The Orchard Hills summer journal program, titled "W.A.V.E.S. (Writing about a Very Exciting Summer)", is deemed a success.

The program, sponsored by the Orchard Hills PTO, Busch's and Dairy Queen, was designed to give every student the opportunity to participate.

The young writers were free to write about any topic they desired, but were also given a list of subjects in case they needed some help. Some of the topics included: a day with a friend, my family, how to keep teachers happy and how my name was decided upon.

The group's focus this year was on quality of quantity. "The students were given goals per submission and they were rewarded for their efforts from the PTO with a gift of a Bare Book, which is a blank book that they can journal or write a story in.

A pizza party was awarded to Mr. Levin's class for the most participation. Dairy Queen provided coupons for a Blizzard to Mrs. Neal's second place writers. Busch's donated chocolate chunk cookies to our third place classes of Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. MacArthur.

The kids were most excited about having their picture in the paper. All the writers worked very hard with the help of their families.

From a parent's perspective, the summer journal program was a great way for

students to continue their quest in writing and spelling, and was challenging to keep the students writing through a busy summer.

But the students said they loved the experience. "I liked writing a summer journal because it was fun, and I got to spend time with my mom," said Seth Bryant, Orchard Hills first-grade student. "My favorite thing to write about was my grandma and grandpa's house because we have a lot of fun there."

Third-grade student Nathan Graf said his favorite part of completing a summer journal is reading it over again to enjoy it.

"I will do a summer journal again because I want to remember my vacations," he said.

First-grade teacher Mrs. Grabowski said many of the first and second graders proudly returned to school in the fall with their summer journals in hand.

She said they took great pride in recording a multitude of adventures and now have a keepsake of those carefree vacation days.

Many involved believe the children feel the pride of accomplishment and are proud to announce that they are authors.

A kick-off event was held June 9 to encourage students to participate.

Mary Cooper the kindergarten-sixth-grade writing specialist was on hand to talk about journaling and



Orchard Hills second- and fourth-grade students gather in the school's gymnasium for recognition of their participation in the school's summer writing program.



Orchard Hills first- and third-grade students gather in the school's gymnasium for recognition of their participation in the school's summer writing program.

lead the kids in some writing songs. Busch's provided a freeze pop for the entire school as

part of the promotion. It was a hot day with limited air conditioning so the kids were thrilled.

### CLASS NOTES

#### Construction completion open house

The Novi Community School District will host multiple open houses 5-8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 9 at Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks to view the completed renovations and construction projects. The schools now have designated music and art rooms and gymnasiums. Renovations in other areas of the buildings are also complete. Tours will be provided.

#### Novi High School Athletics Web site

The Novi Athletic Boosters' new Web site is [www.noviathleticboosters.com](http://www.noviathleticboosters.com). The site is the source for upcoming Novi Athletic Boosters events, fund-raising events and Wildcat game schedules. The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildcat student athletes at Novi high and middle schools. Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, training and so more students can participate at a higher level.

#### On-site college admissions

The following schools have agreed to send an admission counselor to Novi High School this fall. Representatives will sit down with students to review applications, transcripts and test scores to provide an immediate admissions decision.

To sign up for on-site admissions, see Michael Zelinski in the Student Services Center.

Students must sign up at least one week prior to scheduled on-site meetings. On-site admission appointments are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

Once an appointment is scheduled, students are responsible for turning in their completed paper application and fee (if applicable) to their counselor a minimum of three school days prior to their appointment time. Additional applications should not be submitted to the university.

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#### LACDC presents 'Giving voice to the disabled with dignity'

The Lakes Area Community Diversity Council presents "Giving voice to the disabled with dignity" 7-9 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Walled Lake Consolidated School's Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Road, Building D. The program will feature Oakland Press columnist Jerry Wolfe as he discusses the challenges he has overcome in his life: legal issues, health issues, political, social and real issues of living with disabilities. There will also be a panel discussion facilitated by Wolfe, with panelists: Paul Laundry, director of employment programs for the United Central Valley Association; Dr. Sheryl Brown, director of special services for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools; and Walled Lake Schools' parents, Ann Grathoff and Laura Conley. For more information, call Cathy Ferguson at (248) 956-2093 or [cathyferguson@wled.org](mailto:cathyferguson@wled.org).



### Nifty Fifties!

With her poodle skirt and a '50s flair, Pasadena Harris enjoys some Hula Hooping at Novi's Parkview Elementary on Monday. Parkview kindergartners were celebrating their 50th day of school by indulging in some 1950s nostalgia, like singing with an Elvis impersonator and playing with a Slinky.



### The King

Matt Omby, Parkview Elementary School's music teacher, dresses up as Elvis and strums a few lones on his guitar during the school's kindergarten celebration of their 50th day of class.



### Captured by the Classics

Novi Meadows students listen to the Cypress String Quartet play music at their school on a recent Friday afternoon.



### Classical Learning

Ethan Filner, of the Cypress String Quartet, plays viola for a Novi Meadows assembly on a recent Friday morning. The San Francisco Quartet play music for the students and explained how the instruments and quartet work together.

### NOVI ON CAMPUS

**Kettering University**  
Tyler Boggs of Novi graduated from Kettering University in June with a bachelor of chemistry degree.

**Michigan State University**  
Tracy Casanova, a 2003 graduate of Novi High School and 2007 graduate of Michigan State University, received her master of philosophy degree in social and developmental psychology from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

**Boston University**  
Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,576 students in September 2008. Among the graduates was Julie A. Kojko, who received a master of science in computer information systems.

**Central Michigan University**  
Novi residents Teresa Azevedo and Joshua McKernan graduated from Central Michigan University in the summer of 2008. Both students received bachelor of applied arts degrees.

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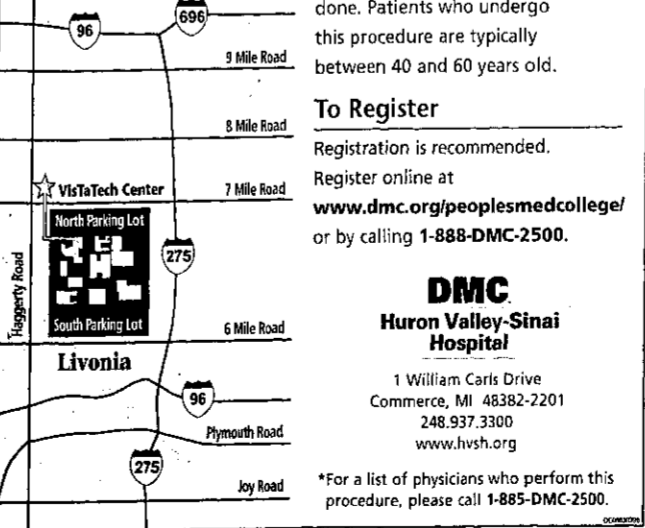
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# OPINION

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OUR VIEWS

## Moving day quickly approaches

No moves are fun moves. There is the organizing, packing and, of course, the moving. But what is great about moves is the excitement of what a new home will bring. And the Novi News is preparing to revel in the excitement Wednesday, as we make the move to the South Lyon Herald-Millford Times office in downtown South Lyon. After spending decades in downtown Northville, The Novi News and The Northville Record will have a new home. Our phone number will remain the same, (248) 349-1700. Or, if you would like to call the South Lyon office direct, (248) 437-2011. And finding us will be very easy. If you travel 8.4 miles west from the Novi Civic Center straight down 10 Mile Road, you'll be at our doorstep. Mailings may be sent to 101 N. Lafayette Street, South Lyon, MI 48178, and the fax number is (248) 437-2386. Our Web site, which is updated daily, will remain [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). We are all thrilled to join our other Hometown Weeklies to combine resources, talents and wisdom in this economic downturn together.

## An uneducated electorate is a dangerous thing indeed

The Oakland County Republican Party narrowly escaped a total disaster in the elections, coming within a handful of votes of completely losing control of county government. But the GOP faithful should not be the only ones breathing a sigh of relief: The Obama tidal wave fell short of sweeping more Republicans out of office for no good reason other than, well, they are Republicans. Anyone who calls Oakland County government home should be glad a "call for change" did not come at the expense of good governance. Now, let me explain. I have no problem when one qualified individual beats out another, such as Gary Peters defeating veteran Congressman Joe Knollenberg; Jessica Cooper knocking off David Law in the county prosecutor's race; and Andy Messner retiring Pat Dohany in the treasurer's race. No, where I have a problem is when office-holders lose their jobs to clearly less-qualified challengers who clearly would struggle in performing the duties of the office to the detriment of the very people who voted for them. And that is what almost happened when Tuesday night's "perfect storm" (coined by defeated longtime Congressman Joe Knollenberg) nearly swept county Drain Commissioner John McCulloch and Clerk Ruth Johnson out of office. Johnson and McCulloch are both elected officials and full-time department heads responsible for multimillion dollar budgets and hundreds of employees. Both are very good at their jobs and have earned the praises of both Republicans and Democrats alike. Yet, both incumbents came within a relative handful of votes of being beaten by individuals who while I am sure are fine people, really had no business (or qualifications) even running for the positions they were seeking. I spoke with McCulloch Friday to get his take on coming within 2,000 votes (out of more than 570,000 cast) of losing his job to a 21-year-old political neophyte who had no practical, professional or educational experience to run the drain commission office with its 260-some employees and \$200 million annual budget. McCulloch ticked off lots of the predictable things such as a lack of visibility for the office, the Obama factor, a growing frustration with government in general, and a big swing in straight-party votes. But he also pointed out a belief that with the recent voter turnout, lots of first-time voters cast their ballots without a firm grasp of what a drain commissioner does, or how the incumbent has performed the duties of the office. In short, lots of folks hadn't a clue what, or who, they were voting for. I asked McCulloch what he thought would have happened to the newly renamed Water Resources office if he had lost Tuesday. After thinking about it for a moment, he offered: "Well, I guess I would hope he appointed a chief deputy who knew how to run the office." Voting may be every adult's right, but it also comes with a responsibility. If you are going to vote, at least have a clue who you are voting for, and in the case of McCulloch and Johnson, who you are voting against. Or you might not like the results.

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## Veterans Day

Korean War veteran Ronnie "Joe" Fladder talks to Novi Rotary Club members during a Nov. 6 meeting where veterans were honored.

LETTERS

### Recycle plastic bags

We are writing to bring to your attention the very important topic of recycling and reusing plastic bags. Americans consume approximately 100 billion bags per year. These bags sell cheap at supermarkets for 1 cent, but cost taxpayers 18 cents in terms of environmental clean up and processing costs. One less grocery bag per person, per year would reduce waste by 109 tons and save \$11,000 in disposal costs. Plastic bags take about 1,000 years to decompose in a landfill. Less than 1 percent of 100 billion plastic bags tossed out get recycled. When one ton of plastic bags are reused or recycled the energy equivalent to 11 barrels is saved. Countries all over the world are starting to ban the use of plastic bags including China. California has also banned the use of plastic bags. As the most industrialized country in the world we should set the example to all the other countries to recycle plastic bags. Help the earth by stopping global warming. We urge all grocery stores in Novi to put out a recycling bin near the exit so people could put their plastic bags in it to get recycled. Another way to reduce the amount of plastic bags is for stores to carry reusable bags that people can bring to the store for shopping or charge them so the consumption of the bags will go down. California has done it, so Michigan should take the same approach and put this into action.

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Novi Middle School and Meadows students

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### To everyone in the 38th District

As your next representative to Michigan's House of Representatives from the 38th District, it is with great pride and honor that I look forward to fulfilling my role as your voice in Lansing. I have already been in meetings with those newly elected as well as returning legislators to begin the task of getting Michigan back to work once again. To those who voted in this election, I thank you for your participation and for making your choice known. To those who worked so tirelessly on my campaign, some from as long ago as a year and a half, I cannot thank you all enough for your efforts. Your dedication and sense of purpose are deeply appreciated by me and my family as I embark on this new stage in my career in public service. It is my intention to meet regularly in this district, both formally at local government meetings and informally at homes and businesses, not only to keep in touch with those who need to voice their collective opinions concerning a state about which they care so passionately, but also to keep my constituents

informed as to what is happening in the legislature. Again, to all my constituents, workers, supporters, donors and friends, I thank you so very much and promise to work as hard as I possibly can to serve you as your next Representative.

Hugh D. Crawford  
Novi

### Thanks for voting

I am sure that everyone is as happy, as my family and I, that the election is over. No more sleeping judge television ads, snafud mail boxes or telephone robo-calls. I personally apologize for the littered roadways filled with campaign signs. I want to take a moment to thank those who took the time to vote. I especially want to thank those who had the confidence in me and supported me in this last election. I will keep my campaign promise and remind Pontiac that there are residents in southwest Oakland County in need of county services and county benefits. Whether you voted for me or not, feel free to contact me with any concerns, comments or questions.

Kim T. Capello  
Novi

### Congratulations to voters

On election day, my beautiful wife and I, alongside with my wife's 11-year-old daughter Emily, spent the entire day in front of Holy Family Church advocating for Kim Capello in his quest to become the next Oakland County Commissioner. The voters from precinct #6 and #7 who vote at that location did indeed choose Capello, as did the majority of other voters in the other Novi precincts. Thus, Kim Capello will soon leave the local political scene where he served so faithfully and professionally for the past 16 years and assume a position in our County seat in Pontiac. There, he will be faced with a growing budget "task" that may require deep cuts to fill an approximate \$20 million dollar hole. I'm positive that Mr. Capello's experience and knowledge will be extremely beneficial to all of us as the County Commissioners grapple with that difficult burden. Alongside my wife and I at Holy Family Church was Kathy Crawford. She was there to advocate for her husband, Hugh Crawford in his attempt to become our new State Representative. And, I'm happy to say the voters decided to send Hugh to Lansing in January to represent us. Hugh's many years of service to our beloved City of Novi and his most recent years as our County Board of Commissioners Representative has prepared him well to deal with the many difficult problems that face our State in general and our City in particular. The voters in Novi showed their pro-

ess and professionalism as they split their tickets to choose the best candidates regardless of their political party. And I congratulate Mr. Capello and Mr. Crawford for their well deserved, hard fought victories. I'm positive that every one of us will be better off because of these two men and their new duties in Pontiac and Lansing. However, the real congratulations should go to the voters. You (we) came out in big numbers, well informed, well prepared, and exercised our right to vote. A right that many people died for in order to make it so. A right that some people take for granted. Congratulations to each of us. Whether "your candidate" was successful or not is not the issue. What is important is that the system worked... and worked well. We had honest, open and free elections. The people spoke. And a government OF the people, BY the people and FOR the people continued to flourish.

Bob Gatt  
Novi City Councilman

### Election thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who supported my campaign for state representative and to thank all those who voted for me. The campaign was an exciting experience and well worth the effort. I was able to meet and talk with people from many different backgrounds about their concerns. I am very proud that I was able to play a part in our electoral process, especially in such a historical election. Now it is time to put aside our differences and work together for the good of this state and this country. However, we must all stand vigilant and see that those elected do just that and drop the party rhetoric. We can no longer wait for the next election for change. If needed, we should remind our elected officials they were elected to serve the people.

Chuck Tindall  
Novi

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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# DOWNED POWER LINES: Novi man trapped in vehicle

## '99 Escort, his hair burned in freak accident

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday started out to be just an average day for Christian Orlando. But then his 1999 Ford Escort and his hair caught on fire.

Orlando, a 22-year-old Eastern Michigan University student from Novi, was in one of the vehicles hit by downed power lines on Beck Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads in Northville Township about 3 p.m. last Thursday.

The accident occurred when a garbage truck struck a power line that crossed the roadway. The line caught on the truck, causing an additional six power line poles to fall in traffic lanes. Two additional power lines were leaning halfway in the road. These lines then fell on four occupied vehicles on Beck Road.

Orlando, who was not seriously injured, was on his way home from school when the emergency situation took place.

He said police and fire personnel were on the scene immediately to keep people from exiting their vehicles until the live wires could be removed. Emergency personnel said it was a miracle no one was hurt.

Orlando, who is studying international business and language with a focus on Japanese and enjoys hanging out with friends, astronomy and surfing the Internet, was alone in his car when the series of events started.

"I noticed a dump truck from a waste management company across the street. I watched him as he went across the street, and all of a sudden from the right I heard a splintering crack. I looked, and the electrical pole was splintering at its base maybe a few car lengths ahead of me. So, I slammed on my brakes to avoid getting crushed and actually watched it (the poles) domino in front and in back. I believe there were four cars that were trapped."

The Northville Township Department of Public Safety reported that nine vehicles were involved in the incident.

For about 30 seconds, Orlando didn't think much about it.

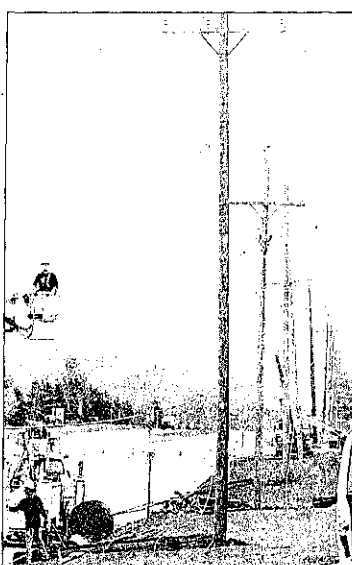
"I was just waiting for DTE to come out to turn off the power and release us," he said.

But, Orlando said according to DTE workers, once power is shut off, it goes back on after 30 seconds to test the circuit.

"When that happened, it lit up my car, burned several holes in the roof and the sides and actually managed to puncture through the top of the car, lighting the roof on fire and starting several fires inside the car," Orlando said.

"Things got a little interesting," he said. "Everyone is saying it's like something out of a movie."

He started slipping out the fires that had ignited some of his school materials. The electricity also set



DTE crews work on righting or replacing a number of utility poles on Friday morning that were toppled along Beck Road south of Six Mile in a Thursday afternoon accident.

fire to the passenger seat.

After that, I smelled burning hair and received a slight burn on my forehead from the extreme heat coming through the roof," he said.

He had to stay in his car for about 30 minutes until DTE Energy personnel gave him the go-ahead to exit his vehicle. After driving home, he later went to Providence Park Hospital in Novi, where he was examined and released.

Of the nine vehicles, six were damaged by the downed lines. Orlando's Escort reeks because of the smoke and its electrical functions are shot, but it's still drivable.

"His natural air-conditioning (holes in the roof of the car) is not so fun," Orlando said. "It's spending most of its days in the garage now."

Fortunately, his hair required only a slight trim. Beck Road was closed until about 5 p.m. last Friday.

"This will be an expensive but interesting story to tell my grandchildren some day," Orlando said.

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When power lines from an auto accident on Thursday afternoon on Beck Road fell on the Ford Escort of Christian Orlando, the car suffered multiple holes in its roof and caught part of the car on fire, burning inside the vehicle and Orlando's hair and jacket.

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Gigi Geraghty, an Assarian Cancer Center employee, enjoys a few moments of yoga in the center's reflection space.



A group enjoys a few moments of yoga at the Assarian Cancer Center's reflection center on a recent Wednesday morning. From left: yoga teacher Shelby Shindler, Nirmala Oniang', Meena Puri and Gigi Geraghty.



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### Holistic Healing

Meena Puri performs a yoga pose at Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center in Novi on a recent morning.



Yoga teacher Shelby Shindler, right, leads her students through a lunchtime session at Novi's Assarian Cancer Center.

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### MILITARY NEWS

**U.S. Navy**

On Oct. 9, FCSN Reid DesErmia graduated from the Navy's Aegis Training & Readiness Center in Dahlgren, Va. He was assigned to the destroyer, U.S.S. Farragut in Mayport, Fla. where his training provided him with the skills to operate, employ and maintain the AEGIS Combat Radar System. DesErmia is a 2006 Novi High School graduate.

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael J. Shrum, son of Cheryl A. Shrum of Novi and Michael W. Shrum of Scottsdale, Ariz., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Shrum completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. Shrum is a 2008 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.



**Vigna-Muldoon**

Dave and Kitty Vigna of Waterford announce the engagement of their daughter Christine Vigna to James R. Muldoon, son of Penni Muldoon of Northville and grandson of Fred and Marilyn Ciampa of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and earned a bachelor's degree in art from Michigan State University in supply chain management. She is employed as an inventory planner at the True Value headquarters in Chicago.

The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and earned a degree in kinesiology from the University of Michigan. He is currently a student at Life University School of Chiropractic.

A June 27 wedding is planned at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

### ENGAGEMENTS



**Pawlak-Crawford**

Jeff and Libby Pawlak of Novi are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Michael Crawford, to Maureen Pawlak, daughter of Ron and Patty Pawlak, formerly of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and attended Michigan State University from 2004-08, majoring in kinesiology and minoring in sociology. She will finish her teacher certification in the spring of 2009 and then look for a teaching position.

The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and 2006 graduate of the University of Michigan. He has been working on his master's degree at Michigan State University and will finish in the spring of 2009. He will then pursue a Ph.D. in educational psychology.

A May 2009 wedding is planned.

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**27th Annual Christmas Walk - November 22, 12:00 - 4:00pm**  
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# The Salvation Army launches \$8.5 million Red Kettle campaign

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit will launch its annual Red Kettle Campaign throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties next Friday in an effort to raise \$8.5 million to sustain its annual services.

Through Dec. 24, bell ringers will collect donations at more than 300 red kettles located at retailers and businesses such as WalMart, Macy's, Sam's Club, Kroger, J.C. Penney's, Walgreens and Michaels, among others. Contributions also can be made by calling (877) SAL-MICH or given online at [www.sal.mich.org](http://www.sal.mich.org) until Jan. 31.

A special ceremony featuring the lighting of the World's Tallest Red Kettle, which is about 56-feet tall, 24-feet wide and lit by 25,000 lights, will also take place at 6:20 p.m. on Nov. 21 at Campus Martius Park in Detroit, just before the official lighting of the City of Detroit's Holiday Tree. Magic 105.1 WMGC-FM's Cyndy Canty from the Magic Morning Show will emcee the event.

"We continually see increased demand for our services and the annual Red Kettle Campaign is a major reason why we are able to provide assistance to those in need," said Major Norman Marshall, divisional commander of The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit. "It is our mission to do the most good with the community's contributions by offering hope with rehabilitation, providing food for the hungry, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children."

A tradition since 1891, the theme of this year's Red Kettle campaign is "Doing the Most Good" - by which we hope to raise awareness of the many different services and programs The Salvation Army uses to transform lives and encourage everyone to do their part to help their community.

New to the 2008 Campaign is The Salvation Army's Online Red Kettle, which allows people to make donations through the organization's secure Web site. Individuals, businesses or groups

interested in helping raise money for those in need can register to host their own Online Red Kettle by visiting [www.OnlineRedKettle.org](http://www.OnlineRedKettle.org).

The Salvation Army is also searching for bell ringers for the 300 red kettle locations throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Bell ringing opportunities are posted at [www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org). Anyone can log on, pick a preferred location and a two-hour shift that is convenient for them. Volunteers can sign up for one or more two-hour shifts and will receive a confirmation e-mail just prior to the selected date.

Once again this year, The Salvation Army will partner with The Detroit Red Wings to increase awareness throughout the community and encourage donations to sustain vital services to the less fortunate in the area. Ken Holland, executive vice president and general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, will serve as Honorary Chair of the Campaign for the third year in a row.



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## High Honors

The pictured students of Novi High School have been named National Merit semi-finalists. Back row, from left: Goutham Kondapi, Subramonian Mahadevan, Sudharshan Mohanram, Dexter Zhuang and Jacob Carless. Front row: Navina Kapur, Naryya Talluri, Sriakashmi Kadiyala and Elizabeth Andrews.

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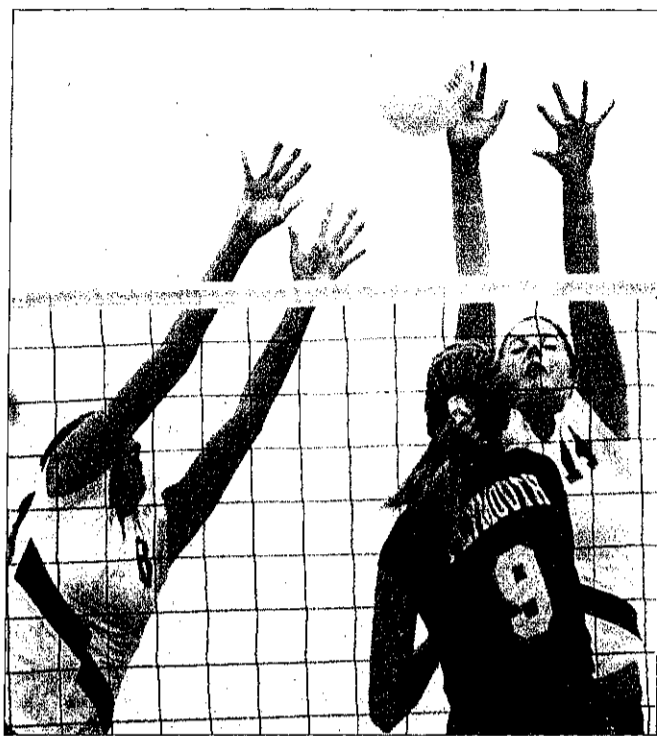
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The Novi volleyball team is all smiles after winning the district title Friday at home.



Sarah Robb, left, and Ally Hoomaian go up for a block.



Novi's Laura Subject played a large part in Novi's run to the district title.

## Wildcat V-Ball wins district title

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi passed its first major hurdle in an attempt to get back to the state volleyball tournament.

The Wildcats blasted by Plymouth 25-15, 25-14, 25-16 Friday at home to claim the district title.

"It's a sweet reward for a season with very high expectations," Novi head coach Julie Fisette said. "I think Plymouth has a lot of talent."

"I didn't want to look past that game. You tend to fall or stumble if you do that."

Sarah Robb continued to lead the team in kills with 14 and six blocks (five solo).

Ally Hoomaian provided a lift with nine kills.

"Ally Hoomaian probably had her best match," Fisette said. "She had nine kills and really helped in the outside position."

Fisette said her team has really come around toward the end of the season.

"We just played a solid game," she said. "We played very good defense and our errors were low."

### NOVI 3, CANTON 1

Novi started districts with a 25-12, 24-26, 25-19, 26-24 win against Canton on Nov. 4.

Highlights included Sarah Robb with 22 kills, Kim Hildreth with 41 assists and Laura Subject with 36 digs.

### NOVI 3, SALEM 2

The district semifinals fea-

tured a pair of teams that had both beaten each other during the season.

Salem blasted Novi 25-10 in the opening game behind the tall sophomore Nicole Merget's domination at the net. She was raining shots down and controlling the net with several blocks.

"She was big and intimidating," Fisette said. "We were like, 'Just play your game.'"

"I sat there and I'm like, all right, let them get their jitters out, and it was."

Novi responded with a 25-21

win to event the match.

The Wildcats could've gone up 2-1, leading 24-20, but the Rocks managed to fight back and eventually won the game 30-28.

Again, the Wildcats responded with a win, 25-23, to pull even.

The fifth and final game wasn't even close. Novi went ahead 5-1 and 10-5 before winning 15-11 when Robb blocked a shot for the final point.

"It was so exciting," Robb said. "I'm just speechless right now."

Leaders included Robb and Hildreth with 14 kills, Julia Thomas with 11 blocks and Subject with 25 kills. Hoomaian pitched in 10 kills and three blocks.

"And that was just the second game of districts," Fisette joked. "Last time we played them here, we went to five games and lost 15-13."

"Going into this fifth game tonight, everyone was like, 'This is our game now. This is our time.' Going there and getting that big lead, it makes all the difference in the world."

### TUESDAY'S REGIONAL

Novi advances to the regional finals with a 25-23, 23-25, 25-23, 25-13 victory against division foe South Lyon on Tuesday.

The Wildcats got strong net play from Julia Roberts, Sarah Robb and Erica Robb. Roberts led with 13 kills and seven blocks (five solo). Erica Robb was next with 10 kills, and Sarah Robb had nine kills and five blocks. Kim Hildreth had a strong game passing with 32 assists and serving with four aces. Laura Subject led a busy back row with 23 digs with only two errors.

The Wildcats (41-8) advance to play Churchill 7 p.m. Thursday at Lakeland.

Read more about Tuesday's game and find out how the Wildcats fair Thursday night online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

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## Novi swimmers win KLAA Conference crown

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi swim and dive proved itself to be the tops in the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference last week.

The Wildcats earned the Central Division title Thursday with 622 points, well ahead of second-place Stevenson with 505.

The division meet is also used as a qualifier for Saturday's conference meet. The top six in each event automatically moved onto the conference meet.

The Wildcats sent a large squad to Saturday's race and walked away with the

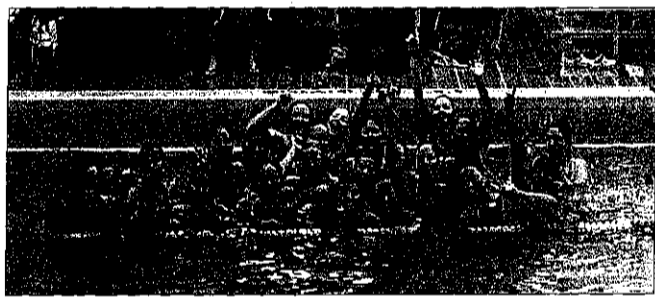
title with 405 points to Stevenson's 299.5 at the five-team event.

At the division meet, The Wildcats earned 18 automatic qualifications. Novi earned 16 more entries by being within the next 12 best times from either division in an event.

Leading the way with wins were Kerry Abel in the 100 butterfly and Lauren Kalinosky in the 100 backstroke. Abel also placed second in the 100 free as did Kalinosky in the 100 backstroke.

Rebecca Berman placed third in the

Please see **SWIM, B3**



The Novi swim and dive team celebrates winning the inaugural KLAA Kensington Conference meet Saturday at Salem.

## CC can't overcome missed opportunities

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central failed to cash in on too many golden opportunities and was knocked out of the playoffs 24-13 Friday at Livonia Stevenson.

The Shamrocks (6-4) had the ball inside the Spartan 25-yard line three times and failed to score.

"We had to make plays and we didn't, and they did," CC head coach Tom Mach said.

"Our hats are off to them. They came at us real hard and did a good job on both sides of the ball."

"We did have our opportunities, but unfortunately, we didn't make use of them."

The first drive proved to be a bad omen.

CC appeared as though it was going to walk down the field, moving the ball 41 yards in three plays before a holding penalty pushed the ball back to the Spartan 24.

Mach called for a pitch run to the left, but the ball bounced off the running back and was recovered by the Spartans (9-2).

On the next drive, Mach attempted to go for it on a fourth-and-seven from the Spartan 25 but the pass was well defended, giving the ball back to the Spartans.

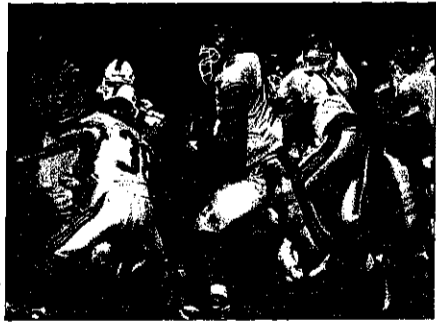
Stevenson cashed in the next drive, going 75 yards on 10 plays. Fullback Duran Onweumene scored on a blast

up the middle from 16 yards out on the first play of the second quarter.

The Shamrocks were able to produce points on the next drive. Anthony Capatina took off for 57 yards around end and was tackled at the 2. Niko Palazeti bulldozed it in from there a couple of plays later for a 7-all tie with 9:24 remaining in the half.

"We were going outside,"

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CC's Niko Palazeti runs against Novi in the playoff opener. Palazeti scored against Stevenson, but it wasn't enough as the Shamrocks lost 23-14.

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**FOOTBALL**

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Mach said. "They were stunting inside quite a bit."

"We were inches away from different things taking place tonight, but we just didn't get it done."

The Spartans took the lead right back with a 29-yard field goal by Jonny Myschok three minutes later.

After forcing a punt, the Spartans took at their own 20 and took just five plays to go the distance. Wade Stahl had catches of 19 and 35 yards on the drive. Austin White ran in from the 5 for a 17-7 lead that stood into the half.

Stevenson got the ball to open the half and again methodically marched down the field. This 62-yard drive was done mostly on the ground. Stahl finished it off with a 6-yard run and a 24-7 lead.

The Shamrocks didn't go in panic mode and got back in the game with a score of their own. Steve Harding took a lateral pass 30 yards down the Shamrock sideline to finish off a four-play, 62-yard drive. The extra point bounced off the upright, leaving CC trailing 24-13.

The Shamrocks' last quality chance came on a long drive that lasted almost six minutes. CC faced a fourth-and-goal from the Spartan 5. The Shamrocks lined up with three receivers to quarterback Sam Landry's right, and his attempt to thread a bullet in failed, once again turn-

ing the ball over to the Spartans with 8:35 to play.

Mach explained going for the touchdown instead of kicking a field goal. "We felt we were down there and it was hard getting down there," he said. "We were going to go for the touchdown and take care of the rest after if we got that opportunity."

The final Shamrock possession ended on a turnover on downs near midfield with :09 remaining.

"I was real proud of our seniors all year long," Mach said. "They showed a lot of guts. They gave us great leadership as the year progressed. I'm real proud of them."

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CC quarterback Sam Landry lays the ball out for Niko Palazeti during the first-round matchup with Novi.

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Detroit at Carolina  
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Monday, November 17, 2008  
Cleveland at Buffalo