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AROUND TOWN

It's a parade

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council will sponsor a Memorial Day weekend parade at 1 p.m. Sunday. The parade will start at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, on Wayne south of Ford. It will move north to Ford and then travel west along Ford to Westland City Hall.

The public is invited.

Residents also are reminded that government offices will be closed on Monday and that trash pickup will be delayed one day. Police and fire services will not be affected.

Fill the boot

Westland's firefighters union will participate in a Fill the Boot campaign Thursday-Saturday, June 11-13, to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Firefighters will be standing at various intersections throughout the city to raise money for the organization.

The union has organized similar fund-raisers in the past, including raising money in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Out for business

Three Westland city officials were in Las Vegas this week trying to lure businesses to Westland during the Global Retail Real Estate Convention, sponsored by the International Conference of Shopping Centers.

Economic Development Director Lori Fodale, Controller Jade Smith and Westland City Council President James Godbout went to Vegas to showcase the city's plans to spruce up Ford Road and fill vacant commercial buildings.

The officials went armed with new marketing materials aimed at promoting Westland to potential businesses, Mayor William Wild said.

Outdoor cafes

Spring is here and restaurants throughout Metro Detroit are opening umbrellas and moving tables to the great outdoors. We want to let our readers know where they can dine alfresco, but we need your help. If you own a restaurant and you've recently opened or re-opened your patio, or if you plan to introduce outdoor dining for the first time this year, send a quick e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. We plan to feature outdoor cafes in an upcoming edition of our Food & Wine page. Bon appetit!

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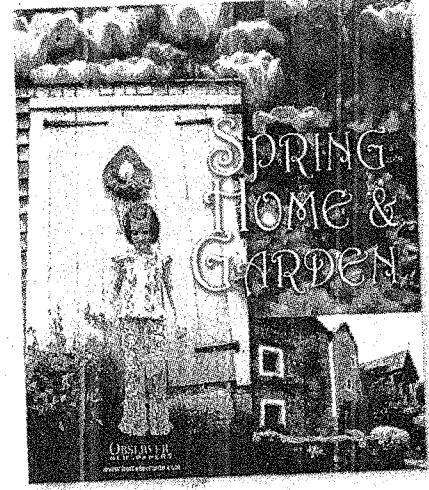


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City considers new lawn-sprinkling rules

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland residents and businesses are expected to face new lawn-sprinkling restrictions this season as local officials move to ease water usage during peak hours that place a strain on Detroit's water system.

The new rules, which would impose fines on violators, are expect-

ed to receive formal approval from the Westland City Council as early as June, following a decision Monday to introduce the new measures.

City officials say the new ordinance could soften the blow of water rate hikes in coming years.

Local residents and businesses, like their counterparts in many other communities, would be prohibited from using lawn sprinklers

from 6-9 a.m. and 4-8 p.m., when Detroit reports a spike in usage, City Attorney Angelo Plakas said.

Aside from those hours, customers with even-numbered addresses could use lawn sprinklers on even-numbered calendar days, while those with odd-numbered addresses could water their lawns on odd-numbered calendar days.

For properties that have a mix of

even- and odd-numbered addresses, such as condominium developments, the lowest-numbered address would rule.

The new ordinance isn't intended so much as a water-conservation measure as it is an attempt to spread out usage, and officials are particularly trying to encourage more

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Firefighter intern Jake Main (left) works with firefighter Joe Mendrysa using a rope and pulley and attaching it to firefighter Jeff Stobbe, as part of a rescue training exercise.

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Intern tries his hand at firefighting

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin High School senior Jake Main has known for years that he wanted to become a firefighter.

"I love the adrenalin rush," he said, "and I like helping people and serving the public."

Even before he starts college, Main, 18, is a step closer to his career goal after becoming the first firefighter intern with the Westland Fire Department.

Suited up in full gear, Main has learned skills to save fire victims, himself and other firefighters by crawling through narrow spaces, braving simulated smoke-filled rooms, sharing a breathing apparatus and pulling others to safety.

He has handled fire hoses, tied knots, checked the readiness of fire

vehicles and received instruction in responding to radiological and nuclear incidents.

Although the Livonia teen hasn't actually fought fires, he has spent three hours a day, four afternoons a week since early February training and learning fire service culture during an internship that ends in late May.

"I've been impressed with what he has learned," Westland Assistant Fire Chief Scott Neal said.

Main's experience also has been made possible through a Livonia Public Schools career internship program that has helped aspiring doctors, lawyers, photographers and other professionals.

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Graunstadt: Time to end longevity pay

BY DARRELL CLEM
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As Westland city leaders prepare this Thursday for their last round of budget talks before approving a spending plan in early June, one official has proposed seeking to eliminate annual payouts to employees based on their years on the job.

Westland City Council President Pro Tem Cheryl Graunstadt said a move to eliminate so-called longevity pay could save the city an estimated \$348,000 a year.

Given the city's budget problems, she said, "I don't know that we are cutting as much as we can."

Full-time city employees who have been on the job for at least three years are eligible each year to receive lump-sum payouts of as much as \$100 for every year they have been on the job, according to city officials.

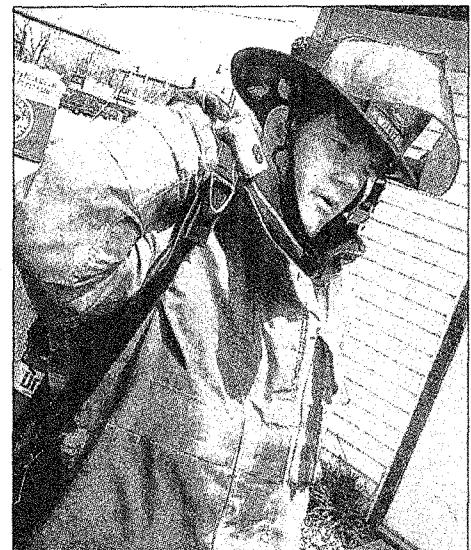
Graunstadt has proposed "starting at the top" and eliminating longevity pay for administration officials, then seeking to negotiate similar concessions with employee unions.

The issue has arisen in the past yet was never implemented, but Graunstadt said the city's declining financial position is cause for reviving the proposal.

Graunstadt raised the issue Monday during a council meeting, just three days before city leaders will have their last round of budget talks at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) during a study session at City Hall.

However, Graunstadt conceded that she cannot attend the session because of a prior commitment, and it wasn't clear whether her proposal might be discussed by the full council. She said she wished

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Westland fire intern Jake Main prepares to take part in a training exercise.

Better click it or police will ticket

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland motorists who still refuse to buckle their seat belts may learn the hard way that local police mean business.

City officers for the next few days are participating in a Click It or Ticket campaign orchestrated by state and national highway safety organizations.

Offenders who get stopped for seat belt violations could face court fines of \$65 as local police again join the nationwide campaign.

"We just want to keep this up so that drivers are safer," said Sgt. Ron Kroll, who is in charge of the Westland Police Department's traffic bureau.

This year, officers are focusing on the evening hours of 7-11 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wayne County sheriff deputies also are watching for seat belt violations, Kroll said.

Michigan drivers tend to be among the most compliant in the nation, with some 92 percent of motorists buckling up for safety and to avoid getting tickets, Kroll said.

Still, law-enforcement officials using grant dollars plan to continue their efforts in hopes of increasing the level of participation even more.

"We've been doing this for the last 10 years," Kroll said. "It's a citywide effort, but we're going to concentrate on the major intersections."

According to a Michigan State Police Web site, state law allows police officers to stop a motorist solely for not wearing a seat belt in the front seat of a vehicle.

The law also allows officers to stop a motorist when a child, ages 4 through 15, is not properly restrained, regardless of where they are riding in a vehicle.

Moreover, children up to age 8 must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall, according to the MSP.

For more information on seat belts, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Web site at www.nhtsa.gov.

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Ex-LPS schools chief arrested in Florida

A former school superintendent of Livonia Public Schools was arrested in Florida earlier this month after he allegedly struck a sheriff's deputy and was drunk in public.



According to Lee County Sheriff's public information office, police were called to the cottages to assist an intoxicated male. Police said

Watson was being escorted to his cottage by a local firefighter when Watson began to resist.

Police said that when deputies arrived at the location, Watson was told he could

either go to the cottage or be arrested. He told the officer he didn't want to return to his room.

Police said Watson closed his hand to form a fist, then punched a deputy in the chest.

Watson was arrested and charged with a count of battery on a law enforcement officer, and a count of disorderly intoxication in a public place and causing a disturbance.

A phone number listed as Watson's was not operational Wednesday, so he could not be reached for comment.

He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on \$1,500 bond for striking the officer and \$500 bond on the disorderly intoxication charge. A court date was set for June 1.

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There's sure to be laughter as the wish for a simple wedding turns into a big affair when the Inspire Theatre presents *Father of the Bride* Friday-Saturday, June 5-6 and 12-13, inside The Warren Road Light and Life Church, 33445 Warren Road, west of Venoy, in Westland. Show time is 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$12 each. For more information, call (734) 751-7057 or go online to www.inspiretheatre.com.

Pancake breakfast

International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Wayne Assembly No. 72 will have their monthly Pancake Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112, 37137 Palmer, east of Newburgh, Westland. The cost is \$5 per breakfast and feature the "best pancakes in the state," served to you by the Rainbow Girls. No reservations necessary. For more information, call (734) 721-7950.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m.

AROUND WESTLAND

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Friday, May 22. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$6 as well as entertainment. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020. The center also has bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

Be a star

The Westland Stars Cheerleading and Dance Team is offering a summer program. Children ages 10-14 years or in the fifth-eighth-grades from Westland and the surrounding area can join the team for the first summer practice 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the multipurpose room of the Westland Bailey Center, 36651 Ford in the civic center complex. Dress to work out and bring a water bottle. This summer we will be working on dances, cheers and be attending camp. Join in the

fun this summer. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

Used book sale

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will hold their used book sale Friday-Saturday, June 26-28, at the Westland Shopping Center Wayne and Warren roads, Westland. There will be a preview 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and cost \$3. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 26-27 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 28. Most books and magazines will be priced at \$1 or less; videos, CDs and DVDs will be individually priced. To donate, call (734) 421-4420.

Closing celebration

St. Dunstan Catholic School is inviting all former school staff, students and families to attend the closing Liturgy at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. The school is closing after 45 years. People planning to attend should call (734) 425-4380 or send an e-mail to stdunstanschoolsecretary@comcast.net by June 5. People who would like to contribute as a minister in the liturgy, singer or instrumentalist, should call the Parish Office at (734) 425-6702.

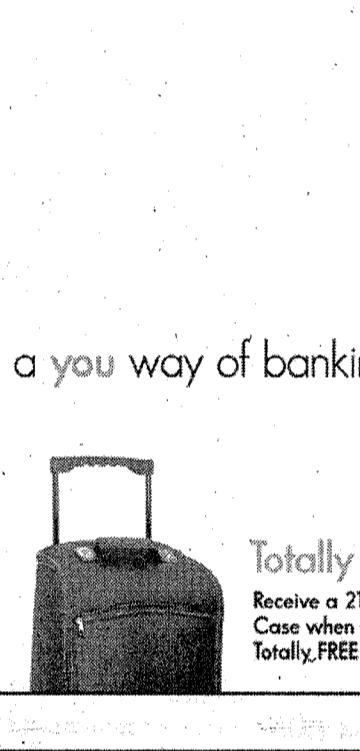
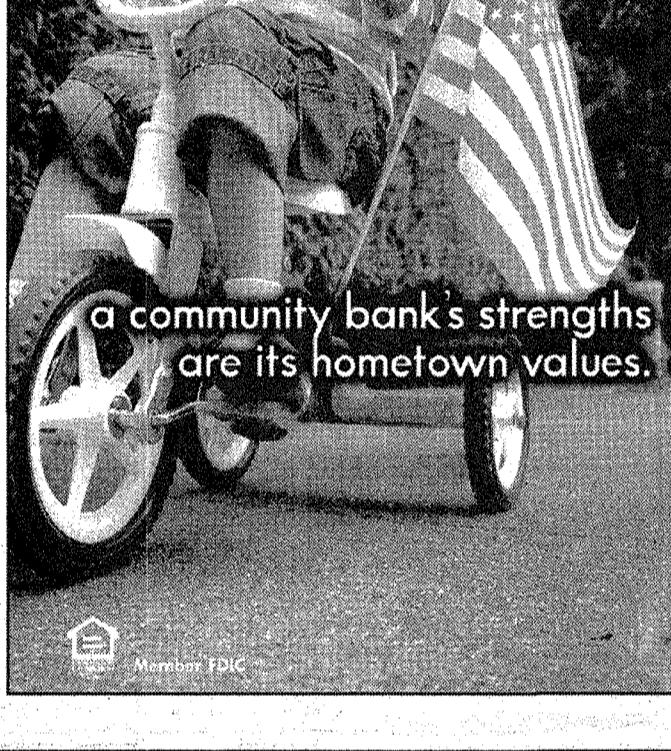
An open house and reception will follow.

Preschool signups

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is currently accepting enrollment into its Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs. The preschool is located at 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-0078.

Glow Skate

Grab your skates and head for the Mike Modano Arena on Friday nights for Glow Skate. Cruise around the rink with blacklight illumination from 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Skate rentals are \$2.50. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood at Hunter, east of Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 729-4560.



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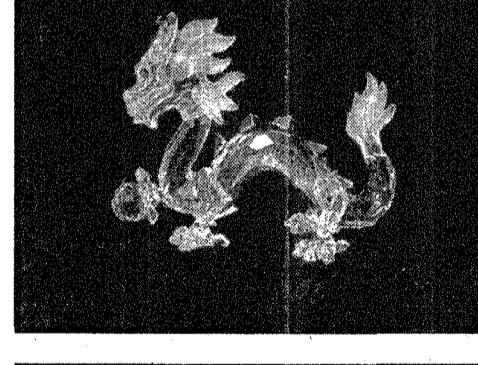
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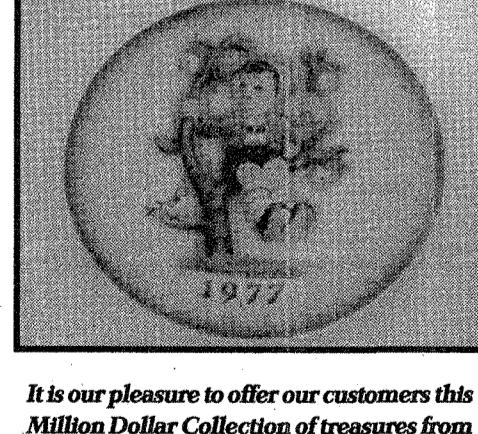
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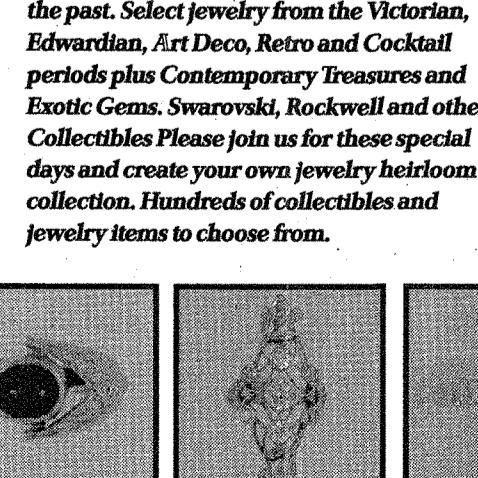
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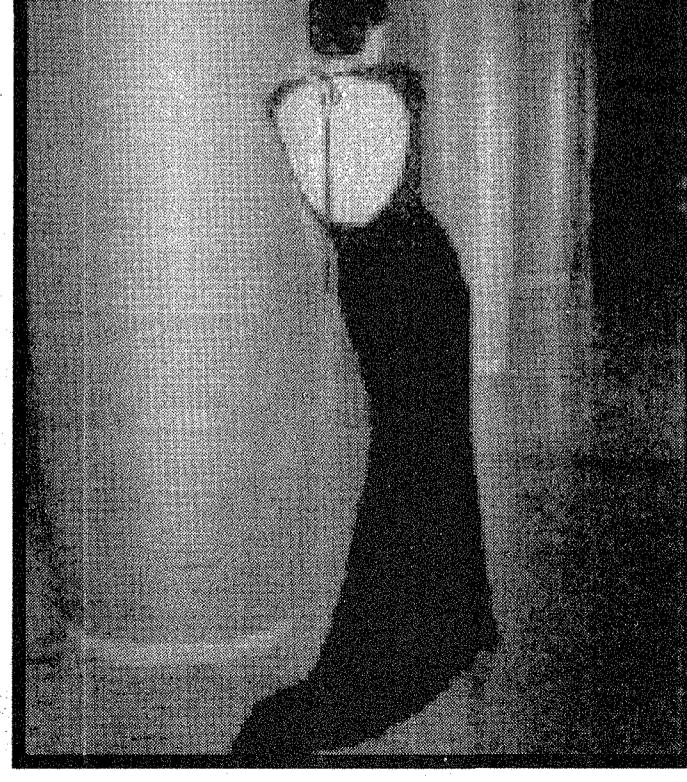


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customers to use their lawn sprinklers from midnight to 6 a.m.

"It's a change of habit," Don Rohraff, the city's water-sewer superintendent, said.

Violators could be socked with fines of \$50 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, \$200 for a third

offense and \$500 for all subsequent violations.

Properties with newly seeded or sodded lawns could ask the Westland Department of Public Service for written permission to disregard the new restrictions.

The latest measures come as Westland and many other suburban communities have entered into a 30-year model contract with the city of Detroit to try to address water

usage issues.

City officials plan to engage in education efforts to inform residents about the new ordinance. Once approved, the measures would be effective every year May 1 to Oct. 1, although this year's effort wouldn't begin until the council formally approves the rules, expected in June.

The new ordinance would replace older measures that allow officials to declare

lawn-watering bans between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., with potential penalties ranging up to \$500 and 90 days in jail.

Plakas said it isn't likely that, even with the current rules, violators would be jailed. However, he said the new ordinance, with its sole focus on fines, amounts to decriminalizing water-use violations.

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BUDGET

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the final round of budget talks hadn't been scheduled so close to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Graunstadt did confirm that she has mentioned some

of her concerns to council President James Godbout.

Regardless, the council will have its last chance at the latest budget session to propose changes to Mayor William Wild's \$59.6 million spending plan.

Wild's plan calls for trimming at least 14 city jobs, including not filling 11 vacant

positions and laying off three additional employees.

Wild also has indicated that more sacrifices could be coming as his administration seeks employee concessions on health care, wages and pensions.

Outside auditors earlier had predicted that the city could be facing a \$32 mil-

lion deficit within four years unless cost-cutting measures are taken.

For now, Wild has said his latest budget would maintain a \$1.2 million general fund balance, an amount that has dipped from \$2.2 million within a one-year period.

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Bandit takes off with bank deposit

1 A Taco Bell manager was robbed when she was leaving the restaurant on Merriman south of Cherry Hill to make a bank deposit, police said. The incident happened about 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

According to police, the woman was leaving the restaurant while a male employee was doing some cleaning outside. The woman was approached by a suspect who ran up to her car, began pushing her and took the money. The male employee tried to intervene but was punched by the suspect, police said.

The suspect was described as a 6-foot-2, 165-pound black male, about 25 years old. Anyone who has information is asked to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

Car's wheels stolen

2 A 43-year-old woman said that all four wheels were stolen from her 2008 Pontiac G6 while it was parked at the area of Riverbend Apartments that is southeast of Merriman and Warren roads. She found the car sitting on cement blocks, which had been used to raise the car so the wheels could be taken.

The incident happened between 12:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. May 14.

Laptop taken in break-in

3 A 56-year-old man reported that someone broke into his apartment and stole his laptop computer at Hunters West, a high-rise building located on Yale, southwest of Warren and Wayne roads.

The man told police that someone removed the deadbolt lock from the door sometime between 3 p.m. and midnight May 13. Nothing appeared to be missing other than the computer.

Power tools taken from trailer

4 A 31-year-old man told police that someone broke the lock off his work trailer and stole power tools sometime between 7 p.m. May 12 and 8 a.m. May 13.

Identification taken
5 A 45-year-old man reported that his Jeep Cherokee was broken into between 5 p.m. May 12 and 7:30 a.m. May 13 in the 33200 area of Winchester Drive, north of

Hunter between Farmington and Venoy.

The man told police his wallet was stolen and that it contained his identification and Social Security card.

Vehicle recovered

6 A 41-year-old man told police that he found his stolen vehicle at 2 p.m. May 12 while it was parked at Westland Park Apartments on Tami Circle, southwest of Cherry Hill and Henry Ruff roads.

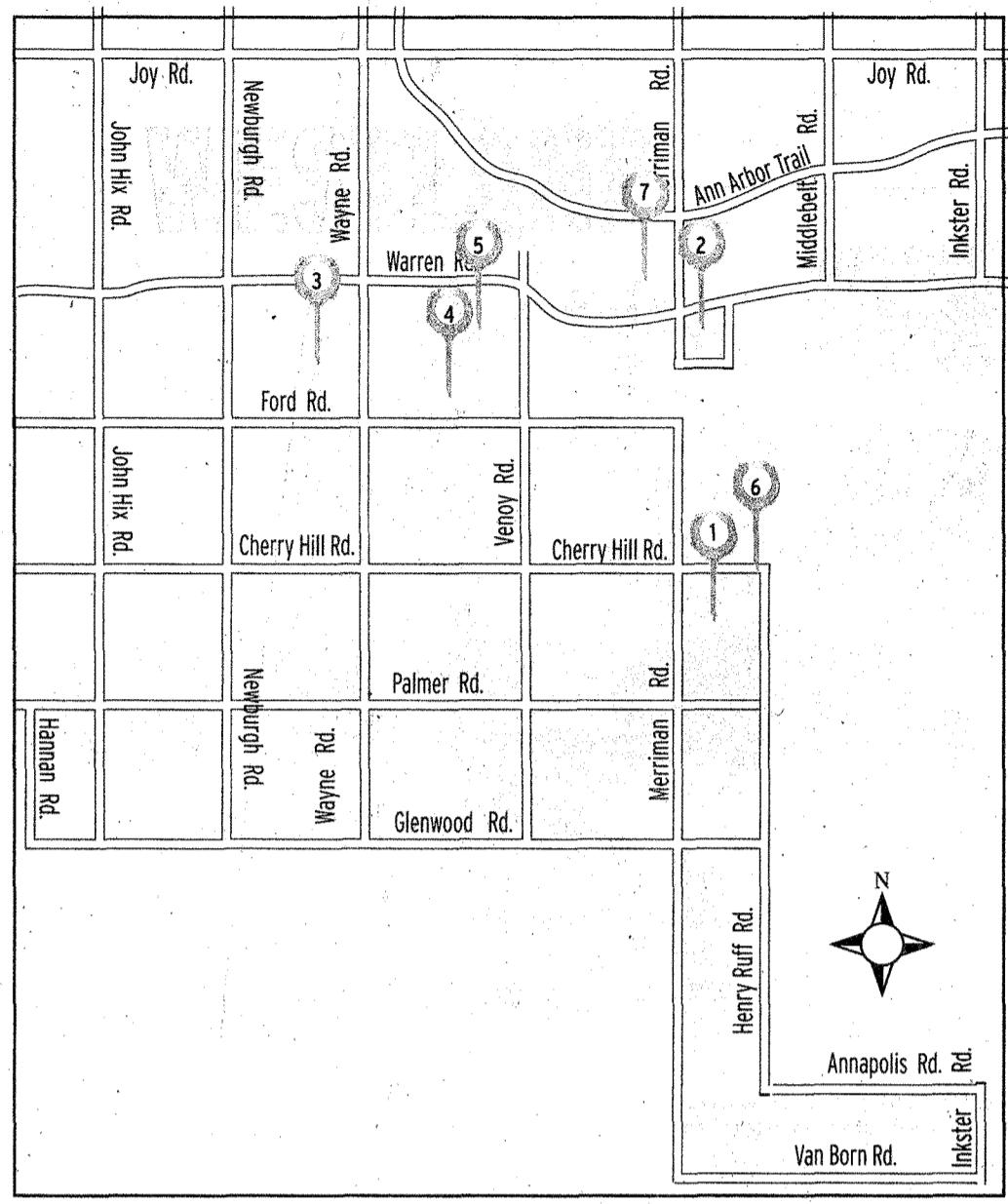
He had earlier reported the 1989 Ford Bronco stolen in Garden City. He found it unoccupied in Westland, and he said it didn't appear to have any damage.

Tools found missing

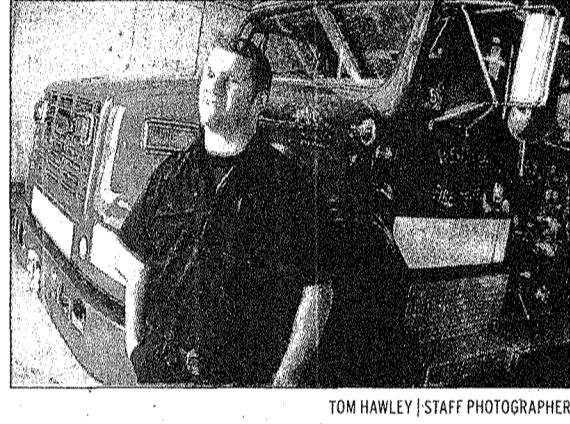
7 A 29-year-old man reported that someone stole tools from his vehicle while it was parked at Capri Terrace, an apartment complex west of Merriman and south of Ann Arbor Trail, between 5:30 p.m. May 10 and 7:30 p.m. May 11.

The man said the incident happened while his vehicle was parked in the parking lot of the apartment complex, where he lives.

- By Darrell Clem



Livonia Franklin senior Jake Main is the first intern in a new program with the Westland Fire Department.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

INTERN

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"This is for high-achieving, college-bound seniors. It has been a great program."

Last summer, Main already had attended a fire science summer camp at Lake Superior State University, where he plans to start a four-year program in the fall. He intends to major in fire science with a minor in para-

medic studies.

Although he has an uncle who was a firefighter and an aunt employed in emergency medical services, Main said he became involved in the 18-week fire service internship because he knows what he wants to do.

"I don't like desk work," he said. "I want an active job."

He has trained both in Westland and at a state-of-the-art facility in Northville Township. In all, he will have

received some 200 hours of instruction and training, and he will earn a certificate for his efforts.

"He's learning the culture of fire service in addition to specific skills," Neal said.

Fire officials decided to start the intern program partly to inspire a new generation of firefighters. A few years from now, Westland is expecting quite a few retirements as the 43-year-old city begins to lose its second gen-

eration of firefighters.

"This program is a first for us," Neal said. "We want to market this career path."

In coming years, Neal also hopes to bring Westland John Glenn High School students into the fold.

Main believes his experiences will help him immeasurably as he prepares to study fire science in college. "It's just amazing that I've been able to work in a real-life situation like this."

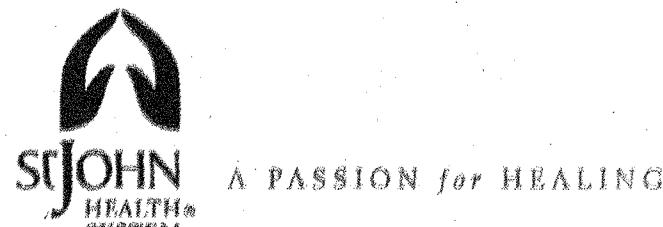
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Strictly Business

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Razor Cuts: Focus on quality, service

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of service and/or products you feature.

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Grab your clubs
Garden City Hospital Foundation will hold its 18th Annual Golf Outing 11 a.m. Monday, June 22, at the Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Enjoy a day of golf, camaraderie and fund-raising. Last year, the golf outing raised \$102,000, supporting various growth initiatives at Garden City Hospital, such as construction of the new Surgery Center facility and Surgery Center programs. Program begins with registration and lunch 11 a.m.

There will be a Shotgun Shot at 1 p.m. For more information, call the Garden City Hospital Foundation at (734) 458-4331.

Live music

Local bands can showcase their talent the first Friday of every month. The All-Star Grille and Music Bar at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, west of Newburgh,

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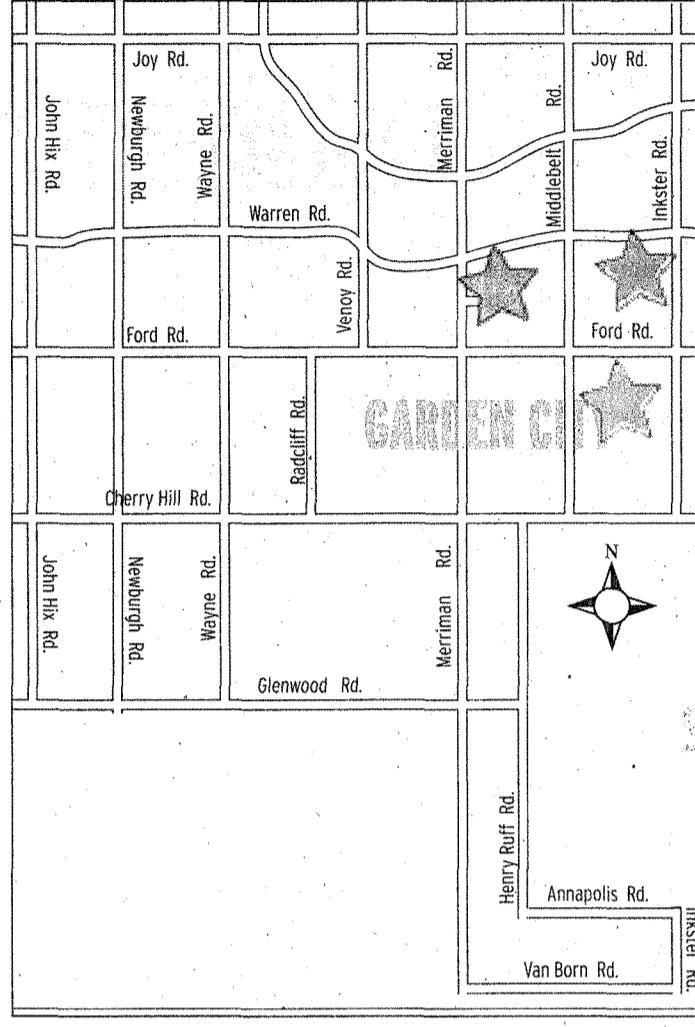
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40th anniversary

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Classic Cars

You're invited to Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury's first annual Classic Car Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of classic and customized vehicles. Plus any purchase of ice cream or food on site during the event will help support The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Metropolitan Lincoln Mercury is at 32000 Ford, Garden City. For more information, call (800) 316-6179.



Westland hosts the Songwriter's Showcase at 9 p.m. which gives local talent a chance to be heard.

On Saturdays, the All-Star Grille and Music Bar has live music beginning at 9 p.m. and offers karaoke 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. For more information, call Vision Lanes at (734) 641-8181 or go online to www.visionlanes.com.

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Sweet treat

Did you know that Saturday, May 23, is Tiara Day? If you have one, put it one and drop by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe on Saturday. You will receive a dessert that is fit for a queen, a free pack cupcakes. You'll find the bake shoppe at 8036 N. Wayne Road, north of Cowan, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 261-3680.

NEWSMAKERS

Nightingale honorees

Two nurses at Garden City Hospital were honored at Oakland University's annual Nightingale Ceremony, held on May 5 in Troy.

The Nightingale Awards for Nursing were created to honor dedicated nurse professionals. Honored were GCH nurses Kathleen Urban, director of rehabilitation services, and Judy Murphy, rehabilitation. Urban was runner-up in the category of Nursing Administration and Murphy was recognized as runner-up in the category of Long Term Care/Rehabilitation.

The awards are presented annually by Oakland University's School of Nursing and its Board of Visitors and



Nursing in the Community, Oakland University Distinguished Alumni, and Staff Nurse Practice.

Winners are chosen by a designated colleague selection committee.

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Our local business page runs each Thursday in your Westland and Garden City Observer. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We look forward to hearing from you.

CHAMBER CHAT

GARDEN CITY CHAMBER

Family fun programs are back with the annual Afternoon Delight Summer Series.

The Chamber of Commerce is in its 12th year for sponsoring the entertainment series. These programs are free for families and kids of all ages.

The programs will be held in the Garden City Park, located at the corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill, under the Main

Pavilion. The performances begin at 11:30 a.m.

Some new groups this year include Art Around the Town, which will present a hands-on pop-art program called "Pop & Op" on Wednesday, June 10. Backyard Shakespearean Players offer a kid friendly and fun Shakespearean version of Macbeth on Wednesday, June 24. On Wednesday, July 9, we will have Rock Star Saver. This fun loving star, sponsored by Co-Op Services, will bring

some singing, dancing and musical magic for everyone to enjoy.

Back by popular demand is Gordon Russ the Magician who will perform on Wednesday, June 17, and Arts & Scraps, which will be hosting a take-home art creation on Wednesday, July 1.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Take time to honor our fallen warriors

For many, this weekend is the unofficial start of summer, three days in which to reopen cottages and swimming pools and gather with family and friends for picnics. And there's plenty of time to do those things this Memorial Day weekend, but there also needs to be time to reflect and honor our war dead.

Yes, Memorial Day is a time for families, but also must be time to give thanks and honor those brave men and women who have given their lives in service to their country. For more than two centuries, Americans have been called to defend the founding ideals of our democracy, more than one million have died in answering that call. Memorial Day is meant as a time for a grateful nation to remember those who died in defense of our freedoms.

Our local communities and veteran groups will do their part to remember our fallen heroes. In Westland, a Memorial Day parade will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 24. In Garden City, a service of remembrance will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 25, on the front lawn of city hall.

Those are just two of several ways we can honor our service personnel. In respect for their devotion to America, we can take time to say a prayer for peace. Since congressional approval of a joint resolution in 1950, the president has been calling on Americans also to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace.

We also can participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. No matter where you are at 3 p.m. Memorial Day, whether it's scrubbing the pool cover, playing a game of horseshoes or watching the Detroit Tigers, pause for a moment of silence. It's not too much time to give for those who gave so much from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the desert sands of Iraq and mountains of Afghanistan.

As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada has stated: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."

We bill ourselves as the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Let's remember why we can say that. Let's take the time, even if it is only for a moment, to honor our veterans and fallen warriors. We must remember, we must keep the traditions alive, lest we lose those freedoms that our war dead preserved for us.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Election will be exciting

Well, adios to Pickering, Graustadt, and Stottlemyer! It's time for some new blood and fresh ideas! Chuck at least seemed engaged these past years, can't say that for the others. Well to all of them Thanks for your service!

It is exciting to see who will be the winners of this next election! This is the first time in years the people of Westland will elect their Council Members without prior appointments. Should make for a great campaign season!

Westlander

Thanks for Fuel Call

I'm really happy to see this article. As a person who cannot pump gas myself, it is often difficult to find a station that doesn't give you an argument about it. Most simply say they don't have the help and don't have to help you. I usually try to have someone with me to pump but that isn't always possible. I did find the station on Venoy and Glenwood not only pumps for me, but if they're busy I've even had customers that have done the pumping or finished up for the attendant. To these people, thank you. You don't know how many times I have driven on empty hoping to find a station that will pump for me. I have learned to be patient so that waiting for someone to have time has never been the problem. This gives me one more station that I don't have to explain why to. I look healthy enough but I'm not so some don't seem to think I need help but most that will pump never ask why. It's not always easy to explain why you need help. Thank you Marathon and Mr. Harris.

jmckinney

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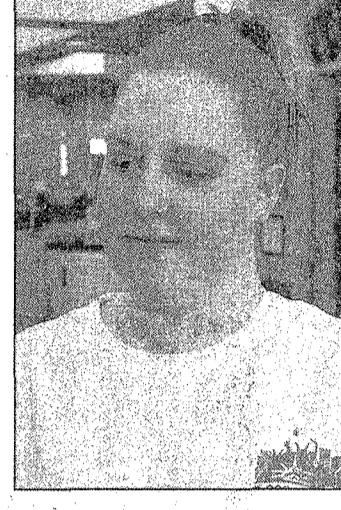
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COMMUNITY VOICE

What plans do you have for Memorial Day?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library.



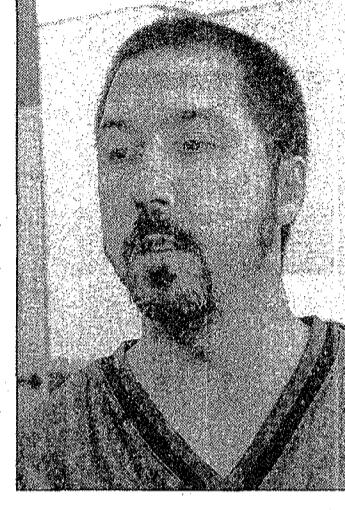
"I plan to spend time with my kids and my husband. I just had a baby."

Misty Dickson
Plymouth



"Nothing, I don't celebrate Memorial Day. I'm a Jehovah's Witness. If it's a nice day, I'll be out in the park, but not because of the holiday."

Stephanie Ponius
Westland



"I'm going to spend sometime with my parents and some of my friends, too."

Kenneth Nelson
Westland



"I don't have plans. I'm a senior and most of my kids live out of town."

Mary Skalski
Plymouth

LETTERS

Thanks for curbside recycling

Though overdue, it's never too late to express our deepest gratitude to all of the people who are making curbside recycling in Westland a reality. Spearheaded by Mayor Wild, amidst years and months of extensive study and research, our leaders came up with a very exciting curbside recycling program.

Along with thousands of others, we, too, have been hauling our recyclables to the recycling center for over 30 years in this and in our former community. Often we wondered what it would be like to simply place all of our recyclables curbside. Very soon, we no longer will wonder, but instead, we will just have to roll out one container with all of our recyclables. There will be no more sorting required; no more hauling all of the items during the cold months of winter; no more sorting at the centers into special bins. Imagine that. Simply roll out your container to the curb and you're saving the planet. Can it get any simpler than that?

We hope the citizens of Westland will break all national records and have a very high percentage of citizens who will now recycle. There no longer will be an excuse. Instead of throwing recyclables into your trash container, simply throw it into the container for recycling.

Our reward always has been, feeling good by simply doing our part to save the planet. We no longer have to fill landfills with recyclables that in most instances are actually reused. Technology along these lines is just simply mind-boggling. Now, we have an additional reward that we will not have to haul it to the center. What more can we ask?

Besides this personal reward, there will be an additional incentive for recycling. If as yet you did not read or hear about it, you will very shortly. However, as expressed at some of the meetings we attended, many citizens are simply grateful for not having to haul the recyclables anymore; we're grateful that our system is so updated, thereby making it very easy for us, simply throw all recyclables into one container and roll it out on trash day biweekly. It can't get any easier.

This is a golden opportunity for all of us now participating in the recycling that has been going on for years. As stated, this program will be phased in stages. So, if you're not in phase one, know that you will also be given this golden opportunity in the following phases.

Again, Mr. Mayor, City Council members and all of you who worked so hard for so long to bring this much anticipated curbside recycling program to our great city, THANK YOU! We can't wait!

Jim and Mary Murphy

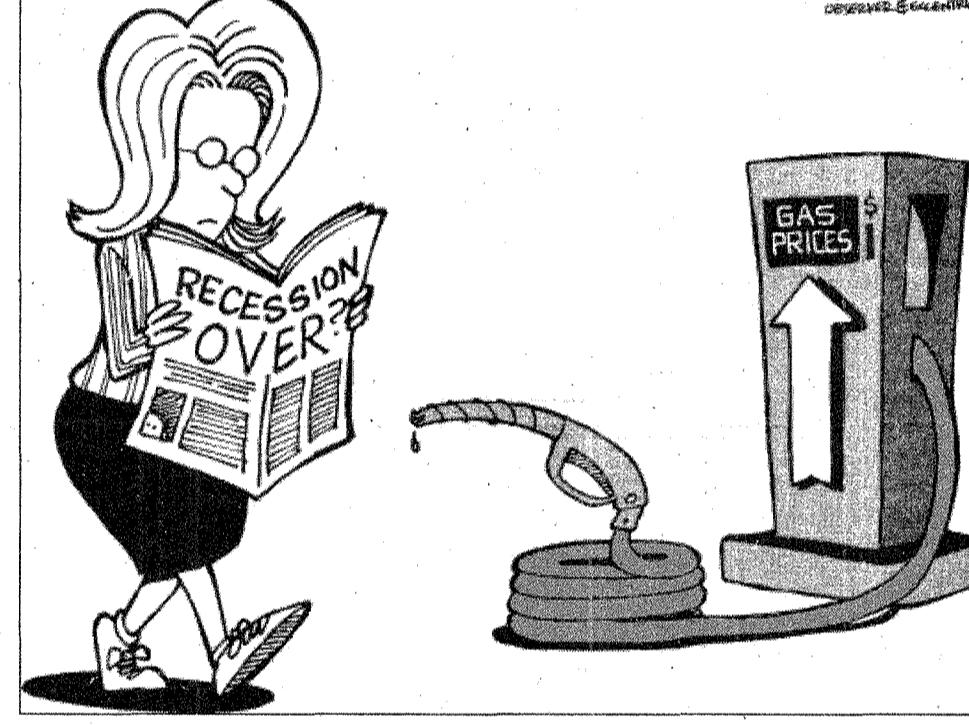
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Misguided thinking

What Joe Golonka doesn't seem to realize is the fact that the stimulus money that Michigan has yet to receive is our money, not the government's money.

Every time we question what Obama is doing and why, the Democrats have the same response; they blame G.W. Bush and his administration for everything that has gone wrong in the world. The liberals hate Bush and never miss an opportunity to attack him.

The statement "failed conservative ideology" mentioned in Joe's article is incorrect. Conservative ideology is what made this country great. We grew to the most powerful and wealthiest nation in the world in



What do you think?

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just 200 years where all the others have struggled with oppressive governments, the same type of government Obama is trying to sell to us now.

The Bush administration did not help the conservative cause with its unchecked spending, but let us not forget that the Democrats ruled Congress since 2006 and the president cannot spend a dime without the approval of Congress. Additionally, Bush should not be considered a "conservative" but a moderate. I don't know what section of the paper or what news channel Joe was watching where he claims that "America is gaining world respect" when everybody else in the world thinks Obama is out of line with his actions and comments.

One of his missions on his last "please like me tour" was to find a home for the Gitmo detainees, every country refused him.

On the Michigan front, Obama has made enormous strides; he's fired the CEO of the largest corporation in the world (GM) and is prepared to replace the rest of the board. He has forced Chrysler into bankruptcy and statewide unemployment is now forecasted to reach 20 percent.

As of March 2009, about 644,000 jobs have been lost in Michigan and that will climb in the next few months as Obama's car czars are forcing GM and Chrysler to close dealerships. You would think these car czars would give these dealerships a chance to sell off assets, but again, they are not "businessmen," they are politicians and scholars, and as all will attest to, politicians cannot run anything efficiently.

This is not Bush's fault; this is the Democrats' fault for letting the financial institutions run amok. The liberals worried more about how much they could get for their re-election fund. Chris Dodd, Barney Frank, Franklin Raines should all have been jailed immediately along with the rest of the congressional and banking hierarchy, this was straight out stealing from the American taxpayer.

On the health care issue: Do you really

think that Obama can add 46 million people to the Medicare rolls and still save us \$2,500 a year? If you believe that, you seriously need to do a little research. The Medicare deficit is already \$53 trillion!

A quick Google look at the waiting lists for surgery in Great Britain and Canada tells the story; no matter how much money Canada throws into its health care system, the wait for cancer surgery is still 18.3 weeks and in Great Britain it is the same (18 weeks). In addition, Great Britain announced it will no longer supply certain drugs for breast cancer because they find them too expensive, in essence giving these women a death sentence.

Is that what we want here? A panel of bureaucrats determining the outcome of our very lives as opposed to, say, a doctor?

Obama's numbers never add up, another example is his statement that "every day, another taxpayer files for bankruptcy because of health care costs," when in fact only 5 percent of 825,000 bankruptcies were attributed to health care costs in 2007, the last figures available at this time. One every second would add up to one million a year from bankruptcies alone.

Americans and Democrats in Congress are finally waking up and realizing that these numbers don't work and they cannot sell them to voters. The Cap-n-Trade is about to die because it cannot work without the support of other nations and India and China refuse to buy into it. This bill will raise energy costs \$3,100 a year for each household and do nothing to cap carbon emissions once thought to cause global cooling or warming depending on what decade you look at and Obama had planned this money for health care costs.

So he tells us he'll save us \$2,500 a year while he's taxing us another \$3,100 a year.

I do agree with Joe that our nation's youngest voters supported Obama, but not for the reasons he might think. They were led to drink the Kool-Aid by the mainstream media.

We do definitely need to seek alternative fuels and the technology is poised to take off, but it's not quite there yet so we do need to access our domestic fossil fuels to get us over the hump. There is no reason to punish the American people with higher energy costs when we don't have to.

And Joe, good luck to you, I wish you well.

Phil Solarz

Westland

Jewelry designer makes fashions from feathers and beads

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O & E STAFF WRITER

Roddie Harris fell into her career as an accessories designer by accident.

Literally.

The Birmingham resident spent 35 years as a display trimmer for Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord and Taylor, Parisian, and shops in California, where she was born.

One day at work, Harris fell off a ladder and fractured her knee in three places. While she recovered from four surgeries in one year, Harris devoured fashion magazines and found new inspiration.

"Vogue came out with this magazine all about feathers."

There were couture items done by Versace, Ralph Lauren, Dolce and Gabbana," Harris said in an interview from her home at The Willets. "It was different and I had never seen it. I thought I could try and see what I could do."

Harris began making a small necklace, combining feathers and beads using gold wire and stitching.

"As I worked on it I added more and more ideas and it kind of developed from that," Harris said.

One piece led to another, and now Harris incorporates fabric and found objects to fashion unique and whimsical accessories. One belt blends lace, a pair of old reading glasses, and an antique watch face for a romantic feel.

Each creation is one-of-a-kind and sells for \$150-\$1,000 under her label, Collier de Plume.

Harris does most of her work at her studio in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she and her husband of 35 years have a second home.

She has sold her work at the Traders Mart there, as well as Imelda's Closet in Birmingham. Now, she makes pieces to order.

Celebrity Photojournalist Linda Solomon is a fan of Harris' work.

"I've never seen anything like it," Solomon said. "She's amazing. She's just so talented, she should be famous."

Solomon photographs the red



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Roddy Harris models one of her unique and whimsical belts, fashioned from silk flowers, feathers and beads. At left, each piece by Roddy Harris is one-of-a-kind, like this romantic necklace made from ribbons, beads and found objects.

carpet at the Academy Awards every year, and said when Harris attended the Oscars in one of her creations, stars took notice.

"When you walk in wearing one

of her belts it's a show stopper," Solomon said.

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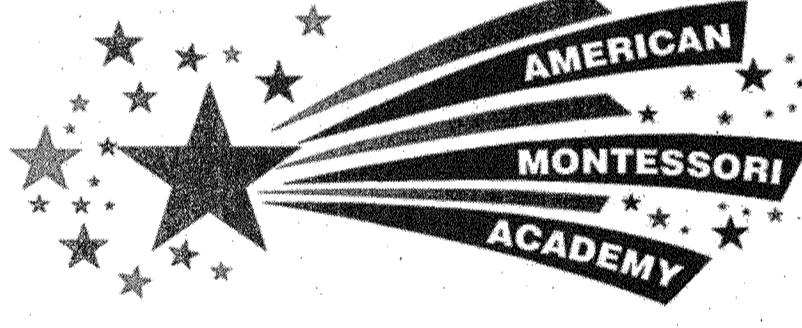
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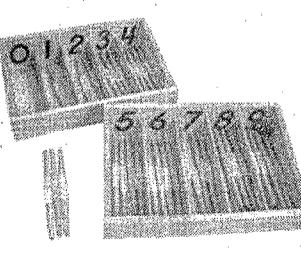


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Investors must take responsibility for investments

A number of investor frauds have been uncovered over the last year. The largest fraud case has been the Madoff affair where investors lost tens of billions of dollars. Although, the people who perpetuated these frauds are the ones who are solely responsible, there have been some missteps by investors which made these frauds easier to achieve. By studying these cases we can see that although they are all different, they have common elements. Ultimately, investors are responsible for their investments.

One common element is many of these frauds touted unrealistic returns. One of my rules for investing is if something sounds too good to be true, it is. When investors are promised 20 percent returns



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without risk, the red flag ought to go up immediately. Investors must be reasonable.

Before deciding on an investment it is important to know what similar investments are paying. If, for example, five-year certificate of deposits are averaging a 5 percent return, yet you are pitched a five-year certificate that pays 10 percent, your radar should immediately kick in because something does not make sense.

I recently watched a story about the Madoff affair on the PBS program, *Frontline*. The

high return — 20, 30 and even 40 percent — some investors were promised was mind-boggling to me. When investors are promised returns such as these, something's not right.

One element of the Madoff scandal which is common with other investments scams is the intimidation of investors. In the *Frontline* story, a number of investors interviewed stated that they felt intimidated whenever they asked questions. I've stated many times, your investment adviser works for you.

I believe that investors have responsibilities to themselves in order to be successful. If you are dealing with a professional, you should have a relationship that welcomes any and all questions about your investments. If you feel intimidated, you have an obligation to look for a new

adviser. A good investment adviser is someone who'll work with you and someone that you feel comfortable asking questions.

Another common thread in just about every investment scam is high fees and costs. In the *Frontline* story, one of the individuals interviewed was an owner of one of the feeder companies who provided investors for Madoff. When he was interviewed, it was clear he never did any due diligence in regards to Madoff's investments. His sole attention was on the money he was making. Unfortunately, this is all too common in the investment world, particularly when it comes to commissions and fees.

When you use a professional investment adviser, you want them to do their homework

regarding an investment. You want them to check the investment inside and out. Unfortunately, in the Madoff situation, these so-called investment advisers intentionally did not check anything out because they were afraid of what they would find. Their sole concern appeared to be how much ended up in their pocket. This is the conflict of interest that exists in the investment world when it comes to commissions.

I cannot stress it enough — costs do matter. Prior to entering into an investment, a smart investor needs to know what that investment costs them to buy, sell and to hold. A great majority of investors would be much better served if they focused on investments with low cost, particularly those that

have no sales charge.

As investors, we have a responsibility. When we fail to meet that responsibility it ends up costing us money. There is never an investment that you must rush into and invest in today. There is always time to do some independent research. In addition, if someone is trying to sell a product and appears intimidating the best course of action is to walk away. Walking away is something that many Madoff investors wish they had done. Unfortunately for them, it is too late.

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Win lunch with George Blaha at Buddy's

Dining With the Stars will close out the 2009 spring season with George Blaha, a familiar voice in the broadcast and sports world in metro Detroit.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Blaha at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

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Blaha

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A local broadcasting icon and one of the most recognizable personalities in Detroit and the NBA, Blaha recently completed his 33rd consecutive

season as the television and radio play-by-play voice of the Detroit Pistons. The "Voice of the Pistons" is the longest tenured play-by-play announcer in the state of Michigan following the retirement of legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

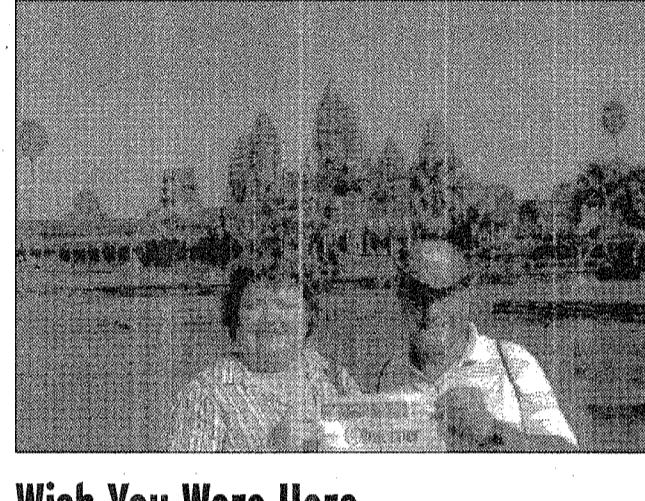
Blaha brings a high-energy style to go with his extensive basketball knowledge and demonstrates a true passion for Pistons basketball. His trademark colloquialisms such as, "two and 22 to play" and "a high glass gun that goes" have thrilled Pistons fans of all ages for three decades.

Blaha handles play-by-play duties on either television or radio for all 82 regular-season games plus pre- and postseason games on FSN Detroit and WDFN — the Pistons' flagship stations. He also hosts the *Pistons Weekly* television program, which airs Sunday nights

on WDIV-TV4 at midnight, and has handled play-by-play duties for Michigan State football since 1971. In 2002, he was made an honorary alumnus of Michigan State University.

Born in Detroit, Blaha graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame University and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He lives in Troy and Gaylord.

Blaha enjoyed a banner year in 2008 when he was named Michigan's Sportscaster of the Year for the second time by *The Detroit News* (2003, 2008) and enshrined in the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. He was also honored by Michigan State as an honorary letterman and member of the "S" Club. Blaha was honored with the Ty Tyson Award for broadcasting excellence by the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association in 2003.



Wish You Were Here

Dennis and Pat Hermatz of Wayne sent a Wish You Were Here at the Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia. According to the Hermatzes, it was built in the 12th century and covers 100 square miles with 200 temples that have been lost in the jungle for 600 years. They took the ancient kingdom tour with the OAT group and visited Thailand, where they toured the Grand Palace and rode in a cyclo rickshaw, took part in the monk offering of "sticky rice" in Laos, went to the tunnel in Vietnam and saw the killing field in Cambodia. If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Cabrini spoils Ladywood's bid in seventh, 3-2

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Small ball" did in Livonia Ladywood's quest to win the Catholic League softball title Monday evening at the University of Detroit Mercy's field.

Left-handed hitter Maria Rodriguez's two-out, running slap single in the bottom of the seventh inning was the difference as Allen Park Cabrini repeated as A-B Division champions with a dramatic 3-2 win over the Blazers.

The game-winning rally ironically started on a slap sin-

gle by Valerie Bertani, who advanced to third on successive sacrifice bunts by Amanda Obrycki and Sondra Plante.

After a conference call on the mound, Ladywood coach Scott Combs decided to intentionally walk Kayla Kostich along with drawing in both his infielders and outfielders.

Rodriguez then fouled off two Briana Combs pitches with two strikes (3-2 count) before slapping the ball just past the outstretched glove of Ladywood shortstop Gina Sykes as Bertani scored the game-winning run.

The Blazers, making their

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first bid for a Catholic League crown since 2006, fell to 27-6 overall.

Cabrini, a three-time state finalist the past three years — runner-up in Division 3 in 2008, Division 4 state champs in 2006-07 — improved to 23-3 overall.

"There was good excitement, it was a game you want to be playing in," Scott Combs said. "It was just an inch here at first and third, sometimes it's only a matter of inches. It just didn't turn our way, but I

was happy to bring our seniors here and our young people got a taste of it. This is something to build on for the districts. We played a team that's been to three or four state championships and it's a good measuring stick."

Cabrini jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third when Plante singled, Kostich walked and Rodriguez singled to load the bases. Winning pitcher Karyn McCarty, a transfer from Taylor Truman, then hit a deep fly to center to bring home a run and Samantha Zaborowski singled in another.

Ladywood, which had only one runner (Jennifer Kelley) reach base (on an error) through three innings, appeared poised to even the count in the top of the fourth.

Carli SanMillan singled and Cara Miller followed with a one-out single. But the Monarchs got out of the inning when SanMillan was gunned down at third by right fielder Bertani and Miller was thrown out trying to advance to second for a double play.

The Blazers, however, began to tee off on McCarty in the

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Perfect host: Warriors rule D-4 regionals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Look out Ada, Mich., because a large contingent from Lutheran High Westland's boys and girls track and field teams is coming your way for the Saturday, May 30, for the Division 4 state finals.

Both Warrior squads captured Saturday's regional, hosted by

PREP TRACK Lutheran Westland, and will send a number of qualifiers to the Forest Hills Eastern-hosted state meet.

The top two placers in each event automatically qualify.

The boys team finished first with 142 points, outdistancing Detroit Loyola (116) and Royal Oak Shrine (99).

On the girls side, the Warriors and Shrine shared the title with 180 points apiece, while Newport Lutheran South took a distant third with 67.

"We knew Loyola would be tough as they beat us the week before in an invitational," said Lutheran Westland

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Tagging along

Franklin catcher Prentice Hawkins puts the tag onto Churchill's Jimmy Szymanski trying to score in the fourth inning in Monday's KLAA South Division game Monday afternoon. Franklin won in a six-inning mercy, 17-7. See a roundup of KLAA baseball action on page B2.

Jugheads: Chargers are city champs

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may not be quite like the Little Brown Jug, but a new tradition was started and may grow into something bigger in years to come after Saturday's Livonia City Baseball Tournament.

Churchill came away with the new traveling piece of hardware following an 11-4 triumph over Franklin in the championship final at Ford Field.

"Before the game, our guys were all fired up about it," said Churchill coach Ron Targosz, whose team improved to 14-13-1 overall with the win. "The kids loved it. They said, 'That's pretty cool.' One of other our guys said, 'Whoever thought of that is a genius.'"

The idea for the old milk jug, painted with the school colors into four sections of each of the participating schools (including Stevenson and Clarenceville), was the brainchild of Franklin coach Matt Fournier.

Franklin, the KLAA South Division champion, came as the favorite, but the Patriots couldn't overcome a six-run Churchill outburst in the top of the fifth inning.

"Churchill hit the ball. They were emotionally higher for the entire game," said Fournier, whose team slipped to 16-10 overall.

Jimmy Tyler's two-run homer in the third staked the Chargers to a 3-0 lead.

Devin Moynihan also went 3-for-4 and scored twice, while Ben Matigian added two hits and an RBI as the Chargers bolted out to a 9-1 advantage.

That was more than enough for Churchill starting pitcher Troy Bogenschutz, who went all seven innings. The sophomore right-hander allowed just four hits, walked only one and struck out four to earn the victory.

Meanwhile, Franklin's ace, senior right-hander Mark McRobb, couldn't get out of the fifth inning and suffered



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Churchill players celebrate after defeating Franklin, 11-4, to win Saturday's City Championship at Ford Field.

the loss.

"Mark didn't have his command on the mound as he usually does," Fournier said. "He had pitched Tuesday against Canton and he was shorter on his days off. He got behind on hitters and they (Churchill) capitalized when they had the opportunities."

The Chargers outhit Franklin 10-4.

"We finally started hitting the ball," Targosz said. "We had a lot of good at-bats and we had McRobb around 90 pitches the first four innings. We fouled off a lot of good pitches and we had base runners."

Mike Basner, who came on in relief for McRobb, had a two-run triple in the bottom of the fifth inning.

CHURCHILL 11, STEVENSON 1: In the second

semifinal Saturday at Ford Field, Matt Kowalis delivered a two-run single to end the game in the sixth inning on a

mercy as the Chargers (13-13-1) turned back Livonia Stevenson (9-16).

Ricky Scully and Tyler Bledsoe each went 2-for-3 with two RBI for Churchill. Ben Matigian and Andy Szymanski also knocked in runs.

Winning pitcher Jimmy Tyler went all six innings, allowing six hits while walking five and striking out six.

Dan Lopez went 3-for-3 for the Spartans, while starting pitcher Jeff Sorenson gave up seven runs (two earned) while walking five and fanning five in 3½ innings.

FRANKLIN 12, CLARENCEVILLE 2: In the first semifinal Friday, Steve Wells clubbed a two-run homer in the fifth inning to propel the Patriots (16-9) past Livonia Clarenceville (3-17) at Ford Field.

Mark McRobb went 3-for-3 with a triple and RBI, while Mike Basner and Wells each went 2-for-4 for the victori-

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Tickled pink: Patriots win invitational

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Franklin brought home the team trophy, but everyone came away a winner during Saturday's Public Schools of Livonia "Strike Out" Breast Cancer varsity softball tournament held at Ford Field.

Players from Churchill, Clarenceville, Stevenson and Franklin all donned pink T-shirts, sold baked goods and collected donations while raising \$1,000 for the

PREP SOFTBALL Susan G. Komen For the Cure.

Each participant donated \$5 to the cause.

One of the most surprised spectators was Sue Linden, a breast cancer survivor and mother of Franklin assistant coach Jamie Linden.

"She flew in from Arizona. She had no idea," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, whose state-ranked

Patriots improved to 29-4 overall with a 6-5 win in the final over Stevenson. "Each school played an important role. Everyone was excited to create awareness and help raise money for prevention and research.

Early intervention and getting the word out is so important. It was neat opposing teams came together for a common cause."

As for the action on the diamond, Franklin overcame a 4-1 deficit to beat Stevenson in the championship game.

Defending champion Stevenson (14-13) scored four times in the third

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GAME WRAPS

Girls prep soccer

NOV 3, CHURCHILL 2 (OT): Nicki Caruso's set piece goal off a corner kick 9:16 in overtime advanced host Novi to a KLAA Kensington Conference triumph Monday night over Livonia Churchill in a battle of state-ranked girls soccer teams.

The 12-2-3 Wildcats, No. 5 in the latest statewide Division 1 coaches poll and second in the KLAA's Central Division, also got goals from Rachelle Burns (21:44 into the first half) and Nikki Greenhalg (23:00 into the second half) for a 2-0 lead.

Churchill (11-1-4), ranked No. 8 in Division 1, fought back to tie on Kayla Johnston's direct free kick from 20 yards out, followed by Callie Mack's goal from Hannah Otto with less than 17 minutes to go in regulation.

"It was a hard-fought battle," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We started slowly, then played well for about 65 minutes."

Churchill, the second-place team in the KLAA's South Division, nearly won it just minutes into the first OT when Mack hit the crossbar.

The Chargers also got sterling play from sophomore defender Megan McDonald, who stepped into the fray for 50 minutes after senior standout Bailey Brandon suffered an ankle injury early in the second half.

PLYMOUTH 4, STEVENSON 2: Kelly Dodds scored all four goals Monday, leading the visiting Wildcats (10-3-2) to the Kensington Conference crossover win over Livonia Stevenson (7-10).

Kayla Kimble and Shannon Merritt (penalty kick) scored goals for the Spartans, who trailed 3-1 at halftime.

Merritt was awarded the penalty kick when teammate Molly McConnell was tackled in the box.

The Spartans used two goalkeepers, Michelle Krawczyk and Tara Johnston.

WAYNE 3, S.L. EAST 1: Goals by Megan Maynor, Keri Horton and Brittany DeJack carried Wayne Memorial (2-12-2) to a Kensington Conference crossover win Monday over South Lyon East (0-14).

LUTH. WESTLAND 6, HAMTRAMCK 0: Allyson Yankee and Sarah Frusti each scored twice Monday to lead Lutheran High-Westland (4-6-1, 4-5) to a Metro Conference consolation playoff victory over the visiting Cosmos. Taylor Wiemer and Abi Gieschen also tallied goals for the victorious Warriors.

NORTHLAKE 3, STEVENSON 0: On Friday, the Mustangs (9-2-3, 8-1-1) clinched the KLAA's Central Division title thanks to a three-goal differential over Livonia Stevenson (7-9, 6-4).

Stacey Clough had a goal and assist to lead Northville, which led 1-0 at halftime. Lauren Lokey and Mallory Weber also scored goals for the Mustangs.

Goalkeeper Katherine Janesen notched her fourth shutout.

"We plugged away a little bit, but in the end they had too much firepower," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said of the Mustangs. "We worked hard. I was pleased with the girls."

LAKELAND 2, JOHN GLENN 0: Katie McNulty scored her 10th goal of the season Friday night as host White Lake-Lakeland (8-6-1) downed Westland John Glenn (2-11) in a KLAA crossover. Rachel Hogarth also notched her first goal of the year, while goalkeeper Sam Miller recorded her fifth shutout in goal for the Eagles.

Plymouth's eighth-inning rally does in John Glenn

KLAA BASEBALL

Plymouth exploded for five runs in the top of the eighth inning Tuesday to trip host Westland John Glenn in a KLAA South Division make-up game, 7-2.

Travis Mewton, who went 2-for-4, delivered the game-winning two-run single as the victorious Wildcats improved to 17-10 overall and 9-7 in the KLAA South.

Ronnie Goble also went 3-for-3, including a solo homer, a walk and three runs scored for Plymouth.

Mike Nadratowski, who struck out nine in seven innings of work, got the victory. Matt Skubik earned the save.

Jake Sperry, who went 7.1 innings, took the loss for Glenn. He allowed six hits, walked three and fanned four before giving way to reliever Rob Schurig, who gave up a pair of hits.

Sperry and Steve Hickson each went 2-for-4 for the Rockets, who slipped to 10-21 and 3-13. Devin Crimboldi singled and also scored a run.

FARMINGTON 11, CHURCHILL 3: Brothers Dan and Matt Pochmara did the damage Tuesday as the host Falcons (20-10) downed Livonia Churchill (14-15-1) in a non-league encounter.

Dan Pochmara, the junior

lead-off hitter, went 2-for-3 with four RBI. One of his hits was a 3-run homer off losing pitcher Ben Matigian in the fourth innin.

Matt Pochmara, a senior, went 2-for-3 with three RBI and three runs scored. One of his hits was a 2-run homer in the second inning.

Ricky Scully went 3-for-4, including a solo homer for the Chargers. Drew Servalish added two hits.

Winning pitcher P.J. Cooley went the first 4.2 innings, allowing three runs on five hits and five walks. He fanned six.

NOV 18, STEVENSON 0: Garrett Green, Jake Walker and Chris Slack each collected two hits and combined to score eight runs Tuesday as the Wildcats (18-11, 11-5) downed host Livonia Stevenson (10-18, 7-9) in a KLAA Central Division game at Ford Field.

Novi scored five in the first innings, 10 in the second and three more in the third to post the three-inning mercy.

Mike Tuttle and Dan Lopez had the lone hits for the Spartans.

FRANKLIN 17, CHURCHILL 7: On Monday, KLAA South

Division champ Livonia Franklin (17-10, 12-4) avenged Saturday's City Championship setback with a six-inning mercy-rule victory over visiting Livonia Churchill (14-14-1, 6-10).

Garrett Gumm had a big day at the plate for the Patriots, who scored eight runs in the fourth, seven in the fifth and two more in the sixth. Gumm went 3-for-5 with three RBI and three runs scored.

Other Franklin hitting stars including Wayne Hawkins (2-for-4; three RBI) and Tyler Barnes (2-for-5; three RBI).

Winning pitcher Dan Muller went the first 5.1 innings, allowing nine hits and eight walks. Mike Basner came on to get the final two outs.

Tad Evans, who gave up eight runs on seven hits in four innings, took the loss as the Chargers committed six errors.

Steve Hovermale, who gave up seven runs on seven hits in one inning, and David Harris, who gave up two runs on one hit, fared no better in their relief efforts.

Ben Matigian doubled twice and knocked in two runs for Churchill. Jimmy Tyler also went 2-for-4 with two RBI, while Jimmy Szymanski added two hits and an RBI.

NORTHVILLE 10, STEVENSON 0: Apparently a 28-1 record can't impress the statewide Division

1 pollsters as the unranked Mustangs improved to 14-1 in the KLAA Central with a five-inning mercy-rule victory Monday over visiting Livonia Stevenson (10-17, 7-8).

Winning pitcher Ryan Mullen helped his own cause going 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBI, while Joe Hirka and Kyle Breatl each knocked in two runs for Northville.

Mullen allowed just three hits, walked five and struck out three.

Losing pitcher Mike Tuttle allowed 10 runs (six earned) on eight hits. He walked three and struck out two.

Dan Lopez doubled in the setback.

CANTON 10, JOHN GLENN 0: Dan Stoney had two hits and two RBI Monday as the Chiefs (18-9, 9-7) rolled to a five-inning mercy-rule win over host Westland John Glenn (10-20, 3-13).

Nick Tomilenko had two hits and scored two runs, while Nick Sweda and Joe Galanty each went 2-for-4 with an RBI to pace Canton.

Winning pitcher Kevin Delapaz worked the first three innings before giving way to Andrew Tidwell. The duo combined on a three-hitter and fanned six.

Glenn starter Andrew DeLuca, who took the loss, fanned four.

Ahlersmeyer's bat can't save Warriors

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lutheran Westland's one-man wrecking crew of senior Sam Ahlersmeyer wasn't enough Monday as the host Warriors suffered a 9-4 setback to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in the Metro Conference baseball title matchup.

Ahlersmeyer ripped a double high off the fence in right-center in the third to bring home senior Gage Flanery (3-for-4, two runs, RBI), who doubled earlier in the frame.

But that only made it a 6-2 Cranes lead as the visitors got out to a quick 6-0 advantage against Warriors' starting pitcher Micah Hausch.

"We knew they were a good-hitting ballclub," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "It was just a matter of trying to keep them at bay as long as we could. They just hit the ball and they got an early jump on us and even in the first inning we hit their pitcher hard a couple times but we just couldn't find the holes. They found the holes and we didn't."

Then, in the fifth, Ahlersmeyer (3-for-4, three RBI) launched a two-run homer over the fence in left-center (again bringing in Flanery, who doubled) to trim the deficit to 6-4 against Cranbrook starting pitcher Adam Rosenfeld.

"I was talking to Sam down there (at third base) after he hit the home run," said Cranes' coach Andy Fairman. "And I said, 'Are you sure you're not coming back next year?' That's because he's always been tough on us."

But the Cranes tacked on two runs in the sixth on a

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single by Stephen Peck to make it 8-4.

Cranbrook then added a run for good measure in the seventh, on an infield hit by Alex Loewenstein.

With the victory, the Cranes improved to 18-6 overall and 9-1 in the Metro and earned their first conference championship since 2006.

"We've been playing well all year, we have a pretty solid team," Fairman said. "I have 13 seniors, so we are quite experienced and I think that experience has really helped us. We had one bump in the road when we came out here before and they beat us."

Cranbrook took a 2-0 lead in the first on a two-run single to left by Peck, who went 2-for-4 and had four RBI.

Daniel DuComb also doubled and scored in the second when Alex Mezey singled to right to pad the lead to 3-0.

In the third, the Cranes sent eight batters to the plate and scored three times, with RBI singles by Matt St. Clair and Cassell (2-for-4) doing damage. Another run came home on an infield out.

"We're disappointed we lost, but at the same time we had a good conference run," said Wade, whose team is 13-3 overall and finishes 8-2 in the Metro. "Now we have to move on and get ready for the state tournament."

The Warriors will play next-door neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in the Division 4 district opener 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30 at HVL.

CITY OF LIVONIA

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Spartans prevail on City golf links

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If there's an area boys golf team peaking at the right time, look no further than Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans, fresh on the heels of an upset 168-170 dual-match victory last week over Northville, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 1, added another trophy to their case Tuesday capturing the Livonia City Tournament at Idyl Wyld.

Host Stevenson finished with 10 points in the Ryder Cup-style format followed by Franklin with eight and Churchill with six.

The Spartans' Christian Debay and Tom Cullum won the two-man alternating shot format with a 41, while Drew Mossian and Adam Giordano combined for a 74 to earn honors in stroke play.

Franklin's Tyler Miller and Jacob Wirgau took the two-man scramble with a 33, while Churchill's Adam Yarber and Matt Charnley combined for a 34 in the two-man best ball.

On Monday, Stevenson wound up 8-2 record and sec-

BOYS GOLF RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
LIVONIA STEVENSON 145
SOUTH LYON EAST 167
May 19 at Links of Novi

Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossian, 31 (medalist); Adam Giordano and Dan Dufour, 37 each; Tom Cullum, 40; Christian Debay, 42; Adam LaPorte, 45.

S.L. East scorers: Bryan Hawkins, 36; Alex Sturos, 42; Matt Orah, 44; Zack Sturos, 45; Ryan Groth, 46; Jake Haddad, 48.

Dual match records: Stevenson, 8-2 overall, 8-2 KLAAS Central Division; S.L. East, 0-10 overall, 0-10 KLAAS Central.

CANTON 152
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 160
May 14 at The Woodlands

Canton scorers: Jeremy Lindbauer, 36; Zach Conrad, 37; Travis Hall, 38; Brenden Muir, 39; Tony Brown, 45; Zach Guy, 49.

John Glenn scorers: Andy Myers, 35 (medalist); Travis Jozefczak, 40; Josh Duprie, 41; Tim Boes and Brian Fawley, 44 each; Alex Jozefczak, 46 each; Alex Rochette, 50; Connor Monroe, 54.

Dual match records: Canton, 10-0 overall, 10-0 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 3-9 overall, 1-9 KLAAS South.

ond place behind Northville in the KLAAS Central Division with a 145-167 win over host South Lyon East at par-34 Links of Novi.

Mossian, a junior, shot an impressive 3-under 31 on the nine-hole 2,805-yard Blues layout carding three birdies and six pars.

"He's pretty consistent with his drives off the

PLYMOUTH 145
WAYNE MEMORIAL 171
May 15 at The Woodlands

Plymouth scorers: James Bryans, 35 (co-medalist); Andrew Overmeyer and Justin Bauer, 36 each; Ryan Bauer, 38; Tyler Berquist and Trevor Birdwell, 42 each.

Wayne scorers: Kevin Sample, 35 (co-medalist); Jacob Smith, 38; Shane Schooley, 48; Corey Muir, 49; Jarret Williamson, 50; Zachary Williamson, 52.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 7-2 overall, 7-2 KLAAS South Division; Wayne, 1-9 overall, 1-9 KLAAS South.

CANTON 160
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 175
May 14 at Hilltop G.C.

Canton scorers: Andrew Rickerman, 37 (co-medalist); Jeremy Lindbauer, 38; Zach Conrad, 41; Brenden Muir, 44; Dominic Bonell, 46; Travis Hall, 49.

John Glenn scorers: Andy Myers, 37 (co-medalist); Josh Duprie, Tim Boes and Travis Jozefczak, 40; Alex Rochette, 50; Connor Monroe, 54.

Dual match records: Canton, 9-0 overall, 9-0 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 1-8 overall, 1-8 KLAAS South.

tee," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said. "Drew hits it so straight and is rarely in trouble."

"He says his putting is the worst part of his game, but he's just aggressive. He sometimes puts it three or four feet past the hole. He never leaves anything short. He's solid. And when he misses a green, he gets up and down."

PATRIOTS
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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

inning with four straight hits off Franklin senior pitcher Natalie Sanborn thanks to a two-run single by Kris Vaclavek and RBI singles by Becca Zarras (two hits) and Laura Deacon (two hits).

"We're usually the first to score and keep it that way," Jimenez said. "They got four straight hits with two out. Their seven-eight-nine hitters, the bottom of the order, were doing the job. When they did get hits, it was with one or two strikes. Natalie made good pitches, but they hit well."

The Patriots, however, answered with five in the top of the fourth, two runs coming on a Stevenson outfield error along with a key RBI single from designated player Amanda Nixon to go up 6-4.

Stevenson threatened in a bottom of seventh, pulling to within one, 6-5, on an RBI single by Shelbie Wilson. But Sanborn (26-1) got out of the jam with runners on second and third on a groundout to second base to end the game.

"We tried to stay off the high stuff and make Sanborn stay in the zone," Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. "But she changes speeds well and does a nice job."

"I think when we got the lead, we relaxed a little and laid back. We thought we'd coast the next couple of innings."

Sanborn scattered 10 hits, struck out six and did not allow a walk.

Deacon, the freshman, also allowed six hits, walked two and fanned eight.

"Yes, we should have had two more runs the way we hit the ball, but she (McCarty) is a good pitcher," Scott Combs said. "I thought both pitchers pitched well. In challenging conditions, they threw strike after strike. They were able to keep the ball down with the wind blowing straight out to the fence, knowing that if something got up in the wind, it potentially was going out."

Combs, meanwhile, couldn't fault his team's base running efforts in the fourth and fifth innings.

"We've done that before against other teams, we always play aggressive," he said. "If the ball hits a rock and takes another bounce, we look like the hero. We saw that third base was open, but with the arms they've got and the speed (of Cabrini), you've got to be wary."

Deacon and Amanda Paison added two hits apiece.

Katie Stodulski had two of Churchill's four hits.

FRANKLIN 11 CLARENCEVILLE 0: Nicole Emery had three bunt singles to lead the Patriots (28-4) to a semifinal win over Livonia Clarenceville (9-12) in five innings.

Brittany Taylor went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Chelsea Williams and Brianna Taylor each added RBI singles for Franklin.

Natalie Sanborn went the first five innings, allowing no hits and fanning four. Tiffany Lamble finished up.

Val Schacki took the loss for the Trojans.

CHURCHILL 13, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Freshman pitcher Missy Sidor allowed just one hit and struck out eight Saturday as host Livonia Churchill (15-11) downed Livonia Clarenceville (9-13) in the consolation final.

The Chargers collected a total of 13 hits, led by Mackenzie Everson, Katie Stodulski and Sidor with two each in the five-inning mercy.

Hawks clipped in MIAC showdown

seven-hitter.

It was an encore performance in Game Two for the Hawks with Andy Barber and Gruenewald collecting two hits apiece.

Barber also got the job done on the mound allowing just three hits. He fanned six and did not give up a walk.

LUTHERAN N'WEST 8,

CLARENCEVILLE 4: On Monday, visiting Livonia Clarenceville (3-19, 1-9) led 4-3 going into the bottom of the fifth, but Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest scored three runs in that inning and another two in the sixth to pull away in the Metro Conference fifth-place consolation game.

Damien Quarles (3-for-3, RBI), Damien Sanchez (2-for-4, double, RBI) and Jake Bibik (RBI-single) were the offensive producers for Clarenceville.

included Jake Wilson (3-for-4, RBI); Mike Tuttle (2-for-4; four RBI); Dan Lopez (2-for-3, RBI); and Mark Wagner (2-for-4).

Josh Strautz pitched 2½ innings of scoreless relief to pick up the save as starter Matt Shain posted the win for the Spartans.

Jake Bibik, the losing pitcher in relief of starter Eric Tatter, went 3-for-4 and collected two RBI for Clarenceville.

Dan Schiffman added two hits, while Mike Schiffman, Jimmy Moody and Matt Kurziel also knocked in runs.

CHARGERS

FROM PAGE B1

ous Patriots. Brent Marzion, the winning pitcher, allowed just two hits and walked three in five innings. He struck out five.

Damien Quarles singled and suffered the loss for the Trojans.

STEVENSON 8, CLARENCEVILLE 7: Both teams collected 11 hits as the Spartans (10-16) held off the Trojans (3-18) in Saturday's consolation final at Churchill.

Hitting stars for Stevenson

Mossoian ironically is slightly off his pace from last year where he averaged 76 per 18 holes.

"Drew is finally getting going," Omietanski said. "He's a shot or two higher than his average from last year, but I think the weather this spring had a lot to do with it."

The win over Northville certainly gave the Spartans a boost of confidence heading into Thursday's Division 1 district tourney at Tanglewood, the Mustangs' home course.

"The winds were 35-to-40 MPH that day on a longer course, which is 6,800 yards (for 18 holes)," Omietanski said. "Northville had some problems. Their number two player took a nine on one hole whereas we hung in there with no big blow-up holes."

The top six district finishers advance to the regional, which will be Thursday, May 28 at Lakes of Taylor.

Meanwhile, the 12-school KLAAS Kensington Conference tourney will tee off at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26 at Salem Hills.

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WARRIORS

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boys coach Mike Unger, who earned his fourth title in a row and seventh overall. "The kids had a good day and performed well, placing in all of the events except for the 100 and high jump."

Spencer Lyle was the catalyst for the Warriors, winning both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs in 2:01.1 and 4:36.1, respectively. He also teamed up with Justin Palka, Theodis Washington and Bob Schwartz for a first in the 1,600 relay (3:41.5).

The Warriors also received a first from Palka in the pole vault (10 feet, 6 inches) and Zach Musial in the 110 hurdles (16.36).

Other automatic state qualifiers earning seconds included Joe Krueger (discus); Ethan Haller (long jump); Brad LaRose (pole vault); and Josh Andrijewski (110 and 300 hurdles).

The Warriors also qualified in the 800 relay, with Haller,

Andrzejewski, Palka and Washington taking second in 1:35.64.

Lutheran Westland's girls, under first-year coach Alyssia Hall, had an even more impressive showing at the regional, with individual firsts coming from Alissa Shirkey, discus (85-4); Rachel Stork, pole vault (7-6); Katey Ramthun, 400 (1:05.17); Emilee Freeman, high jump (4-10); and Nicole Zehel, 1,600 (5:36.53).

The Warriors also captured two relay events, including the 1,600 as Freeman, Sam Terranella, Zehel and Ramthun were clocked in 4:25.62, while the foursome of Sarah and Brittany Maynard, along with Erin Lyle and Jessica Rice, took the 3,200 in 11:07.27.

Other automatic individual qualifiers included Allyson Yankee (shot put and discus); Rachel Stork (100 and 300 hurdles); Zehel (800); and Sarah Maynard (3,200).

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PREP TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

DIVISION 3

May 16 at New Haven

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Macomb Lutheran

North, 124; 2. Livonia Clarenceville, 92; 3. Detroit

Communication & Media Arts, 88 (13 schools).

Clarenceville 1st (sq): 400-meter relay

(Levente Brooks, Moses Hobson, Todd McCullar, Kassius Muir, 45.2; 2nds (sq): Jamie Stewart, high jump (6 feet, 1 inch); 3rds: Taylor Hall, shot put (45-6); Stewart, long jump (18-8.75); Ben Wats, 300 hurdles (43.0 school record); Kelly, 200 (24.2); 3,200 relay (Leonard Hogan, Phil Strachan, Ardil Dushkaj, Tony Lawson), 8:57.5 (school record);

4ths: Joe Haapala, discs (125-4); Lawson, high jump (5-9); 800 relay (Brooks, Hobson, McCullar, Kelly), 1:35.6; 5ths: Hall, discus (119-6.5); Stewart, 200 (24.4); 1,600 relay (Hogan, Wats, Dushkaj, Hobson), 4:39.3; 6ths: Lawson, long jump (18-0.5); Dushkaj, 800 (2:17.5); Christian Grates, 110 hurdles (18.56); 7ths: Kelly, 100 (11.81); Stewart, 400 (53.9); 8ths: Gavin King, 3,200 (11:56.6); McCullar, 100 (11.82).

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Macomb Lutheran

North, 190; 2. Almont, 77.5; Livonia Clarenceville, 68 (12 schools).

Clarenceville 2nd (sq): Aneta Elliott, long

jump (14 feet, 1 inch); 1,600-meter relay (Marlene Azar, Jillian Burhop, Elliott, Sydney Clark), 4:27.6 (school record); 3rds: Elliott, 400-meter run (10:6.3); Stephanie Lozano, 300 hurdles (55.4); Evangelia Daniels, 300 hurdles (56.1); 3,200 relay (Azar, Shelby Dermire, Jacylyn Poniak, Alexa Bean), 11:42.4; 4ths: Lozano, 100 hurdles (18.01); 800 relay (Brussell Brown, Thania Cooper, Amber Bell, Kamai Sanders), 1:57.8; 6ths: Daniels, 100 hurdles (19.14); Sonali Patel, 1,600 (64.99); 7ths: Azar, 800 (2:47.5); 8ths: Bean, 800 (2:48.4); 400 relay (Brown, Cooper, Bell, Sanders), 57.44.

(sq): automatic state qualifiers.

DIVISION 4

May 16 at Luther High West

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:

1. Luther High West

Westland, 142; 2. Detroit Loyola, 116.5; 3. Royal Oak

Shrine, 95; 4. (tie) Detroit Western Academy and Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 44 each; 6. Warren Michigan College, 43; 7. Detroit Urban

Lutheran, 39; 8. Newport Lutheran South, 34; 9. Plymouth Christian Academy, 17; 10. Detroit

Chandler Park Academy, 14.5; 11. Marin City

Cardinal Mooney, 12; 12. Detroit Allen Academy, 10; 13. Detroit Winsans Academy, 8; 14. Detroit City, 4.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

(top 2 automatic state qualifiers)

Shot put: 1. Dre Ulmer (Loyola), 42 feet, 10

inches; 2. Best Casting (Shrine), 41; 6; 4. Zach Burton (PCA), 38; 7; 6. Joe Krueger (LW), 37-9.</p

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

The GAM Marker: What does it mean to a golfer?

By Jim Evanoff

A Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Marker signifies that a course has official United States Golf Association (USGA) course ratings and slopes and has been measured accurately, all completed by your state golf association. For many golfers, the terms, "course rating," and "slope," shown on golf course scorecards are mysteries.

Golfers want to know what the terms mean and why they are important to the golfing experience. In order to answer these questions, the objectives of the USGA, the developer of the rating system, and of GAM, licensed by the USGA to determine the ratings of Michigan courses, must be understood.

In a nutshell, the rating and slope values result in a USGA handicap system intended to make golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The system provides a

fair, course-handicap for players, regardless of ability and can be adjusted as a player's skill level changes. Golf course rating is a complex process based upon data gathered by the USGA while observing real golfers on real courses and is periodically revised as new data is obtained. More than 100 authorized golf associations and several-thousand golf clubs utilize the system. Courses must be re-rated at least every 10 years, or after significant course changes, to maintain a certified USGA rating.

The two basic premises that underline the system are that players will try to make the best scores at every hole in accordance with USGA's Rules of Golf and will post every acceptable round score on all courses that have been rated in accordance with USGA's procedures.

The goal is for the golfer to obtain a USGA Handicap Index, which compares any golfer's scoring ability to that of a scratch golfer on a course of standard difficulty, defined by the USGA as having a slope rating of 113. The index

is portable from course to course. The golfer can convert this index to a specific course handicap based on the USGA Slope Rating Chart. The USGA course rating represents the course's playing difficulty for a scratch player under normal playing conditions and is based on hole yardage and course obstacles that affect scoring ability. The slope rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers. Courses are rated from each set of tees for both scratch and bogey golfers and the number of handicap strokes received in a match is determined from the slope rating.

At this point, a few more USGA definitions are required before briefly describing the rating procedure.

A "scratch" golfer can play to a course handicap of zero on any USGA rated course. A male scratch golfer, for rating purposes, can hit tee shots 250 yards and reach 470-yard holes in two shots. A female scratch golfer hits tee shots an average of 210 yards and can reach 400-

yard holes in two shots.

A male "bogey" golfer has a course handicap of approximately 20 on a course of standard difficulty (slope of 113), can hit tee shots an average of 200 yards and reach a 370-yard hole in two shots at sea level. A female bogey golfer has a handicap of approximately 24, can hit tee shots on average of 150 yards and reach a 280-yard hole in two shots.

These scratch and bogey yardage capabilities are important since the GAM rating teams evaluate the effects of golf course obstacles in proximity to the shot landing areas. The obstacles include landing area topography, fairway widths, green target size and surface, recoverability and rough, bunkers, out of bounds/extreme rough, water hazards, trees and psychological shot effects.

Factors such as roll, on soft or hard fairways, tee pad elevation, doglegs and prevailing winds can also affect the actual course playing length. When the rating process has been completed, the obstacle values, which are on a 0 to 10

scale of difficulty, are totaled and multiplied by relative weight factors and converted to strokes that affect the final USGA Course Rating and Slope.

Obtaining accurate USGA course yardages is the first and key step in the above process. Each hole must be measured from all tee positions as defined by USGA procedures.

Measurements are made from permanently placed GAM markers to the center of the green, utilizing electronic measuring devices.

Measurements are made along the male scratch golfer's line of play as intended and designed by the course architect.

Hopefully this description of the rating process clears up some of mystery and results in increased enjoyment of the game for golfers of all abilities.

Full details on course rating are contained in the "USGA Course Rating System Guide" and "The USGA Course Rating System," available only to authorized golf associations, such as GAM.

Jim Evanoff is the GAM Chairman of the Course Rating Department.

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Loving Wife, Mother, Aunt, Sister, and Friend, Kathleen Barnes, resident of Troy, Michigan, died peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2009. Kathy was born May 28, 1956 and was a graduate of Grosse Ile High School, and attended Western Michigan University. She is survived by her loving husband of over 29 years, Donald Barnes Jr., and six beautiful children, Donald III, Kelly, Michael, Margaret, Kathleen, and Abigail; her mother Ruth Tompkins Butler, brothers and sisters Diane (Fraser) McNeilly, Dr. Susan Chamberlain (Tom Sims), Charlie (Caryn) Butler, Amy (Craig) DeSimone, Dr. Michael (Jennifer) Butler, and James (Terri) Butler; mother and father-in-law Donald (Margaret) Barnes Sr.; brother and sisters-in-law Robert (Carrie) Barnes, Suzanne Barnes; twenty nieces and nephews, Scott, Sean, Shannon McNeilly; Carly, Megan, Brigid Butler, Jaime, Ryan Ott; Caroline, Jon Henry Butler; Richard, Christelle, Danielle, Nicolas Butler; Michelle, James, Emily, Elizabeth Barnes; Angelica and Emma Barnes. Kathy is also survived by her "adopted" children Jillian McDonald, Rachel, Mollie, and Anna Hitow, Mike Wilson, Colin Bronsteen, Scott Williams, and soon to be daughter-in-law, Jeannie Castillo. Kathy was an unwavering, devoted mother and wife. Nothing was more important throughout her life than her children and family. She enjoyed spending time at their homes with their large circle of friends and family both in Traverse City and on the beaches in Islamorada, Florida. She loved music, dancing, singing, playing air guitar, her dogs Jake and Harley, gardening, drawing, playing cards, golfing, the holidays, being near the water and out in the sun, trips with girlfriends, and sunsets. Kathy embodied loyalty and friendship, and was a loving and nurturing mother and friend to all. Funeral mass Thursday May 21st at 10 a.m., St. Thomas More Church, 4580 N. Adams Rd., Troy. Memorial tributes to Troy Boys & Girls Club.
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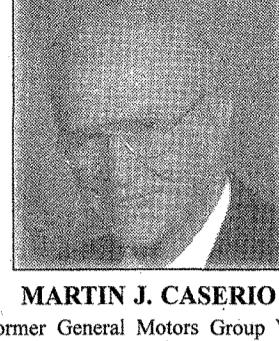
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November 15, 1959 – May 16, 2009. Age 49, of Sandusky, OH and formerly of Dallas, TX, passed away Saturday, May 16, 2009 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born November 15, 1959 in Detroit, MI to Carolyn (Scheier) and Eugene Bonzack. Rachelle was raised in Livonia, MI and received her bachelors degree from Madonna College. Following graduation she moved to Dallas, TX where she was employed by The Gap and most recently as a claims adjuster for the Farmers Insurance Co. She loved life and traveled extensively. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends and was an avid Dallas Stars fan. Following a cancer relapse last year, Rachelle moved to Michigan and Ohio to be closer to family and friends. Rachelle is survived by her four children: Richard Caserio (Patricia), Kathleen Stroh (John), Joseph Caserio (Karen), Patricia Clark (Kevin). And his seven grandchildren: Vincent and Martin Caserio III, Kristin Stroh, Catherine and Timothy Clark, Jacqueline and Michael Caserio and the late Carolyn Caserio, and his younger brother, John Caserio. Memorial Mass, Thursday 11 a.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Martin J. Caserio Endowment Scholarship Fund, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931 or the charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500.



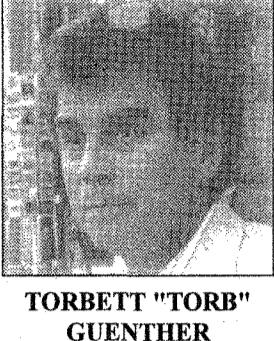
MARTIN J. CASERIO

Former General Motors Group Vice President and Assistant to GM's President passed away peacefully May 16, 2009 at the age of 92. An executive with GM for over four decades. Married for 64 years, he is preceded in death by his dear wife Josephine who passed away in 2008. He is survived by his four children: Richard Caserio (Patricia), Kathleen Stroh (John), Joseph Caserio (Karen), Patricia Clark (Kevin). And his seven grandchildren: Vincent and Martin Caserio III, Kristin Stroh, Catherine and Timothy Clark, Jacqueline and Michael Caserio and the late Carolyn Caserio, and his younger brother, John Caserio. Memorial Mass, Thursday 11 a.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Martin J. Caserio Endowment Scholarship Fund, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931 or the charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500.

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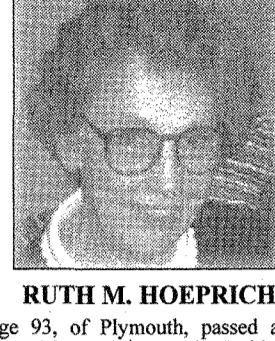
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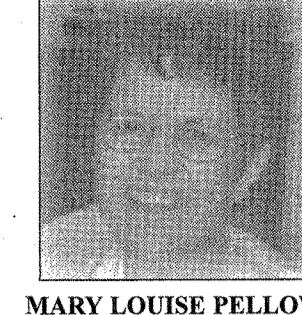
Age 61, lifelong Plymouth resident, passed away May 13, 2009. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1966. He then attended Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a manufacturer and an inventor who held many patents. His company, C.D. Sparling in Plymouth, makes equipment for the handicapped. The building that houses his business is the building in which the Alter car was made, he restored that building to its original condition. He attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He was interested in everything and everybody; he was a brilliant, wonderful, yet humble man. A gifted artist, his lawn is decorated with his artwork. When he was 18, he designed and made a plaque that was placed on Plymouth High School. That plaque is still there today. Torb is survived by his wife, Dolores; his children, Bob (Nola) Wellman, Alice (Don) Jordan, Hooker Wellman, Dan (Jennifer) Wellman, Amy (Glenn) Goodsmith, and Jack (Donna) Wellman; his brothers, Kim Guenther and Mike (Paula) Guenther; his grandchildren, Jimmy, David, Charley, Sean, Billy, Kris, Alan, Rebecca, Jeremy, Brendan, Richard, and Annie; his great-grandson, Max; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Geneva and Harold Guenther, and his brother, Peter Guenther. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m. Friends may gather at church beginning at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or the Salvation Army in Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. To leave a condolence or share a memory www.schrader-howell.com



RUTH M. HOEPRICH

Age 93, of Plymouth, passed away May 16, 2009. Born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 13, 1915 to parents George and Susan McCauley. She worked as a Educational Secretary, starting in the Utica Schools and moving to the Plymouth/Canton Schools in 1961 and finally for New Morning School in Plymouth, until she was 89 years old. She was the founder and the 1st President of the Plymouth Educational Secretary's Association. A devoted member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Plymouth. Ruth had a love for music, she played the Banjo and the guitar. Married Frederick Hoeprich on June 1, 1938 and in the summer of 1983 he would proceed her in death. Together they were blessed with three children: Susan (Laurence) McGee, Christine (Robert) McMinn and F. Michael, Jr. (Carolyn J.) Proud grandmother of Andrew (Angela B.) Ferguson, Eric (Shelby Eccles) Ferguson, Daniel (fiancee, Stephanie Berry) Ferguson, Paul Michael (Jennifer P.) Hoeprich and Leanne Marie Hoeprich. Step-grandmother of Derek McMinn, Maggie McMinn, Stephan (Samuel) Smith, Diane (Bill) Hollar, Katie (Daniel) Merritt and Michael (Dawn) McGee. Great grandmother of Jacob, Noah, Luke and Vaughn. Step-great-grandmother of Alix, Nicole, Leo, Riley, Madison, Abigail and Aubrey. Sister of Nancy "Peggy" Cole. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Friday 4:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7:00 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Plymouth or to the Salvation Army of Plymouth. Share memories at www.schrader-howell.com.

EDITH M. PEDERSEN
May 16, 2009. Age 87. Beloved wife of the late Jens. Dear mother of Soren (Tanya) Pedersen. Also leaves three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services were held on Wednesday. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



MARY LOUISE PELLOW

A longtime resident of Canton, MI, Mary peacefully passed away on May 17, 2009 after battling cancer. Born on March 10, 1950 in Tupper Lake, NY, she was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth LaVigne. Mary had a zest for life and made the most of every day—from working as a hospice nurse to volunteering for numerous organizations. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was the beloved wife of Carl, dear mother of Monica (Robert) Livingston and Lance (Gina) Pellow, and wonderful grandmother to four grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, brother and two sisters. Mary was preceded in death by her father and brother. Mary was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. The family will receive friends and relatives on Friday, May 22 at 11 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at St. John Neumann. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or The Wild Center, 45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake, NY 12986.

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Redford violinist lets loose at Jazz Cafe

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Zhelin has no problem pulling off intricate classical pieces by Tchaikovsky, Haydn and Rachmaninoff.

But the Redford-based master violinist is looking forward to letting loose with some John Coltrane and Jamie Foxx as she performs at Jazz Cafe at Music Hall 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 27.

"I'll be playing jazz, a little bit of hip hop, and a little bit of R&B," Zhelin, 31, said during a recent interview with Filter. "I like to mix it up."

Zhelin, 31, began playing violin at age 9, in the public school strings program in Long Beach, Calif. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Music at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2001, she accepted a full scholarship to pursue a Master's Degree in public policy at the University of Michigan.

"I've stayed ever since," she said.

Zhelin has won many awards for her music, and has performed across the United States and in Japan. Her CD, *Live at the Karas House*, was released in 2006, and she also appears on the CDs *Hallelujah*, *Street Jazz* by Mark Mixx, and *Ron Otis Reunion*, all released last year.

In addition to playing piano and violin and directing music for her church, Abundant Faith Cathedral in Detroit, Zhelin recently opened for Martha Reeves at the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated National Convention at the Renaissance Center.

She is due to appear on the upcoming A&E reality show "D's House."

At the Jazz Cafe, Zhelin will be joined on stage by Ray Burton (bass); Sonny Winston (sax and flute); Mark McGruder (keyboards); and Steve Bibbs (drums).

Zhelin said she has been rehearsing with the band since she booked the gig last month, and is looking forward to playing a mix of music, including contemporary radio hits like "Blame It" by Jamie Foxx.

She said she loves playing jazz.

"I like being able to improvise. I like the freedom of melodic movement," she said. "The freedom of expression, that's what I love."

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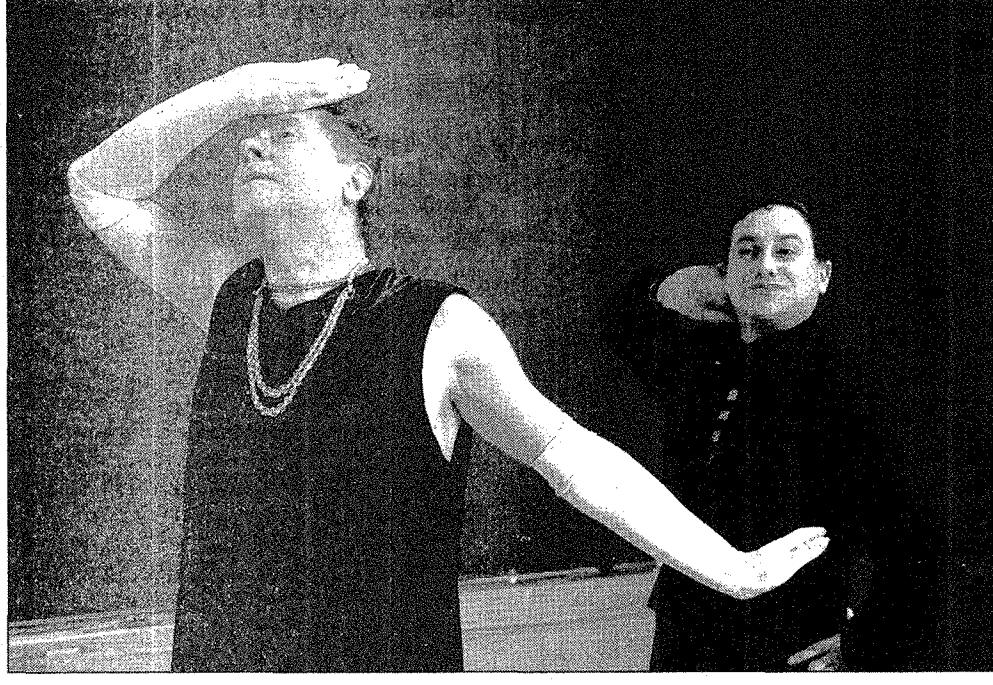
You can splash and splash for free with your family, friends and neighbors all evening long, but the splash pad won't be the only source of entertainment. A variety of activities will be available, including dancing, games and crafts, as well as a local DJ spinning family-friendly tunes. Canton Leisure Service's Mobile Rec team will also be on hand with a rock climbing wall and sports bouncer. All of the entertainment will be at no charge and concessions will be available for a nominal fee.

The Heritage Park Splash Pad has a zero-depth surface that does not hold standing

water, so even small children and toddlers can enjoy this outdoor aquatic play area. With water elements ranging from gentle mists to dynamic interactive play, there's something for everyone on those hot summer days, including a rainbow semicircular shower. Water shoes are recommended for children and adult supervision is required at all times. Please remember that no pets are allowed at the Splash Pad.

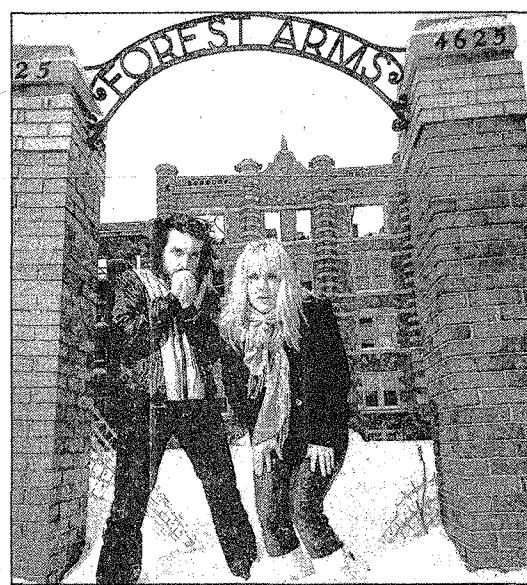
So grab the kids, a towel and a lawn chair and join the fun at the Splash Pad, just east of The Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, and say goodbye to spring and hello summer!

For more information on the Splash Pad Party or any of the family fun events Canton Leisure Services has to offer, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.



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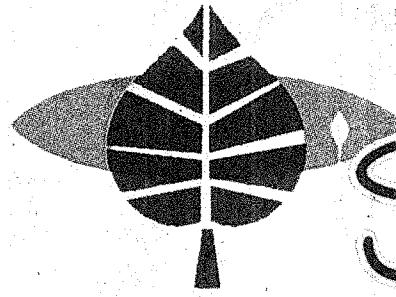
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WESTLAND — La Hookah Lounge offers free Wi-Fi and satellite TV, along with a 10 percent student discount. Fresh salads, deli style sandwiches, desserts, and hookah. Catering, carry out and delivery available. Call (734) 727-1750 or visit La Hookah Lounge at 34795 Ford Road, Westland.

CANTON MARKET CONTINUES

CANTON — Canton Farmers Market continues 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open every Sunday through Oct. 25 rain or shine at the historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a wide variety of merchandise, as it becomes available, including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. Opening day will include the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout. Call (734) 398-5570 x 5 or visit www.leisure.canton-mi.org.

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