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City wants to cash in on stimulus package

BY DARRELL CLEMOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Positioning the city for a potential share of Presidentelect Barack Obama's proposed stimulus plan, Westland officials have compiled a \$41.6 million wish list that could create nearly 1,100 jobs.

Mayor William Wild has unveiled the projects, such as improving roads, hiring more police officers and fixing lead-contaminated Central City Park, as he heads to Washington, D.C., for the Jan. 17-19 U.S. Conference of Mayors.

"I strongly support this stimulus package and firmly believe that investing in our municipalities is vital in order to reverse the economic plight we are facing at the national level," Wild said. "If federal money indeed becomes available, my goal is to ensure that Westland gets its fair share."

U.S. mayors plan to lobby for stimulus money to go directly to cities, rather than having the dollars become potentially entangled in state bureaucracies that local officials fear could delay job-creating projects. Wild's administration has drafted a list of proposals that could be quickly started, should Obama and the U.S. Congress unleash money to local governments.

Wild cautioned that, because of the stimulus plan's sharp focus on infrastructure projects with a swift start-up, longer-term proposals like the need for a new City Hall haven't been included on the local wish list.

One of the most expensive

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Westland postal carrier Mike Canfield had his game plan for handling the Arctic weather. He's wearing four layers of clothing, but just one pair of socks because of his warm boots.

Brrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

You know it's cold when the temperature in Westland is lower than Anchorage, Alaska. As an Arctic cold front settled over the area, the temperature at 7 a.m. Wednesday morning was 3 degrees and inched its way up to a high of 10 degrees.

Single digits are hanging around for Thursday, when

the windchill was predicted to hit minus-15 degrees, and Friday, with a warm-up — if you could call it that — on tap for Saturday when temperatures could hit 16 degrees ...

not quite bathing suit weather.
That's not much comfort for people who have to work outside in this weather. Westland Postal Carrier Mike Canfield

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celebrates Dr.

Martin Luther

King's birthday

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a nine-hour

the Inkster

trip from

is use to the cold and says the key to his keeping warm during his 20 years with the U.S. Postal Service has been to just keep moving. To handle the bitter cold, he's wearing four layers of clothing, but just one pair of socks because of his warm boots. And even with that, he's concerned about Friday when the high is sup-

posed to be a mere 6 degrees.
As for Anchorage, its
warmer weather is a welcomed change after the city
and much of Alaska suffered
through several weeks of double-digit below zero temperatures. The high Wednesday
was a balmy 38 degrees with
a nighttime temperature of 3

Housing director lands tickets to view Obama inauguration

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After voting for Presidentelect Barack Obama in November, Joanne Inglis and a small group of her friends will make the trek to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration.

Inglis, a Livonia resident employed as Westland's housing and community development director, will attend the historic event after winning inaugural tickets in a lottery sponsored by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Michigan.

"I have never done anything of this nature in my life," she said. Inglis' group will board a chartered bus around 9 p.m.



Joanne Inglis

Community Center to the nation's capital. To describe Inglis, 46, as excited would be a colossal

understatement.

"I kind of view it as an adventure," she said. "It will be exciting. I kind of fantasize that we're going to make lifelong friends. I don't think we'll get any sleep Monday night (during the trip)."

After arriving, Inglis and an estimated 40-45 other passengers will get rail passes "to make our way into the city." The group is supposed to have a spot "somewhere within the inaugural area," she said.

Inglis' nephew, 25-yearold Jeffrey Mnich, was given the duties of picking up the inaugural tickets for Inglis and her friends. A Northville resident, Mnich just finished officer training school in the Washington area for the U.S. Air Force.

Inglis' group will witness history as Obama becomes the nation's first African-American president. They also hope to squeeze in a museum visit before

they board their bus again around 9 p.m. on inauguration night. Admittedly, it's a quick trip with only 15 hours or so in Washington, but it's one that Inglis expects will bring stories she can tell family members and friends for many years to come.

Her group also hopes to document the trip with pictures and possibly by making a video to capture the excitement in the crowd around them.

Inglis is making the trip with the realization that, in such a huge crowd, they may or may not find the spot where they're supposed to be in the crowd.

"We're going with a lot of patience," she said. "There will be millions of people."

2 more defendants in drug shootout accept plea deals

· **BY DARRELL CLEM**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two more defendants charged in an Aug. 12 drug sting that turned into a shootout outside a Westland shopping center abruptly pleaded guilty Tuesday, on the day trial testimony was supposed to begin in Wayne County Circuit Court.

County Circuit Court.
Confessed gunman Benjamin
Bernard Pringle, 32, of Detroit
and cocaine-deal conspirator
Joseph George Boldizar, 50, of
Garden City chose to accept a
plea deal offered by prosecutors.
Their decision came one month
after defendant Roberto Reed,
32, of Detroit pleaded guilty to

his role in the incident.

That left only one defendant, 29-year-old Demond Nigel
Sanders of Detroit, still facing trial, now scheduled for Jan. 22, after Judge Michael Hathaway ruled Wednesday during a hearing that a statement Sanders made to police will be allowed in court.

A fifth man, 28-year-old gunman Brian "Cheeseburger" Thomas of Detroit, was shot and killed by undercover Romulus police on a summer afternoon when the drug deal turned sour outside the now-closed Bob's of Canton-Westland store, northeast of the busy Warren-Merriman intersection.

The gunfight happened when the defendants tried to rob a drug informant rather than turn over \$60,000 that they were supposed to pay for three kilos of cocaine, authorities

have said.

On Tuesday, Pringle pleaded guilty in front of Hathaway to charges of assault with intent to commit armed robbery, conspiring to possess cocaine, and felony firearms. In return, he will spend 15 years in prison. Several charges against him, including assault with intent to murder, were dropped.

Boldizar pleaded guilty Tuesday to conspiracy to possess cocaine in return for a prison sentence of 10-15 years. Several charges, including some linked to the planned robbery, were dismissed in return for his plea. Pringle will face his formal sentencing on Jan. 29, one day after Boldizar.

Reed is facing a Jan. 23 sentencing after he pleaded guilty in December to charges of felony firearms, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, and possession of more than 1,000 grams of cocaine. He is to receive a 10-year prison term.

Westland Police Chief James Ridener described himself as "certainly pleased" with the guilty pleas, and he said that "as far as the sentencings go, I'm OK with the length of time."

"It's a good ending to what was just a bad situation that unfolded at Bob's of Canton," Ridener said.

Before the latest developments on Tuesday, Boldizar had indicated he wanted a jury trial, while Pringle and Sanders had chosen to have Judge Hathaway decide their fates during what is called a bench trial. However, all defendants would have appeared at the same time in Hathaway's courtroom.

Facing the judge, Boldizar admitted in court that he conspired to get the cocaine that police said was brought to the scene. Pringle admitted that he pointed a gun at the drug informant, who arrived in a silver Mercedes Benz as undercover Romulus officers watched from two parked vans.

During Wednesday's hearing, Sanders testified he was coerced into making a statement amid threats from police that he might be charged with his friend Thomas' shooting death, even though he wasn't among the defendants who brought guns to the scene.

Officer Burke Lange said he showed Sanders evidence photos from the scene but denied telling him he would be charged with murder. Hathaway said he found Lange's statements credible and indicated that Sanders should have known the seriousness of his alleged involvement in an incident that "could have resulted in a real bloodbath."

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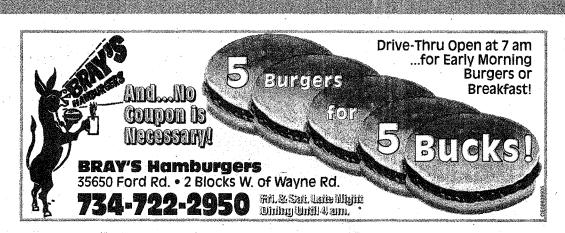
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Council OKs 'gold party' ordinance

City leaders have adopted an ordinance to regulate what is commonly called "gold parties," the sale of precious metals and gems in people's homes.

The new rules, approved recently by the Westland City Council, took effect Jan. 15.

The ordinance will require people and businesses who regularly buy jewelry from the public to apply for a certificate of registration from the city clerk's office, pay a

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Sunday Evening Worship

6 pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

\$50 fee and provide a name, address and thumbprint, as well as the names, addresses and thumbprints of all agents and employees, in order to meet all state licensing requirements.

In turn, they will be issued a certificate of registration by the Westland Police Department, and they will need to display it in their place of business. The certificate will be good for two years, and there will be no

other fees for a timely renew-

Dealers of precious metals and gems also will be required to maintain a record of what they buy from the public and to complete a form about all transactions, which includes identifying the seller. The form will be forwarded to the police department.

Finally, the dealers also will be required to retain an item they purchase for nine



Hoping to sell 2,400 boxes of Girl Scout cookies this year are Kaylee Hutton (front row, from left), Libby Gramlich, Emma Grace, Madison Tenant, Clarisse Gray (center row, from left), Wa'Shandria Johnson, Kaitlyn Lees, Joy Goble, Bailey Allen, Kaitlyn Balko (back row, from left) and Callie Spaw of Junior Troop ... at Madison

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> Jade M. Smith Publish: January 15, 2009 Controller

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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-62

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248, BY AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9:4.1g, DELETING ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 9:4.2f AND 9:5.2F, AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9:6.2F, ARTICLE XII, SECTION 12:4.9, AND ADDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6:9. AND ARTICLE XVI. SECTION 16:2.11(II)

Section 1. That Article VI, Section 6:9 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby added to provide as follows:

A solar energy system is defined as an energy system which converts solar energy to usable thermal, mechanical, chemical, electrical, or any other form of energy, to meet all or a significant part of a structures energy requirements, and are a permitted use in all zoning districts, subject to the

> shall not be more than three (3) feet higher than the finished roof to which it is mounted. In no instance shall any part of

> b. Ground mounted systems and systems attached to accessory buildings shall be not less than ten (10) feet from any side or rear property line. Solar energy systems are prohibited in front yards, and shall not be located past the front wall of the principal building.

> There is no limit to the number of modules and arrays installed on each property that comprise a solar energy system. The number of solar panels and supporting equipment shall be considered as

d. Solar energy commercial operations are prohibited as a principal use. These are systems whose main purpose is to generate energy for sale back into the energy grid system, rather than being consumed

Ground mounted solar energy systems shall be categorized as accessory buildings.

buildings, the number of accessory buildings allowed shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions set forth in Zoning Ordinance 248.

The height of ground mounted solar energy systems and systems included on accessory buildings shall not exceed 12 feet in height. h. Construction permits are required.

Section 2. That Article XII, Section 9:4.1g of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby added to provide as follows:

Section 3. That Article IX, Section 9:4.2f of Westland

Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby deleted.

Exterior lighting shall be of a type and design and so arranged that light is deflected away from adjacent properties and shall not exceed one footcandle of intensity as measured at the property line, and a maximum illumination of ten footcandles within the site, except that gas stations are allowed a maximum of twenty footcandles under a canopy, and automobile dealerships are allowed up to fifteen footcandles within the site. The light shall not impede the vision of traffic along adjacent streets. Flashing or

parking may be provided.

Section 8. That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning

Section 9. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the

Section 10. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 11. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this

Section 12. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

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Solar Energy System

a. Roof mounted systems on the principal building beyond the edge of the roof.

If solar energy systems are attached to accessory

g. Clothing stores Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby deleted.

Section 4. That Article IX, Section 9:5.2f of Westland

Section 5. That Article IX, Section 9:6.2f of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows: f. Body art studios

Section 6. That Article XII, Section 12:4.9 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

intermittent lights shall not be permitted.

<u>Section 7.</u> That Article XVI, Section 16:2.1I(11) of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

(11) Provisions for bicycle racks, and motorcycle and scooter

Ordinance #248 shall remain in full force and effect.

remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

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AROUND WESTLAND

Open House

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool will have an open house 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26. The preschool is now enrolling 3-4-year-old children for the 2009-2010 classes. Tours and enrollment information will be available at the open house. There also will be winter themed crafts and activities for all, including a free photo of your child.

The \$50 enrollment fee will be waived for those enrolling at the open house. Each child will also receive a free children's book. ,Vall (734) 728-3559, visit the preschool's Web site at www.livesarechanging.com/ html/preschool.htm, or send an e-mail to wfmpreschool@ yahoo.com.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner is back at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert for \$6 as well as entertainment. Dinner is being served 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. 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.

ON THE WEB

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Elementary School in Westland.

Scouts plan to go camping by selling lots of cookies

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 20271 have set a goal for this year's cookie sale. They want to sell 2,400 boxes by the time the annual sale ends on March 22.

Reaching it is going to take a lot of selling on the part of the Scouts, but they're up to the challenge. And with good reason. They hope to earn enough money through the cookie sale to spend a weekend at Camp Innesfree, doing things like archery and canoeing, as well as making flags for wounded soldiers.

"My mom and dad are taking it (the order form) to work and asking people," said Callie Spaw. "I even asked my grandma."

The troop, which meets at Madison Elementary School in Westland, is taking pre-orders through Jan. 19 and setting up spots for its booth sales Feb. 27 to March 22. The latter is proving to be a hard task, according to Carol Gramlich, who is coleader with Erica Tenant. 'Our goal is to have eight

booth sales and we only have two booked," she said. "It's hard this year because of the construction at Kroger (in Westland) and Wal-Mart (in Canton). Girl Scout cookies are an icon

of American culture. In fact, the sale of cookies as a way to finance troop activities began as early as 1917, five years after Juliette Gordon Low started Girl Scouting in the United States. Commercial bakeries now

make and package the cookies and this year the Scouts are selling Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints and Trefoils, sugar-free Chocolate Chip, Lemon Chalet Cremes and a new variety, Dulce de Leche, a caramel cookie. Boxes sell for \$3.50 each.

The scouts of Troop 20271

estimate they need to sell 1,248 boxes just to finance the camping trip. Gramlich's daughter, Libby, has set a personal goal of 700 boxes, up from the 500 she sold last year.

"She wants to go to camp free," said her mother.

Parents and relatives are a big part of the sale. Clarisse Gray's grandmother bought some boxes and then took the order form to her church. She ended up selling 125 boxes for the fourth-grader.

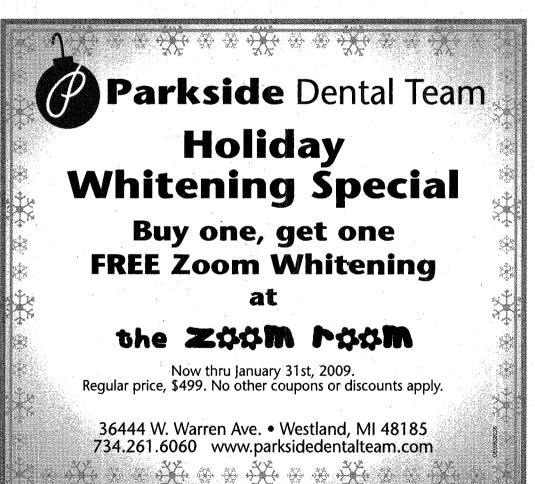
Madison Tenant's father, who works at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor, is selling cookies on her behalf.

"He thinks it's great to sell them to the soldiers," she said.

As for reaching their goal, the girls respond with a resounding yes, although Callie adds an "I hope so."

°Oh, Callie, don't be a naysayer," Gramlich added.

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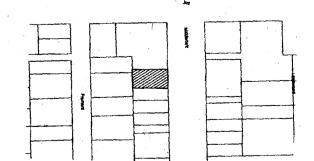


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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

CASE #2172 - Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Retail Auto Parts Store, 8727 N. Middlebelt, Parcel #005-01-1257-000, West Side of Middlebelt, South of Joy Road, Dergam Shareef (Stephen Iovan)



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 3,

Written comments must be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

> Adam Hammons, Chairman WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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projects on Westland's list would be a \$10.2 million plan to pave gravel roads throughout the city, a move that officials predict would create 292 jobs. Moreover, a plan to fix sanitary sewer system problems comes with a combined \$14 million price tag that could mean 400 jobs.

Wild's administration also has proposed spending \$3.7 million to boost public safety efforts by hiring 20 police officers to beef up response

time, buying 10 patrol cars, adding eight police-fire dispatchers and upgrading computers capabilities.

"We would certainly like to see more personnel," Police Chief James Ridener said.

A report in 2003 by an outside auditing firm, Plante Moran, concluded that Westland is understaffed with police officers compared to communities like Livonia, Southfield, Taylor and Canton, Ridener said. Hiring more officers, he said, would allow the department to sharpen its focus on crime patterns, such as home burglaries, auto thefts and

robberies, as they emerge in certain areas.

The police department already has a hiring list in place and could quickly move to use federal stimulus dollars, Ridener said. Still unclear, however, is whether money would be available to pay for those positions long-

Other wish-list projects include reconstructing

Matthew Street in the city's historic Annapolis Park neighborhood; remediating Central City Park; renovating the senior Friendship Center and the Norwayne subdivision's Dorsey Community Center; and repaying Grand Traverse.

Still other proposals include resurfacing Randy Street; repaving the Cherry Hill-Newburgh intersection; fix-

Florence Street; repaying Avondale between Wayne ing Flamingo Street; doing preventative maintenance on Newburgh between Joy and Palmer; reconstructing

will tackle topics not necessarily tied to Obama's proposed stimulus plan, including energy, children's issues, health and human services,

education and homelessness. The mayoral group is a nonpartisan organization with members from cities across the nation with populations of

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, January 22, 2009, various items of the City Westland Police Department will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Auction 8251 Rawsonville Road, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder

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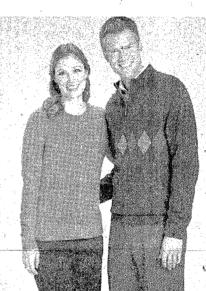
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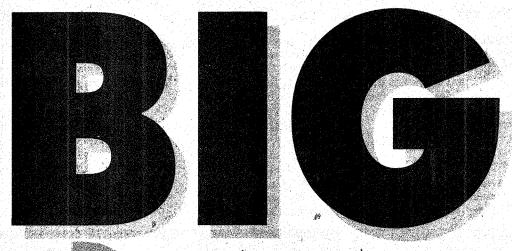
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Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife. com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 615 W. Lafayette - Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226, or faxed to her attention at fax at (313) 223-3318. For more information, call (313) 222-6751.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Ss. Simon and Jude Church's Ushers Club will sponsor a Toys and Train Show noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, in the church hall at 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman. Admission to the show is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food and beverages are available. Parking is free. There will be approximately 130 dealer tables available at \$10 each. To reserve a dealer table, call Norm at (734) 595-8327. Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

Men's retreat

Men are invited to participate in a spiritual retreat weekend at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center March 6-8. For details and reservations, call (734) 261-5321 or (734) 425-5144.

Getting organized

Join the National Association of Professional Organizers Southeast Michigan Chapter in getting organized at a free event noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at IKEA, 41640 Ford, Canton. "Getting Organized Is Easier Than You Think!" will feature presentations by NAPO-SE-MI members, including informative sessions on organizing principles. Or buy lunch in the café and sit with a professional organizer to ask all of your organizing questions. Go online to www.NAPOMICHIGAN.com for more information. NAPO-SE-MI can help you keep your New Year's resolution and find a professional organizer near you.

Prison Family Support Group

Do you have a family member currently serving time in prison, a subject that you can't easily discuss with just anyone? Now, there's a place for help - for conversation - for understanding of what you are going through.

Hope-4-Healing is a free on-going support group for those who have loved ones in prison, providing a safe place to talk about it, share with and learn from others. The group meets the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, in Westland. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope-4healing@rocketmail.com.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The Westland Police Department will conduct an online public auction of miscellaneous seized and forfeited items. The auction will begin on Thursday, January 15th, 2009 and end Thursday, January 23rd, 2009. Interested persons should:

- visit www.aitcanton.com click on the "Auctions" tab
- in the right column, click on the "Click here for live auctions!"

The following items can then be viewed and are offered for sale to

PS3 game system, Bose iPod dock, Fossil watch, Whistler radar detector, Darren McCarty autographed pictured, Scarface picture, HP photosmart camera, Timberline boots, watches, collector coins, Denon stereo equipment, Panasonic cameras, Sansui TV, cell phones, RCA stereo equipment, DVD players, VCR, Home Theater Master, Mohammed Ali picture, classic 1966 Mustang parts, El

All items are sold in ias isî condition. Items may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On January 20, 2009, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR.	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1994	LINCOLN	2DR	RED	1LNLM91VXRY764044
1995	FORD	CONTOUR/4DR	RED	1FALP65L4SK236789
2002	DODGE	NEON/4DR	BLUE	1B3ES46C72D549412
1992	FORD	CLUB WAGON	GRAY	1FMEE11H1NHA42442
1991	MERCURY	TOPAZ/4DR	WHITE	2MEPM36X2MB608937
1994	FORD	EXPLORER/	WHITE	1FMDU34X6RUC79793
1998	CHEVROLET	LUMINA	GOLD	2G1WL52M5W9208655
2001	PONTIAC	GRAND AM/4DR	WHITE	1G2NF52E31M628742
1997	PONTIAC	SUNFIRE/2DR	BLACK	1G2JB1242V7613275
1998	FORD	CONTOUR/4DR	TAN	1FAFP6535WK201245
2008	FORD	ECONOLINE/	WHITE	1FTNE14LX8DA56047
2000	FORD	TAURUS/4DR	GRAY	1FAFP53U7YG164128
1992	FORD	EXPLORER/	WHITE	1FMDU34X5NUE05071
1990	FORD	RANGER/PKUF	PRED	1FTCR10T7LPB03107
1993	MERCURY	TRACER/4DR	BLUE	3MAPM15J4PR612917
2001	FORD	TAURUS/4DR	BLUE	1FAFP55UX1G217021

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan; PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 20080 Allen Rd. Trenton, Mi 48183 (734)479-5442 1/30/2009 at 9:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:

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Melanie Roberts	1039	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Jeremy Hinton	1104	boxes,Bags,Totes
John Jordan IV	1116	Boxes,Bags,totes
Bianca Jordan	1118	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Nyla Bagwell	133	Boxes, Bags, Totes
John Hutchinson	215	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Tracy Woods	· 238	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Guadalupe Garza Jr	304	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Kelly Marie Hutchinson	333	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Faith Collier	336	Refrigerator, Dryer, Chair
Karrie Boudrie	346	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Theresa Calmus	405	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Theresa Bosworth	411	Boxes, bags, Totes
Dolita Denise Riley	507	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Janey Pielak	512	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Lawrence Kenny	514	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Michael A Santwire	532	Boxes, Bags, totes
Adam Fockler	533	Boxes,Bags,totes
Angela Daily	535	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Dolita Denise Riley	803	Boxes, Bags, Totes
LisaReese	901	Boxes, Bags, totes
Laura Codrington	953	Boxes, Bags, Totes

ORDINANCE NO. 255

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE XIII, SECTIONS 26-901 THROUGH 26-906 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO REGULATE THE SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMS

THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 26, Article XIII, Section 26-901, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

· Definitions.

As used in this ordinance:

- (a) "Agent or employee" means a person who, for compensation or valuable consideration, is employed either directly or indirectly by a dealer.
- (b) "Dealer" means any person, corporation, partnership, or association, which, in whole or in part, engages in the ordinary course of repeated and recurrent transactions of buying or receiving precious items from the public within this state.
- (c) "Gold" means elemental gold having an atomic weight of 196.967 and the chemical element symbol of Au, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other metal.
- (d) "Internet drop-off store" means a person, corporation, or firm that contracts with other persons, corporations, or firms to offer its precious items for sale, purchase, consignment, or trade through means of an internet website and meets the conditions described in MCL 445.483(3).
- (e) "Jewelry" means an ornamental item made of a material that includes a precious gem
- (f) "Platinum" means elemental platinum having an atomic weight of 195.09 and the chemical element symbol of Pt, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other metal.
- (g) "Precious gem" means a diamond, alexandrite, ruby, sapphire, opal, amethyst, emerald, aquamarine, morganite, garnet, jadeite, topaz, tourmaline, turquoise, or pearl.
- (h) "Precious item" means jewelry, a precious gem, or an item containing gold, silver, or platinum. Precious item does not include the following:
 - Coins, commemorative medals, and tokens struck by, or in behalf of, a government or private mint.
 - Bullion bars and discs of the type traded by banks and commodity exchanges.
 - Items at the time they are (iii) purchased directly from a dealer registered under this ordinance a manufacturer, or a wholesaler who purchased them directly from a manufacturer.
 - Industrial machinery or equipment. An item being returned to or exchanged at the dealer where
 - the item was purchased and that is accompanied by a valid sales receipt. (vi) An item which is received for
 - alteration, redesign, or repair in a manner that does not substantially change its use and returned directly to the customer. (vii) An item which does not have a
 - jeweler's identifying mark or a serial mark and which the dealer purchases for less than \$5.00. (viii) Scrap metal which contains incidental traces of gold, silver, or platinum that
 - are recoverable as a by-product. (ix) Jewelry which a customer trades for other jewelry having a greater value, and which difference in value is paid by the customer.
- "Silver" means elemental silver having an atomic weight of 107.869 and the chemical element symbol of Ag, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other

Section 2. That Chapter 26, Article XIII, Section 26-902, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Dealer; certificate of registration required; application; fee; disclosures; dealer, agent, or employee convicted of misdemeanor or felony; compliance with local ordinances; issuance and posting of certificate; notification of change in name or address.

- (1) A dealer shall not conduct business in the City of Westland unless the dealer has obtained a valid certificate of registration from the City Clerk.
- (2) This section does not require an internet drop-off store, as defined in MCL 445.483(3), or a person engaged in the sale, purchase, consignment, or trade of precious items for himself or herself, to obtain a registration under this ordinance.
- (3) A dealer shall apply to the City Clerk for a certificate of registration, and pay a fee not to exceed \$50.00 to cover the reasonable cost of processing and issuing the certificate of registration, by disclosing the following information:
 - (a) The name, address, and thumbprint of the applicant.
 - (b) The name and address under which the applicant does business.
 - The name, address, and thumbprint of all agents or employees of the dealer. Within 24 hours after hiring a new employee, the dealer shall forward to the Westland Police Department the name, address, and thumbprint of the new employee.
- (4) A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer who is convicted of a misdemeanor under this ordinance or under section 535 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.535, shall not be permitted to operate as a dealer within this City for a period of 1 year after conviction.
- (5) A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer who is convicted of a felony under section 535 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.535, shall not be permitted to operate as a dealer for a period of 5 years after the conviction.
- (6) This ordinance shall not be construed to excuse a dealer from complying with the local zoning ordinance or any local ordinance regulating commercial activities
- (7) Upon receipt of the application described in subsection (3), the Police Department shall issue a certificate of registration in accordance with this
- (8) Upon receipt of the certificate of registration from the Police Department, the dealer shall post it in a conspicuous place in the dealer's place of business.
- (9) Not less than 10 days before a dealer changes the name or address under which the dealer does business, the dealer shall notify the Police Department of the change
- (10) A certificate of registration shall expire two (2) years from the date of registration, unless renewed prior thereto at no additional cost to the applicant. Renewals following the expiration date shall require re-registration and payment of fees set forth herein.
- (11) A dealer must meet all licensing requirements of the State of Michigan.

Section 3. That Chapter 26, Article XIII, Section 26-903, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

> Permanent record of each transaction; forms; copies, information required; numbering; confidentiality;

retention period; size of form; definition.

- (1) A dealer shall maintain a permanent record of each purchase of jewelry, precious gems, or precious items from the public, on a record of transaction forms provided by the Police Department, legibly written in ink in the English language. Each record of transaction form shall filled out in quadruplicate by the dealer or agent or employee of the dealer. One copy of the form shall go to the Police Department pursuant to subsection (3); 1 copy shall go to the customer; and 1 copy shall be retained by the dealer pursuant to. subsection (5). At the time a dealer receives or purchases a precious item, the dealer or agent or employee of the dealer shall insure that the following information is recorded accurately on a record of transaction form;
 - (a) The dealer certificate of registration number.
 - (b) A general description of the precious item or precious items received or purchased, including the type of metal or precious gem. In the case of watches, the description shall contain the name of the maker and the number of both the works and the case. In the case of jewelry, all letters and marks inscribed on the jewelry shall be included in the description.
 - (c) The date of the transaction.
 - (d) The name of the person conducting the transaction.
 - (e) The name, date of birth, driver's license number or state of Michigan personal identification card number, and street and house number of the customer, together with a legible imprint of the right thumb of the customer, or if that is not possible, of the left thumb or a finger of the customer. However, the thumbprint or fingerprint shall only be required on the record of transaction form retained by the dealer. The thumbprint or fingerprint shall be made available to the Police Department during the course of a police investigation involving a precious item or items described on the record of transaction. After a period of 1 year from the date of the record of transaction, if a police investigation involving a precious item or items described on the record of transaction has not occurred, the dealer and the Police Department holding a copy of the record of transaction shall destroy, and not keep a permanent record of, the record of transaction. A dealer who goes out of business or changes his or her business address to another jurisdiction either within or out of this state shall transmit the records of all transactions made by the dealer within 1 year before his or her closing or moving, to the local
 - (f) The price to be paid by the dealer for the precious item or previous items.
 - g) The form of payment made to the customer; check, money order, bank draft, or cash. If the payment is by check, money order, or bank draft, the dealer shall indicate the number of the check, money order, or bank draft.
 - (h) The customer's signature.
- (2) The record of each transaction shall be numbered consecutively, commencing with the number 1 and the calendar year.
- (3) Within 48 hours after receiving or purchasing a precious item, the dealer shall send a copy of the record of transaction form to the Police Department and, if the record of transaction form indicates that the customer resides outside the iurisdiction of the Police Department, shall send a copy of the record of transaction form to the Police Department where the customer resides. The record of transaction forms received by a Police Department shall not be open to inspection by the general public. The Police Department holding record of transaction forms shall be responsible for insuring the confidentiality of the record of transaction forms and insuring that the record of transaction forms are used only for the purpose for which they were received.
- The record of transaction forms of a dealer and each precious item received shall be open to an inspection by the city or county prosecuting attorney, the Westland Police Department, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, and the Michigan State Police, at all times during the ordinary business hours of the dealer. As a condition of doing business, a dealer is considered to have given consent to the inspection prescribed by this subsection. The record of transaction forms of a dealer shall not be open to inspection by the general public. (5) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each
- record of a transaction shall be retained by the dealer for not less than 1 year after the transaction to which the record pertains, (6) As used in this section, icustomerî means the
- person from whom the dealer or the agent or employee of the dealer receives or purchases a precious item.

Section 4. That Chapter 26, Article XIII, Section 26-904, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

> Retaining previous item for 9 calendar days; alteration.

> > A precious item received by a dealer shall be retained by the dealer for 9 calendar days after it was received, without any form of alteration other than that required to make an accurate appraisal of its value.

Section 5. That Chapter 26, Article XIII, Section 26-905, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:

Prohibited conduct.

A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer shall not:

- (a) Knowingly receive or purchase a precious item from any person who is less than 18 years of age or any person known by the dealer or agent or employee of the dealer to have been convicted of theft or receipt of stolen property within the preceding 5 years, whether the person is acting in his or her own behalf or as the agent of
- (b) Knowingly receive or purchase a precious item from a person unless that person presents a valid driver's license or a valid state of Michigan personal identification card.
- (c) Enter into a transaction regulated in this Ordinance without first obtaining a valid certificate of registration from the City Clerk.

Section 6. That Chapter 26, Article XIII, Section 26-906, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows: Misdemeanor

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by up to a Five Hundred (\$500) Dollar fine and/or 90 days imprisonment.

Section 7. That all other provisions of this Chapter of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. Section 9. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with

the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed. Section 10. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this

Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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OUR VIEWS

W-W school board deserves thanks

We are well aware of the fact that there are residents in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools who will take umbrage with what we are about to state. They are entitled to their opinions and we are entitled to ours.

January is School Board Recognition Month and we would like to take this time to acknowledge the members of the Wayne-Westland school board for their time and commitment to the district and its students.

The theme of this year's celebration is "School Boards Lead Strong." It's a reflection of the commitment that's made been to leadership and accountability, assuring that all children succeed.

In Wayne-Westland, the task of leading the way for our public schools falls to Martha Pitsenbarger, Skip Monit, Cindy Schofield, Ed Turner, Steve Becher, William Gabriel and Shawna Walker. They put in long hours with little recognition and sometimes a fair amount of controversy as seen with last fall's teachers' strike and the subsequent recall effort against two members.

Despite the country's dire economic state, the day-today work of educating students that goes on in Wayne-Westland and other school districts, and school board members deserve a good deal of the credit for that. Each and every decision the school board has made has been done with one thing in mind - preserving and improving the educational program for the district's more than

Board members' involvement goes beyond one meeting each month. They serve on board subcommittees, participate in or attend many school functions and volunteer their time. They listen to questions and complaints of residents and look for ways to resolve problems. Most times, the things they do and the decisions they make are done before a small audience made up of mostly school administrators.

As divisive as last fall's strike was, it should not overshadow the good work the board has done in the past year. That's why we would like to offer our thank you to the Wayne-Westland school board members for what they have done for the school district. They have proven to be on one mind and singularly focused on one thing \cdot the students.

And that's what this school district is all about.

King would be proud of Obama's election

On Tuesday, Barack Hussein Obama will be sworn in as the 44th president of the United States. That historic event will follow the day we set aside to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr., the martyred civil rights leader who helped set in motion the profound changes that made it possible for Obama to reach the nation's highest political office.

It has been a long, violent and often bitter struggle for African Americans to assert their place in America, moving from slavery, to Jim Crow laws in the South

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to widespread de facto discrimination in the North. It's a story of hardship that closer to King's dream. In still afflicts the black community, where grinding poverty, limited opportuni- Americans have taken their ty and crime still separate place as national, state and many African Americans from the white majority.

But each year, this nation professionals and artists and moves closer to King's dream. In large ways and small, black Americans growing black middle class. have taken their place as national, state and local

leaders, prominent professionals and artists and prospering members of a growing black middle class.

In 1963, King set the mark not just for black Americans but for the United States as a whole. He challenged this great country to make real its vaunted claims of liberty and justice for all, to open the doors of opportunity, to break down the walls of racial separation and create a dialogue on what the promise of America really means.

George W. Bush, a Republican, appointed many cabinet members from minority communities, most notably his two secretaries of state, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. Now Obama, a Democrat, assumes the position of the nation's leader at a time of great economic, political and military strife.

The nation looks toward this man of mixed racial heritage with overwhelming expectations. Martin Luther King would have been proud that the United States would choose to place their faith is this man at this time. It is a piece of the dream fulfilled.

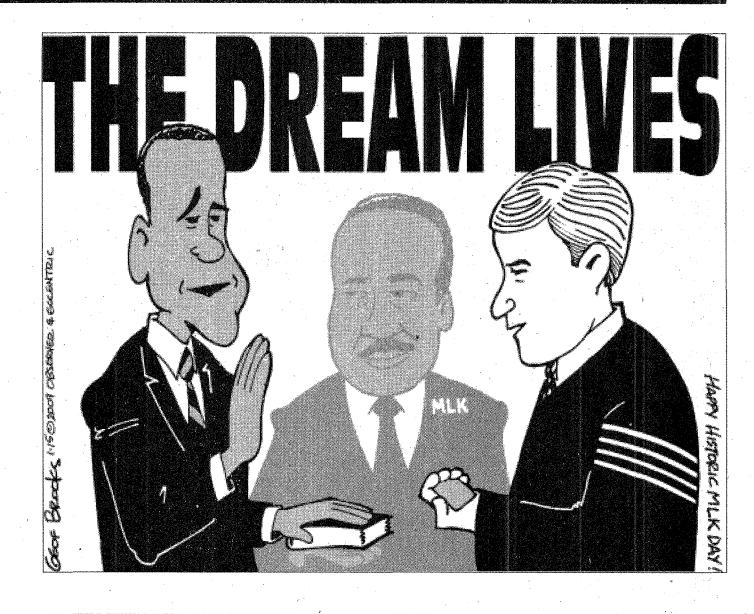


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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.



LETTERS

Time for change in U.S.

With the inauguration of Barack Obama, Democrats will control both the executive and legislative branches of national government, just as the Republicans did from 2001 through 2006, with disastrous consequences. Some still say that there is little difference in the two political parties.

I strongly disagree. Democrats are the party of science, reason, and rationality. The GOP prefers mindless adherence to dogma, tradition and delusion. Democrats believe patriotism is actually about doing something to better America, not who can wave or wear the greatest number of flags. Democrats understand economic complexities, as evidenced by the yastly superior historical performance of the economy under Democratic administrations. Democrats are focused on the longrun and the development of real solu tions. Republicans extol selfishness and immediate gratification.

Democrats are much wiser on foreign policy and national security. They heed the advice of the founders, which is to use confrontation and the military sparingly, as the less America's power is used, the greater it will be. The Republicans hold fast to the delusion that the United States. with 5 percent of the world's population, can rule the world through pure domination.

Democrats prefer America's public discourse to focus on the discussion and debate of public policy. The GOP prefers our public discourse to focus on the discussion and debate of inflammatory, divisive, ultimately inconsequential social issues.

Democrats believe that, as a society, we have a responsibility to look after each other. Republicans believe that Fortune 500 CEO's will look after everyone out of the goodness of their hearts. Democrats view health care as a right to which everyone should be entitled regardless of economic circumstances. Republicans view health care as a luxury which should be available only to those fortunate enough to afford it.

Democrats believe in the common good. Every citizen is a unique and valuable individual entitled to certain inalienable rights, and the highest duty of government is to protect those rights. Democrats don't believe anyone - regardless of race, religion, or class, is more valuable than anyone else. They don't believe in brushing people aside simply to enhance the profits of corporations and the wealthy. Republicans view each person as a cog in the machine. They believe the ultimate purpose of government is to advance the interests of the economic elite, and that the public should be subservient to that end.

Republican governance has failed spectacularly. The time has indeed come for change in America.

> Joe Golonka Westland

Don't renew parks millage

I would like to respond to the Observer's recent shallow and simplistic editorial ("Ordinance on park funds alters intent of millage,".Dec. 25) regarding a proposed Wayne County Commission ordinance to return 25 percent of the parks millage to funding communities.

The editorial contends the ordinance represents bad public policy and would divest funds from the intended purpose. It also suggests that voters approved the millage for improvements to county parks.

Consider the following: 1. Special county-wide millages are bad public policy. They are typically vaguely written, widely interrupted

and seldom deliver on their promises. 2. It is not unusual for 25 percent or more of the millage to be spent on non-county projects.

3. The parks millage provides the county's CEO with a taxpayer slush fund to "buy votes" or punish or reward commissioners or communi-

4. County park funds have been used on questionable projects, some may be contrary to the ballot language.

5. No legitimate county process exists to consider and grant community projects.

6. A significant portion of the parks millage is spent on operations not capital improvements.

7. The county has not increased general fund park funding in years. Given all the facts I believe that the commission's actions were justified.

I also believe that in 2010 taxpayers

should reject renewing this millage.

Give peace a chance

As a Vietnam veteran, I sometimes

wonder why do we have war. I remember seeing men and women struggling to make a living. They farmed the land, they fished the waters and they cultivated the rice paddies. They didn't care whether the government resided in Saigon, Hanoi or Washington. They didn't know anything about the so-called Domino Theory. They just wanted to eke out some food for their families.

I bring this up because I see the same thing going on in Iraq, Afghanistan and in a way, Gaza Strip. Governments are waging wars, but the people suffering the most aren't the antagonists but rather a poor population trying to live from day to day.

I remember when the Iraqi invasion began, there was a bombing of a wedding. It was a terrible mistake but think about it, what if was at Burton Manor. Would we call it a "terrible mistake"? Would we stand for mercenaries like Blackwater patrolling our streets, "accidentally" killing police officers?

I realize the war in the Gaza Strip

is more complicated and there are many rocket attacks from both sides, but I keep seeing children being carried out, markets, not bunkers being destroyed and more innocent people being killed. I think John Lennon said it best: "Give Peace a Chance." PLEASE!

> Skip Wehrle Garden City

Southern hostility

Among the disparate groups of retirees with whom I associate weekly, a rather common theme is appearing quite often: Why are those Southern senators so intent on destroying this country's last major indigenous industry? I listen intently to the opinions and then offer my humble response. People like Sen. R. Shelby, et al. have two goals in mind: 1) destroy the unions (even though it has been widely reported that our workers, in some cases make less than the ones in the "right-to-work" states); and 2) keep fighting the Civil War. (Come on, guys. You lost. Deal with it. Move on.)

The fact is, through no small effort on the part of the Northern states (and our unions), our next president is an extremely intelligent black person, and is an encumbrance so onerous to the Neanderthal throwbacks south of the Ohio border that they have decided to decimate one out of seven jobs in this country. Apparently, these wonderful folks have no idea (much less a concern) about how many families this will affect, about the tremendous loss of vital revenue to cities, etc., or about the millions of dollars it will cost to provide unemployment benefits, etc.

A member of one of my groups said, "Well, yeah, you're right, but what can we do about it?" At my age, I have to continually fight the urge to say things like, "Well, for (goodness) sake, you could at least contact your congress person and the senators who are trying to dump on us!"

> Frederick J. Libbing Plymouth

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QUOTABLE

"I am dedicated to this position. When it comes time to vote, I make sure I am there."

– State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, about his perfect attendance record during his first two-year term and not missing any of the 1,257 roll call votes taken on the House floor

Cake shop 'sweetens' bad economy

Leave it to Mary Denning to make a sour economy a little

To help customers satisfy a sweet tooth without creating an economic ache, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe has started selling select gourmet desserts for \$1.

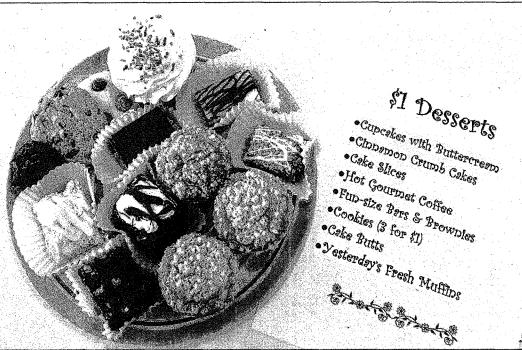
"I think it's a great idea. I'm hoping that dollar desserts are just what customers need in these tough times," Denning

It might not hurt her business, either.

Customers who dare to defy their New Year's resolutions to eat less dessert can spend \$1 for cupcakes topped with French butter cream, cinnamon crumb cakes, cake slices, coffee cake, the day before's muffins, three cookies or, for a treat that Denning admitted is oddly named, cake butts — simply the sliced-off top of a cake.

The idea for dollar desserts surfaced after employees noticed that some customers had started avoiding the more expensive products to conserve money.

"The economy is so bad right now, and many people don't have the extra money to buy bakery products," said LeAnne Watson, pastry chef. "By offering desserts for only a dollar, customers will



TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe on Wayne Road is taking the bite out of rising prices by selling selected baked goods for \$1 each.

be more apt to stop in and buy

Like many business owners, Denning has learned that it's critical to pay to economic trends and adapt. She also hopes to form partnerships with banquet halls for special wedding

cake deals. Mary De

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe has been part of the Westland community for more than 16 years. The business has accumulated numerous awards. Most recently, it was named one of the top five best bakeries in the metro Detroit area by WDIV Channel 4's Click on Detroit Best Guide.

The cake shop is located at 8036 N. Wayne Road. There is a Web site, www.marydenning.com, and the phone number is (734) 261-3680.

McConnell learns job at 'judge school'

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judge Mark McConnell of Westland's 18th District Court

had good company last week at "judge school" in Lansing where new judges learn the ropes.

McConnell, 40, of Westland sat with fellow new judges Jim

new Judges Jim Plakas of Plymouth-Canton-Northville's district court, and Chris Ninomiya, district judge for Dickinson and Iron counties in the Upper Peninsula. All three are 1986 Livonia Stevenson High School graduates.

McConnell

McConnell and his fellow new judges learned "a whole lot of stuff" at the Tuesday-Friday sessions, including landlord-tenant ethics rules, court administration, evidence "and a lot of court procedure."

Around 60 judges, mostly district court, attended the training offered by more senior judges

"We did have an opportunity to socialize," McConnell said. "Not a lot of ideas, because we're all new."

Jan. 2 was his first day on the bench at the courthouse on Ford Road near City Hall.

"I just got up there and I went," said McConnell of handling four felonies back-to-

back.
His first case involved a

woman charged in breaking into a neighbor's home and taking a car used in a Livonia home invasion. McConnell set a \$250,000 cash or surety bond.

He previously worked as assistant city attorney with the Angelo Plakas firm.
"It gives me a great advantage

"It gives me a great advantage in taking over the new position," McConnell said of the 18th District Court. "I know everyone there and they've been wonderful in helping me adapt."

He thanked Judge Sandra
Ference Cicirelli for her help, as
well as Judge C. Charles Bokos.
Bokos, who recently retired, sat
with McConnell his first two
days on the bench and filled
in as a visiting judge while
McConnell was in Lansing

McConnell was in Lansing.

McConnell noted that the

18th District Court is one of the busiest district courts in Michigan.

"I like to stay busy," he added.
"It shows our police department works hard, too."

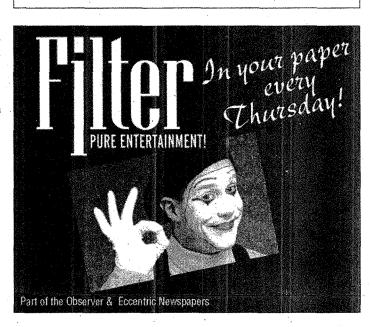
He found the transition as smooth as can be expected, and appreciates that the court is run well. "Hopefully, Judge Cicirelli and I can keep it that way."

McConnell, a University of Detroit law school graduate, faced a busy week. There were 12 jury trials starting Monday, some likely to end with pleas or dismissals. The city docket was Tuesday, the civil docket Wednesday, with trials and pretrials both days. Thursday's the county prosecutor docket, and Friday arraignments and sentencings.



A family affair

Joan Gebhardt takes the oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly as her 4-year-old granddaughter, Lindsay, holds the Bible. A Democrat, Gebhardt was elected in November to represent the 12th District, which includes Inkster, Westland and the southern portion of Livonia. "I am honored to serve the citizens of my district, and I promise to be an effective and focused legislator for them," Gebhardt said.



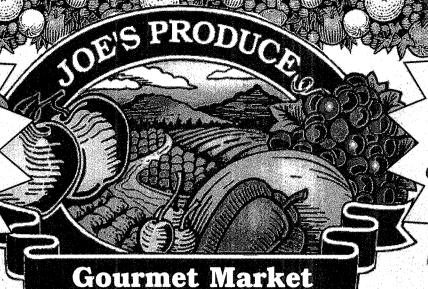








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Westland's other Star tries to stick in the NHL

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Westland gave the National Hockey League a pretty good Star in Mike Modano.

And now another Westland native, Chris Conner, is trying to hitch a permanent Star to the NHL Dallas franchise as

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound Modano has enjoyed 19 productive NHL seasons, won a Stanley Cup, was recently named to the All-Star Game for the seventh time and is the league's all-time leading U.S.-



born scorer. A future Hall of Famer for sure.

The 5-foot-8, 180-pound Conner, meanwhile, has appeared in 47 NHL games, including

14 this season, where he has recorded five assists while shuttling back and forth three times between Dallas and the Peoria Rivermen of the American Hockey League.

Modano has made countless trips to Joe Louis Arena. Homecomings are like old hat for No. 9, while the 25-yearold Conner admitted he had butterflies the first time he stepped out on the ice against

the Wings. Modano recalled the first time Conner came back to Detroit to play in front of family and friends.

"You could tell he was excited, there was nervous anxiety," the NHL veteran said. Conner said the butterflies, however, subsided on the sec-

ond go-around. "It did the first time, but not

ing back.' much this time," he said.

Last Thursday's second appearance at the JLA was anything but a happy homecoming, as the Stars were pounded into submission, 6-1, by the defending Stanley Cup champions.

"It's nice to be home, but you want to get the two points,' said the right winger, who logged 10:19 minutes of ice time. "When I was at Michigan Tech, I had some good times at the GLI (Great Lakes Invitational), but I never won a game. But it's always fun com-

Conner was recalled from

Peoria on New Year's Day and has dressed twice. Upon his return, he was leading the Rivermen in goals (13) and was second in points (24) in 25

"The team (Rivermen) was playing well and when you play together and get on a roll, it's a lot of fun," Conner said.

On Dec. 10 against Phoenix, he recorded his first multiplepoint NHL game with a pair of assists. In 47 NHL games, Conner has total of four goals and nine assists.

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Churchill scales Rocks to victory

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It was a signature victory Tuesday night for the Livonia Churchill girls basketball team despite what the records indicate.

The host Chargers improved to 4-3 overall with a surprising 35-32 triumph over Salem, a preseason top 25-ranked team which was coming off its first win of the season last Friday against previously unbeaten and state-ranked Livonia Franklin (26-

Darcy DeRoo, a 5-foot-10 junior forward, led Churchill with a game-high 15 points, while senior point guard Lindsey Graciak chipped in with 10.

Churchill trailed 10-7 after one quarter, but took a 23-17 halftime advantage with a 16-7 secondperiod run and kept the Rocks at bay during the final 16 minutes.

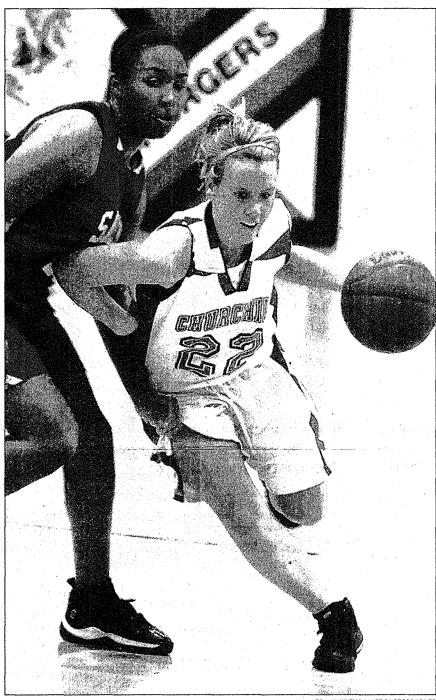
"It was our patience on offense and defensively we were able to take away the middle because of their size," Churchill coach Chad Jenkins said. "We wanted to take away the paint and force them into perimeter shots. We did an excellent job of rotating defensively and not giving them easy looks. We limited them to one shot a lot and we took away the second chances for them."

Tracy Whalen, a 6-foot senior transfer from Farmington Hills Mercy, led the Rocks (1-5) with 10 points. Chelsea Davis, a 5-11 senior, added eight, while 5-10 junior guard Sara Stone added seven.

"I'm having a hard time figuring this team out," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "I thought we turned the corner with our win on Friday and we started well tonight, but they took it to us in the second quarter."

Churchill was 4-of-9 from the foul line, while Salem made 1-of-3.

"As a whole, we were working togther as a team and everybody did their part," Jenkins said. "Offensively, we were very patient. We waited for the best shot and got some layups."



TOM HAWLEY! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Churchill senior point-guard Lindsey Graciak attempts to keep the ball from Salem's Sara Stone

during the closing minutes in Tuesday's clash.

Madonna adds All-State volleyball player



Nalecz

Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced his second signing for the 2009 season Monday with the addition firstteam All-Observer pick Kristen Nalecz of Livonia

Nalecz is joined by Milford's 5-foot-9 setter Evia Prieditis.

With the loss of three quality seniors veteran players, two of which are All-Americans, this year's recruiting class is of major importance," Abraham said. "Our top priority is to bring in quality attackers who have the ability to make an immediate impact.

'Kristen comes from one of the most successful high schools in the state. She is a talented, versatile player with a strong arm and the ability to terminate the hit. An Observerland area standout, Kristen will blend right in to the chemistry of

The 5-foot-10 Nalecz will graduate this spring

from Churchill after earning a pair of letters for coach Mark Grenier and helping the Chargers to a 94-7-3 record the past two years, capped this season by a trip in November to the Class A state semifinals (losing to eventual state champ

She was a two-time All-Area, All-District, All-Division and All-Region pick, along with a being Kensington Lakes Activities Association selection last fall. In her two seasons on the varsity, Nalecz posted 1,022 kills (fifth all-time at Churchill), including a single season school-record 595 kills.

Nalecz wrapped up her career with a team co-MVP award and a selection to the Michigan Volleyball Coaches' All-State Team.

MU captured its 12th straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship in 2008 and advanced to the NAIA National Championship for the 11th time overall and the seventh straight season.

Coming around

Crusaders earn 75-68 WHAC triumph

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The pieces of the puzzle are slowly starting to come together for the young Madonna University men's basketball team.

The Crusaders bounced back from a disappointing season-opening loss in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference three days earlier to Indiana Tech with a hard-fought 75-68 triumph Saturday over visiting Cornerstone at the MU Activities Center.

Senior Kevin McLoughlin led the way with 15 points and six rebounds, while Canton High's Ryan Waidman, a 6-foot-7 sophomore center,

added COLLEGE BASKETBALL 14

points and seven boards in a teamhigh 36 minutes as the Crusaders improved to 7-11 overall and 1-1 in the WHAC.

"Every one of these game the rest of the season are going to be like this," MU coach Chuck Henry said. "Aquinas (College) may have the edge with four starters back, but every one is going to be a dogfight."

After squandering a 14-point second-half lead only to lose 77-74 Wednesday to Indiana Tech, the Crusaders persevered despite an avalanche of fouls called in the game (43).

Cornerstone (11-7, 1-1) was in the double-bonus foul shooting situation midway through the first half and MU collected six quick fouls in the first 5:10 of the second half.

MU, however, led 34-31 at intermission and had a 41-34 advantage early in the second half, only to have the Golden Eagles fight back with a 14-2 run to make it 48-43 on a basket by Kevin DeVries with 12:03 remaining in the game.

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Prep hockey action

■ Goaltender John Klienhans stopped all 22 shots Tuesday night as Warren DeLaSalle defeated Livonia Churchill, 4-0, in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase at Edgar Arena.

Frank Sarise and Mike Lipari each had a goal and assist for the victorious Pilots, now 7-3-1 overall. Brian Pike added two assists, while James Fish (power-play) and Brad Annas also tallied goals.

Churchill goalie Adrian Motta had 16 saves for the Chargers (3-4-2).

"We made too many mental mistakes against a good, hardworking team," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team trailed 3-0 after two periods.

■ Becca Champagne's second-period goal held up Saturday as the visiting Mustangs blanked Livonia Ladywood, 1-0, in a Michigan Metro **High School Girls** Hockey League game at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Hannah Deacon and Katherine Gearns drew assists on the game-winner for the Mustangs (5-2, 4-1).

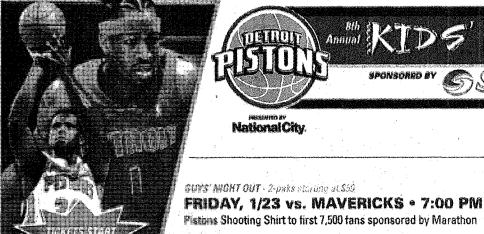
Julia King, who made 16 saves, earned the shutout in goal for Northville. Jessica Pavela had 23 saves in net for the Blazers (6-3,

■ In a game Friday at Compuware Arena's Olympic Rink, the host Wildcats evened their **KLAA South Division** record at 3-3-1 with a 9-1 mercy-rule win over Livonia Franklin, which falls to 0-8 and

Demolition tryouts

Tryouts for the Detroit Demolition, a member of the Independent Women's Football League, will be from 9 p.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 and 31, at the Total Sports Complex, located at 30900 Wixom Road, Wixom.

The tryout fee is \$35 (cash, credit card or money orders accepted no checks). For more information, call tryout coordinator Alecia Sweeney at (248) 765-3419; or e-mail asweeney@steelfishdesign. com.



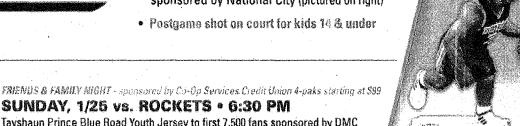
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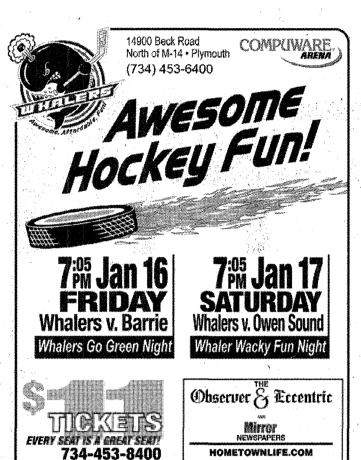
The Crusaders, however, turned things around in a hurry, getting 30 points on the afternoon from their bench, including 15 from McLoughlin, a 6-3 senior from Shepherd, and six each from 6-8 sophomore center Geoff Gaylor and 6-4 junior forward Noah Williams, who gave MU a 66-57 lead on layup with 4:07 left.

"The addition of Geoff (Gaylor) makes us bigger and deeper," Henry said. "Depth is important. And (Kevin) McLoughlin is capable of games like that. What's neat is when you have eight or nine guys who play hard — it's special."

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Cornerstone's Matt Kingshott, who came into the matchup averaging 18 points and nine rebounds per contest, was held to 10 points and seven rebounds.

"We knew they'd be very good at pushing the ball up



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the floor, hitting the open man and try and post it up inside every time," Henry said. "We knew they were going to do it and we were ready to run. That's why depth is important.

"Kingshott is a horse. And in Ryan Waidman's defense, he's had to defend good post players all season. He has not gotten the credit he deserves because he's had to defend great players with size."

Caleb Simons led Cornerstone with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Ryan Zwier came off the bench to score 11.

Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) added 11 for MU, while Leroy Allen, despite first-half foul trouble, contributed eight.

MU, meanwhile, has gone 7-2 overall after starting the season 0-9.

'We really changed our attitude in practice and realize what it takes," McLoughlin said. "Some people are coming into their own and there was not one second thought that we couldn't turn it around. Then again, our (non-conference) schedule was tough, too."

WAYNE COUNTY CC 76. SCHOOLCRAFT 65: In a makeup game Monday, host Wayne County Community College (11-3, 4-2) held on for the MCCAA Eastern Conference victory over Schoolcraft College (4-13, 1-5), which suffered its ninth straight setback.

Bruce Watson had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Ocelots. who trailed 40-32 at halftime. Ryan Matthews added 16 points and 12 rebounds, while Greg Leavell (Farmington Hills Harrison) added 14 points and five boards.

Lady Ocelots romp to another win

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team cruised to its 47th conference win in its last 49 games dating back to Feb. 1, 2006 with a 93-46 triumph Monday over host Wayne County Community College.

April Goins led the Lady Ocelot assault with 24 points followed by Antania Shepherd (17), Sheray Brown (15), Brittany Collins (11) and Salem High's Tayler Langham (10).

Collins also dished out 11 assists and had six steals for the Lady Ocelots, who improved to 13-2 overall and 6-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft, shooting 55.2 percent from the field (42of-76) also got contributions from Jasmine Brown (nine

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

points) and Amber Avery (nine rebounds). Shepherd also grabbed nine rebounds.

Tornisha Jones led Wayne County (2-12, 1-5) with 15

MU women fall at buzzer

The snowy bus ride back from Grand Rapids had to seem a little longer for the Madonna University women's basketball team following a last-second 65-63 loss to host Cornerstone University.

Kara Overbeek nailed the game-winning shot with only one second remaining as the Golden Eagles improved to 13-5 overall and 3-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The loss drops MU to 6-12 overall and 1-1 in the WHAC. Jenna Plewes led Cornerstone with 21 points and nine rebounds.

Plymouth High's Kim Olech paced the Crusaders with a team-high 19 points along with a game-high 15 rebounds. Tabatha Wydryck chipped in with 12 points, while Alysa Guerin (Salem) added nine. Katie Mount and Vanessa LeMay came off the bench to added nine and eight, respectively.

The Crusaders trailed 33-31 at halftime and took a 63-62 lead with only 50 seconds left when Mount converted a threepoint play. But a Brooke Carter free throw and an MU turnover with only nine seconds remaining set the stage for Overbeek's game-winning shot.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 15
Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
S. Lyon East at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at South Lyon, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 15 Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 Churchill at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY Friday, Jan. 16 Churchill vs. Novi at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Franklin vs. Salem at Plv. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17

Ladywood at Saginaw Nouvel, 7:30 p.m

Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Grosse Pointe Civic Arena, 4 p.m Franklin at Southgate, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m. Wayne Memorial Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17 Warren Woods Invitational 7:30 a.m. Spartan Classic at Stevenson, 9 a.m. G.P. North Norsemen Classic, 9 a.m. Napoleon Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Luth, Westland Tournament, 10 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Jan. 15 Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m. Trenton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Thursday, Jan. 15 Livonia Blue at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Farmington Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

Friday, Jan. 16 Ladywood vs. Regina, at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

PREP SKIING Thursday, Jan. 15
Ladywood vs. Walled Lake Central
at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, Jan. 17 Wyandotte Invitational, 10 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 17 Aquinas College at Madonna, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 17
Aquinas College at Madonna, 1 p.m.
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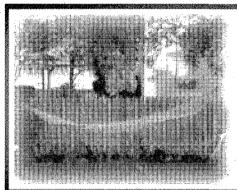
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WAYNE MEMORIAL BOYS SWIM INVITATIO NAL Jan. 9-10 at Wayne H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon Unified, 367.5; 2. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 306; 3. Garden City, 170.5; 4. Westland John Glenn, 133; 5. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 119; 6. Wayne, 98; 7. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 60.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS **200-yard medley relay**: 1. South Lyon (Chet Jankowski, Adam Oxner, Ryan Keeney, Jaryd Kimm), 1:45.16; 4. Garden City, 1:58.74; 5. John Glenn,

200 freestyle: 1. Jordan Papp (DEF), 1:57.07; 5. Jeremy Watkins (GC), 2:05.03; 6. Jacob Barnes (WM), 2:07.11.

200 individual medley: 1. Jankowski (SL), 2:11.63; 3. Steven Ogg (WM),

50 freestyle: 1, (tie) Andrew Rice (GC) and Keeney (SL), 23.88; 4, Paul Gutu (WJG), 25.08; 5. Billy Lyons (WJG), 25.23.

1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (WJG), 317.95 points (11 dives); 4. John

McNally (GC), 251.55; 5. Connor Monroe (WJG), 235.80. 100 butterfly: 1. Rice (GC), 56.41; 5. Scott Hinken (GC), 1:04.9. 100 freestyle: 1. Jankowski (SL), 52.1; 3. Watkins (GC), 54.74. 500 freestyle: 1. Papp (DEF), 5:13.91.

200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Andy Stone, Kimm, Evan Bischoff, Jankowski), 1:36.89; 3. Garden City, 1:39.5; 4. John Glenn, 1:42.81. 100 backstroke: 1. Kevin Cislo (DEF), 58.46; 2. Ogg (WM), 1:04.01; 3 Barnes (WM), 1:04.98.

100 breaststroke: 1. Oxner (SL), 1:03.47; 6. Adam Karson (WM), 1:14.76. 400 freestyle: 1. South Lyon (Stone, Bischoff, Oxner, Keeney), 3:34.83; 3.

Garden City, 3:41.24; 4. Wayne, 3:44.07; 5. John Glenn, 3:56.44. **DUAL MEET RESULTS** BELLEVILLE 102, WAYNE MEMORIAL 81

Jan. 13 at Wavne 200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Zach Williamson, Adam Karson, Steven Ogg, Mike Gabriel). 1:59.01; **200 freestyle:** 1. Rosochacki (B), 2:02.27; 2. Jacob Barnes (WM), 2:05.73; **200 individual medley:** 1. Ogg (WM), 2:14.93; 50 freestyle: 1. Karson (WM), 25.14; 1-meter diving: 1 Josh Grant (B), 188.35 points; **100 butterfly:** 1: Gabriel (WM), 1:12.87; 100 freestyle: 1. Ogg (WM), 53.86; **500 freestyle:** 1. Barnes (WM), 5:42.89; 200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Karson, Willie McGlown, Josh Higgs, Barnes), 1:47.54; 100 backstroke: 1. Gabriel (WM), 1:13.67; 100 breaststroke: 1. Karson (WM), 1:16.7; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Barnes, Gabriel, Williamson, Ogg), 3:53.28.

Wayne's dual meet record: 0-3 overall. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 105, WAYNE MEMORIAL 76

Jan. 8 at Churchill 200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Steven Ogg, Adam Karson, Jacob Barnes, Mike Gabriel), 1:55.98; 200 freestyle: 1. Greg Van Gorp (LC), 2:08.29; 200 individual medley: 1. 0gg (WM), 2:17.27; 50 freestyle: 1. Karson (WM), 25.21; 1-meter diving: 1. Andrew Richards (LC), 198.20 points; 100 butterfly: 1. David Vincentini (LC), 1:04.84; 100 freestyle: 1. Ogg (WM), 55.11; 500 freestyle: 1. Barnes (WM), 5:46.95; 200 freestyle: 1. Wayne (Karson, Gabriel, Ogg, Barnes), 1:41.13; 100 backstroke: 1. Zach Williamson (WM), 1:08.58: 100 breaststroke: 1, Karson (LC), 1:15.11: 400 freestyle relay: 1 Churchill (Vincentini, Van Gorp, Ricky Scully, Mikhail Burschteyn), 4:01.39.

PREP BOWLING

BOYS BOWLING RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 28 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2

Wayne individual scorers: Elliott Arnold 264 255-519; Josh Vojtkofsky, 246-243-489; Ryan Gabriel, 244-202-446; T.J. Lave-Mark Shiemke 177-199-376: Jesse English-Kellen Collison, 179-184 354. Team totals: 1,108-1,083-2,191 (18 points). Glenn individual scorers: Kyle Hamlin, 198-225-423; Derrick Ammons, 152-245-397; Chris Harper, 194-193-387; Josh Herzig, 166-189-355 Brian Monty-Thomas Brusseau, 218-170-388. **Team totals:** 928-1,022-1,950 (2 points). Baker games: Wayne, 266-210-386 (10 points); John Glenn, 199-170-369 (0 points.

Dual match records: Wayne, 6-1 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; John Glenn, 3-4-1 overall 0-1 KLAA Central. **BRIGHTON 18, WAYNE MEMORIAL 12**

Wayne individual scorers: Josh Vojtkofsky,

222-197-419; Kellen Collison, 194-217-411; Ryan Gabriel, 177-203-380; Elliott Arnold, 173-191-364;

T.J. Lave, 164-157-341 (4 points). **Baker games**: Wayne, 217-190-407 (8 points); Brighton, 169-190-359 (2 points). Dual match records: Brighton, 4-3; Wayne, 5-1.

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07 - Appr. rev. site plan for Olympic Coney Isl. 7011 N. Wayne 08 - Appr. rev. site plan to Meijer Pharmacy Drive-thru,

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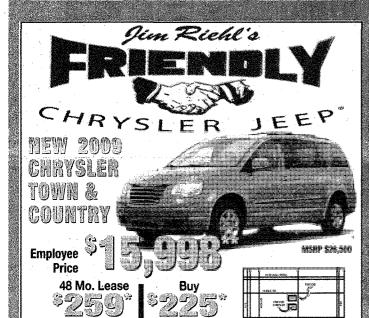
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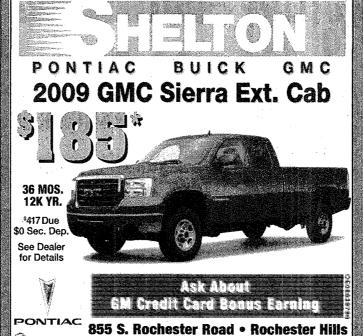


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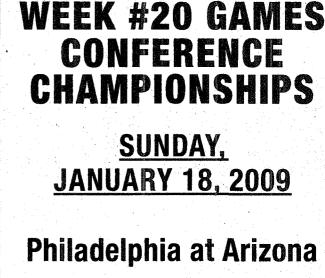
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Baltimore at Pittsburgh

Zebras stymie Brighton tandem in non-league triumph

Wayne Memorial used a balanced scoring attack and kept Brighton's two big guns in check Monday night to post a 66-52 non-league boys basketball win over the host Bulldogs.

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Daniel Hill, Jamiel Strickland and Robert Woodson paced the victorious Zebras, now 2-3 overall, with 14 points apiece.

Nick Schroeder, a sophomore forward, paced Brighton (0-5) with 11 points. Bennett Estey added 10.

Brighton's 6-foot-7 junior center Bryan Bollin was limited to eight,

BOYS BASKETBALL including just five in the opening half as Wayne led 33-23. Junior guard Jackson

scorer, also was limited to eight. "We made a point not to let them go crazy," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said of the high-scoring duo. "We just decided to pick our poison with the other guys."

Armstrong, the Bulldogs' other top

quarter, only to have Strickland respond with a couple three-pointers as the Zebras stretched their lead to

Wayne made 9-of-13 free throws on the night (69 percent), while Brighton hit 17-of-26 (65.3 percent). LUTHERAN WESTLAND 60, INTER-CITY 45:

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Lutheran Westland hit 22-of-42 fieldgoal opportunities, while making 14-of-25 from the foul stripe.

The Warriors broke out to leads of 17-12 after one quarter and 30-19 at halftime and that was enough to hold off the Chargers, who cut the deficit to five in the third period.

"They picked up the pressure, forced us to turn the ball over and take a couple quick "But it's encouraging because we did not

Christian Moon poured in 27 points, including four triples, to spark Taylor Truman (5-1) to a non-conference win Tuesday at

Livonia Clarenceville (1-5). Clarenceville senior forward Jamie Stewart led all scorers with 28 points to go along with 11 rebounds. Nathan Clark

chipped in with 11 points. Truman led 28-25 at halftime before

going on a 32-18 third-period run. "We played pretty well the first half, but in the third quarter they (Truman) made some contested shots," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said. "We just have to keep

Franklin matmen gain third

Livonia Franklin boasted four individual champions en route to a third-place team finish in Saturday's Rochester Adams Invitational wrestling tournament.

The host Highlanders and Northville finished one-two in the team standings.

Franklin's individual champions included Brandon Billiau (145 pounds), Don Stratz (160), Garrett Hay (171) and Mike Modes (285)

PREP WRESTLING

"There were some

very good wrestlers at every weight, unfortunately we just didn't have enough balance," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "Getting seven in the finals and having four champs is usually enough to win a tournament. We just didn't score much from many other weights. It's something we're going to have to address before Observerland and the league (schedule). In the past we always won tournaments by placing all 14 kids.

Second places went to Steve Tuyo (112), Elvin Ferreira (152) and Cody Hay (215), while Paul Hanni (119) added a third.

"Our good kids are just as good as our good kids back then, maybe even better," Chiola said. "It's just the kids that we fill in the other weights with haven't stepped it up yet. We have some talented kids that can't get on the mat because they're behind tough kids where at other weights we're scrambling to find someone to put it. We're taking some losses (10-4 in dual meets) as a team and with some individuals, but I think it's all going to pay off by the end of the year."

Stevenson places 3rd

Raz Markosian, a 145-pound senior, was the only undefeated wrestler on the day as Livonia Stevenson gained third Saturday in the L'Anse Creuse North Team Duals.

Markosian finished 4-0, while teammates Mitch Gonzales (135), Charlie Kokenakes (140), Jake Burns (171) Nathan Keedle (285) each finished 3-1.

Saline captured the team title followed by Madison Heights Lamphere, Stevenson, the host Crusaders and Grosse Pointe South.

Stevenson went 2-2 on the day earning wins over L'Anse Creuse (38-36) and Grosse Pointe South (41-30), while losing to Saline (18-53) and Lamphere (25-44).

Patriot 'B' team 4th

Matt Roos captured the 160pound individual title Saturday as Livonia Franklin's varsity 'B' squad placed fourth at the Dearborn Fordson Invitational. Gabriel Martinez was runner-up at 112, while Erik Czech (119), Josh Hatfield (135), Alex O'Connor (152) and Zach Leuenberger (189) each fin-

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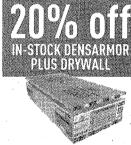
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Patriots back on winning track after defeating Novi

Livonia Franklin bounced back from its first girls basketball loss of the season with a 42-34 triumph Tuesday at home over Novi.

Brittany Taylor led the victorious Patriots, now 6-1 overall, with 12 points. Twin sister Briauna Taylor added nine, while Nicole Emery and Chelsea Williams chipped in with eight and seven, respectively.

We played good defense, but had lots of turnovers," said Franklin coach Dave McCall, whose team made 7-of-11 free throws.

KLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Franklin played without starting junior center Senneca Scott, who missed last Friday's 26-23 loss to Salem after fracturing her wrist in last week's win over Waterford Mott. She is expected to be out for a couple of weeks according to McCall.

Jessica Cingel paced the Wildcats

(4-3) with 12 points.
WAYNE 39, S. LYON EAST 35: Senior forward Jalisa Simmons scored 12 points and pulled Junior guard Allie Coleman chipped in

visiting South Lyon East (1-6).

with nine points, while freshman guard Holland Boertje added eight points and 10 assists for the victorious Zebras.

Memorial (2-5) to a victory Tuesday over

Taylor Jones and Courtney Emery tallied 10 and nine, respectively, for the Cougars. Wayne was 5-of-14 from the foul line, while East hit 3-of-8.

CANTON 56, STEVENSON 37: Kari Schmitt led a balanced scoring attack with 13 points Tuesday to power the state-ranked Chiefs (7-0) to a win over visiting Livonia

Sara Schmitt and Kayla Bridges chipped in with 10 and nine, respectively, as Canton led 35-15 at intermission.

"They're a young, disciplined team doing all the right things," Stevenson coach Paul Tripp said of the Chiefs. "And they'll be a special team for years to come.'

Stevenson made 19-of-26 free throws on the night, including 16-of-22 in the second

Senior center Kaylee McGrath had 10 points (4-of-4 free throws) with six rebounds. Freshman Jordyn York and sophomore Sarah Smith each added eight. The

from the line.

We hope to build on this going into the conference (KLAA) schedule," Tripp said.

SOUTH LYON 56, JOHN GLENN 30: It was a parade to the foul line Tuesday night as the host Lions (7-0) made 30-of-41 on the night to beat visiting Westland John Glenn (4-3).

Danielle Gotham, a 6-foot-3 senior center, scored a game-high 17 points for the Lions, who led 22-20 at halftime before pulling away with a 20-5 fourth-quarter run.

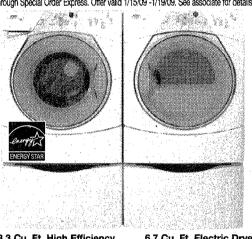
Chanel Payne, Andrea Gordon-McClain and Nyah McReynolds each had six for the

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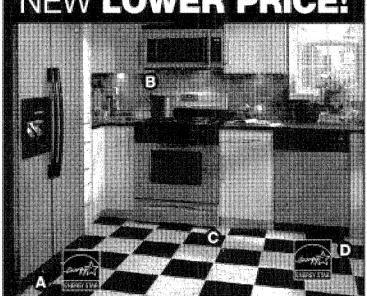
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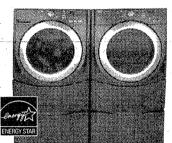
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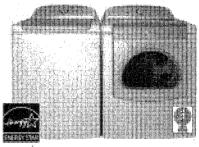
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Warrior girls earn first cage triumph of year

Lutheran Westland posted its first girls basketball win of the season Tuesday by upending Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 29-19 Tuesday in a non-conference encounter.

"Defensively, we did a good job," said Lutheran Westland coach Bill Strang, whose team is 1-4 overall. "We held their top two scorers - Amanda Ison and Korryne Claypool - to five and four points, respectively."

Top performers for Lutheran Westland were senior forward Katey Ramthun (12 points, six rebounds) and senior guard Allyson Yankee, who scored eight points and sparked the defensive effort, according to Strang

"In the second half we scored 20 points, so offensively we picked it up," he said. "We still have to work on shooting and shot selection."

Inter-City Baptist dropped

to 6-2 overall.
MACOMB CHRISTIAN 44, HURON VALLEY **33:** On Tuesday, Kara Tucker's 17 points carried Warren Macomb Christian (2-4, 2-0) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory over visiting Westland Huron

Valley Lutheran (0-6, 0-1). Senior Samantha Barber and sophomore Katie Nell each tallied 11 for the Hawks, who trailed 26-21 at half and 32-25 after three quarters.

"I liked how the girls stepped up their defense tonight, definitely a step in the right direction," Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth said. "Our shooting percentage is still low, and we're getting good shots, we're just not making them. The third quarter we came out flat offensively."

"My job is to play hard and smart, do whatever the team needs me to do to win," Conner said. "This is my third trip up (to the NHL). The goal is to play and stay here. It's all part of the process.'

Although the two Westland natives have had limited contact in Conner's three pro seasons since he was signed out of Michigan Tech as a free agent in 2006, Modano believes Conner has left an impression.

"Chris is tenacious, a guy who doesn't quit, who will always give you a second and third effort — both in and out of the shooting areas," Modano said. "And he's a guy who is not afraid to go into the tough areas. He's getting there."

Conner said ticket requests were reasonable for last Thursday's game.

"I had to get some for my family, but it wasn't too bad. It could have been worse," he

Conner cracks a smile when talking about his dad, Scott, who was in attendance along with Conner's Mite coach Ace Merlino.

"He always tells me what to do. That's the way it goes," Conner said, laughing. "He never played, but he knows how I could play better. He's a great mentor who pushed me and knows what I'm capable of doing."

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Scrapbooking

Start off the new year by creating memories at a 12-hour scrapbooking workshop, hosted by Creative Memories consultant Chrissy Detary Saturday, Jan. 24, at Extended Stay America, 2000 Haggerty, Canton. The workshop is a perfect time to get caught up with your album-making and iump-start your new year with some great new page layouts. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., six-hour options are available. The cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch and dinner. To register, contact Chrissy Detary at (734) 454-4321, by e-mail at cldetary@hotmail.com or online at www.mycmsite. com/chrissydetary.

The real deal

You'll find comfortable classics at incredible prices during the Super Sale at the Eddie Bauer Outlet at Westland Shopping Center at Wayne and Warren roads. You'll find up to 70 percent off on merchandise, including amazing weekly specials like 50 percent off all outerwear now through Jan. 20 and select styles of sweaters and fleece at \$19.99 Jan. 21-27.

Collecting coats

Taxfaster of Westland has partnered with One Warm Coat to hold a coat drive now through Jan. 31. People can drop off items at Taxfaster, 38950 Cherry Hill at John Hix in Westland. Coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, boots and any winter weather wear for adults and children are needed. Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided. For more information about the coat drive,

visit the Taxfaster Web site at www.

taxfaster.com. Semiannual sales

Stock up on your favorite lotions and potions at Bath & Body Works. The store at Westland Shopping Center, Warren Road at Wayne Road, is offering up to 75 percent off during its semiannual sale on selected items now through Jan. 25.

ONGOING

New Year's resolutions

The Vitamin Shoppe in Westland has put together the top five resolutions for a healthier 2009: Lose weight by adding fruits and vegetables to your

SEND IT

Get in one the Strictly Business Page of the Westland and Garden City Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Sue Mason, editor, at smason@hometownlife.com and she'll take care of the rest.

Our new 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.

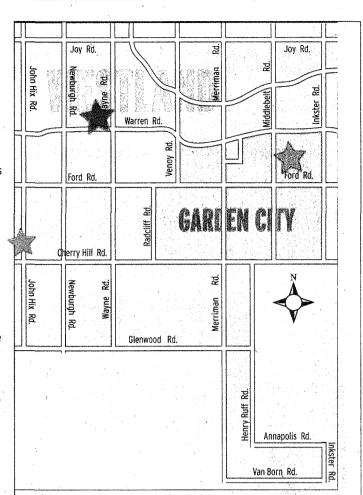
diet, improve your overall health by adding a vitamin D supplement, eat healthier by adding an omega-3 fish oil to your diet, work out and add protein to your diet to build up muscles, and stop cheating and substitute a cup of tea for your snack. Of course, you can get your diet needs at The Vitamin Shoppe at 35599 Warren Road, across from the Westland Shopping Center in Westland or online at www.vitamin-

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Citizens Bank has launched its latest convenient online banking tool, Online Account Opening. Personal checking, savings and certificate of Deposit (CD) accounts can now be opened through Citizens Bank's Web site banking program. Clients can visit www.citizensbanking.com to see the latest CD rates and account comparison charts to determine the best account for them, and then click to open the account. The new account can be funded from an existing Citizens Bank account or from any other financial institution. Citizens Bank is part of Citizens Republic Bancorp, a diversified financial services company providing a wide range of commercial, consumer, mortgage banking, trust and financial planning services to a broad client base. You'll find Citizens Bank branches at the Garden City Town Center at 5838 Middlebelt north of Ford in Garden City, 200 Merriman at Cherry Hill and 7205 Wayne Road at Warren

Road in Westland and at 27270 Cherry

Hill at Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chefs Scott Winfrey and Steve Schifano have partnered to open 2Chefs Carry Out XPress in the Marquis Food Service Building on Hix south of Cherry Hill in Westland.

Cruise wear

Organizers of the second annual Cruisin' Michigan Ave is holding a T-shirt design scholarship competition for middle and high school students Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Wayne and Westland to show the fun and excitement of the Michigan Avenue Cruise."

The contest is being sponsored by Don Nicholson Enterprises. Artwork must be original and include words that are acceptable to community standards. It can be handdrawn or digitally drawn in an 8 1/2-by-11-inch format. There's no limit on number of colors that can be used.

Entries must include the student's name, address, phone number, name of school, grade and teacher's name. They

can be sent to Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC, P.O. Box 1014, Garden City, MI 48135 or e-mailed to Don@donnicholson.net. The deadline for entering in Feb. 1.

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The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship as well as three Cruisin' Michigan Ave. For more information, call (734) 658-5296.

Coming soon

RiteCare, a general practice health care provider with an office in Detroit, will be coming to Westland. Rite Care provides transportation to patients to and from appointments, using a van of charge to pick up patients from their homes for appointments and return them at home when they're done. RiteCare provides the service to any patient within 25 miles

from one of its offices, and there's no charge for the service.

In addition to the free transportation, RiteCare offers flexible scheduling, including walkins, on-site laboratory testing and can set up payments plans for patients who don't have insurance. I am re-sending the details in the release below.

RiteCare also provides free blood pressure, glucose screenings and EKGs at senior centers throughout southeast Michigan. People also have the opportunity to meet with RiteCare physicians for answers to general medical questions at these events, posted on the Web site at www.ritecarehealth.com.

RiteCare can be found at the Detroit Medical Clinic, 16904 W. Warren Ave., Detroit. For more information, call (313) *5*81-*6*701.

Chefs put 'Krunch' into quick meals

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

There's a great new business in town, and what a great way to kick off the new year by treating yourself to the newest chicken franchise to come to the Detroit area—Krispy Krunchy Chicken. Located in the Marquis Foodservice Catering building in Westland, this Louisiana-based company features Cajun-style chicken and catfish which is always fried in zero trans fat oil, side dishes of Jambalaya, Boudin Bites and Honey butter biscuits to name a few items.

2Chefs Carry Out Xpress was founded by chefs Scott Winfrey and Steve Schifano and also features a variety of Grilled Panini Sandwiches such as Tuscan Chicken & Spinach, Portobella Mushroom & Roasted Peppers or Turkey Pesto with Roasted Tomatoes. A large selection of Entrée Salads are offered including classic Caesar, Greek and Spinach as well as Asian with Almonds and Cabbage, Michigan Cherry with Apples and the "Mother Grain" with Quinoa, Cous Cous and Chile

2CHEFS CARRY OUT XPRESS

Business Name: 2Chefs Carry Out Xpress

Address: 172 S. John Hix Westland, MI

Names of Owners: Scott Winfrey (Canton) and Steve Schifano (Livonia) Business Opened: Jan. 13, 2009

Employees: 5

Specialty: Krispy Krunchy Chicken, grilled panini sandwiches, fresh salads and soups

Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Sunday Phone: (734) 722-4006, fax (734) 721-9536

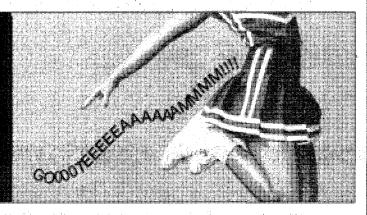
Lime Vinaigrette. A wide variety of homemade soups will be available and the owners are striving to offer fresh made dressings, sauces and produce that is either organic or locally grown in order to provide the highest quality at the most reasonable prices. If this goes well, 2Chefs may expand their offerings to include ice cream and other frozen treats. Observer: What makes your business unique?

2Chefs Xpress is perfect for a quick carry out lunch or dinner and large parties as well. Party platters of sandwiches, large salads and barn boxes of chicken are perfect for those super bowl parties, birthdays or any occasion

Observer: How did you decide to open your business? How did you decide to locate in the Westland

community? Steve Winfrey, owner of Marquis Foodservice, has operated his full service catering business from this location since 2001 and wanted to expand the carry out services that he offered and sought the help of fellow chef Steve Schifano. Schifano, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and **Executive Chef of Patient Food** and Nutrition at University of Michigan Hospital, had been toying with the idea of something similar for years and didn't hesitate when the opportunity arose.

Cheer for the hometeam, read today's



WESTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had a great holiday season, and looking forward to 2009 like we are here at the Westland Chamber.

I would like to introduce our 2009 Board of Directors: Chairman - Kathy Hurt from Coop Services Credit Union, Past Chairman - Gary Bulson from Men On the Move, Chair-Elect and Vice Chair of Community and Educational Development - Dr. Amanda Apfelblat from Michigan Chiropractic Specialists, Vice Chair of Membership and Marketing

- Dan Martin from NovoPrint

USA, Vice Chair of Finance and Operations - Tim Weise from Garden City Hospital, Vice Chair of Government Affairs - Joe Lezotte from Sigma Financial, Vice Chair of Business and Economic Development - Becky Kelly from Sharon's Heating and Air Condition.

Other board members include Todd Blevins from ACE Collision, Jeffery Kavanaugh from Krazy Kopz Rentals, Denise Mills from Westland Shopping Center, Ryan Mills from JMS and Associates, Dr. Bruce Smoler from Community Dental Associates, Mark Sweiczkowski from Choice

Insurance, and Mary Vellardita from C & M Printing and Mary Kay Cosmetics.

These are the individuals that help guide the Chamber throughout the year. We hold regular committee meeting and are always looking for fresh ideas and individuals to help out. If you would like more information about how to get more involved, please call us at (734) 326-7222.

Lastly, enjoy 2009 and let us know if we can help you in any way!

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MSU biz prof offers views on finance woes

Michigan State University Eli Board College of Business professor Naveen Khanna, the A.J. Pasant Endowed Chair Professor in Finance, wrote a three-part commentary on the 2008 financial crisis. According to Khanna, "The crisis we are now facing is no longer due to the excesses in the housing market, but because of the excesses by our government in dealing with the problem."

he biggest bailout in U.S. history, which is now unfolding, was expected to stabilize the markets. Instead, the markets have lost nearly 20 percent of their value since the bailout was signed into law, leaving many experts and the government perplexed. In spite of injection of huge amounts of funds into the markets, why are the credit markets still frozen



Naveen Khanna

and businesses still starved for funds? In spite of the bailout's direct intention of helping banks become healthier, why are bank stocks swooning?

I argue that the crisis we are now facing is no longer due to the excesses in the housing market, but because of the excesses by our government in dealing with the prob-

Let us not forget that originally the subprime loans amounted to only about 12 percent of the banks' assets. Since not all of these mortgages were likely to go bad, this should have been a manageable problem for the banks

without government 'help. However, by intervening, and doing so in an unexpectedly heavy-handed way, the government has violated fundamental free market principles. The rules under which banks operate are suddenly very different. The Secretary of the Treasury now decides who lives and who dies. The penalty for a bank in financial distress is now draconian (potential takeover without compensation), inducing banks to hoard large amounts of money in an effort to establish a cushion against 'inviting' government intervention. This has caused the credit markets to remain irozen (or become even more irozen) in spite of the unimaginable amounts of liquidity being pumped into the system.

By expropriating most/all shareholder value of the institutions it "helped," the government has made investing in bank stocks extraordinarily risky. Who would want to invest knowing tomorrow the government, for potentially opaque reasons,

may decide to expropriate all/most shareholder value? This has led investors to demand a huge "intervention premia" for investing in bank stocks, thus reducing stock price and making banks even weaker.

The large bailout amount of \$700 billion with very few constraints on how the treasury may use it, serves only to make government's hand in determining any bank's future infinitely stronger. It is like we have unintentionally let loose a 700-pound gorilla which, in its desire to help out, is scaring off already nervous investors and making share prices tank. The very well-intentioned offer to help banks creates so much fear for the investors that they cannot wait to sell their bank stock. This sell-side pressure can become strong enough that even a previously healthy bank now needs to be helped. This is playing out like a tragic self-fulfilling prophesy with no end in sight.

Hear the Podcast at http://spartanpodcast.com/?p=477.

HELPING HAND VS. MORAL HAZARD

A bit of history may be in order. Early in the year 2008, the subprime crisis was becoming worse with falling house prices, weakening some financial institutions. The government faced a dilemma: How to extend a helping hand to these institutions without creating perverse incentives, popularly referred to as moral hazard. În other words, they wanted to support the institutions without condoning the excesses that arguably had brought these institutions to their

The first "helping" hand they offered was to Bear Stearns in March of 2008. They allowed J.P. Morgan to buy it out for \$2 per share, even though a few days before the stock price was around \$30. In return they guaranteed \$30 billion of Bear Stearns' distressed assets. They punished Bear Stearns stockholders so severely, mainly to prevent any appearance of rewarding bad behavior. Ordinarily the firm would have reorganized in bankruptcy court and stockholders could have done much better, or even found a wnite knight to duy them time to recover.

That apparently was not punishment enough, so the government rushed them into the arrangement with J.P. Morgan under an archaic law from the Depression era, which allowed for such violation of shareholders' property rights. However, even they realized they may have gone too far when some Bear Stearns



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shareholders threatened law suits against what they considered blatant expropriation by the government, and increased the offer to \$10. While things appeared to settle down after this, bank stocks significantly underperformed the market from that time.

Unhappily for us, housing prices kept slipping and financial institutions came under increasing stress. There were bank failures, including IndyMac. The FDIC, which insures bank deposits up to \$100,000, had only around \$50 billion in reserve, an inadequate sum for the crisis. But the feeling that the government would stand behind the guarantee prevented visible bank runs, even though amounts above \$100,000, being uninsured, did start leaving some banks. The situation became even more tenuous when Warren Buffet instructed some of his companies to stop insuring deposits above \$100,000. Taking this as a sound decision by a very astute businessman made markets more nervous.

Then Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac who had been involved in much of the subprime lending in the last three years, ran into trouble. After running up huge losses, they could not access sufficient credit in the markets. The government had to bail them out as they were government-sponsored entities and thus, at least implicitly, presumed to be insured by the government. Not supporting them could damage the government's standing enough to create a financial panic. Though hard to prove, this was prob-

The folly lay in the government's heavy-handed approach. Even worse than in Bear Stearns' case, the government wiped out all of the value of the

shareholders' equity and even that of the preferred stock. In return they gave access to \$200 billion of secured

Then fell AIG, and the government took over 80 percent of its equity in return for \$85 billion in government debt and some billions more recently. Similarly Wachovia and Washington Mutual were sold for pennies to Citi and J. P. Morgan. Wachovia since has sold itself off to Wells Fargo for a much better deal at \$15 billion, something Citi is of course challenging. Also Merrill Lynch saw the writing on the wall and sold itself off to Bank of America at a bargain price.

THE INVISIBLE HAND

Such blatant attacks on shareholder rights were bound to have the effects we are seeing. Risk aversion is peaking and risk premia are extraordinarily high. If we continue down this path, we will lose our capital markets and the invisible hand to which we owe much of our prosperity. Our policymakers have forgotten the failed experiments of socialism and have, with good intentions, started meddling with the fundamental pillars of capitalism: property rights, rule of law and free markets. They have forgotten the invisible hand is called that for a very good reason. No one understands it better than markets themselves.

Ironically, history is repeating itself, but for entirely different reasons. The causes for the Great Depression were traced back to too little government intervention. The causes for this market breakdown will be traced back to too much government interference. The effect is the same. Credit markets froze both times.

If the government is firmly decided on a bank bailout, which I apparently disagree with, then recapitalizing banks through preferred stocks is probably the one likely to do the least damage, though even that needs an important caveat: do not pick winners and losers, do it across all banks in proportion to their size and do it with minimal conditions. Also announce the decision right away as Europe did, so that this additional source of uncerlet the markets do their job.

Otherwise the "intervention premium" will remain high, bank stocks will be extremely depressed and credit markets will not work well. This is not the time to settle scores with "bad" managers and "bad" banks. It is time to look to the future, allowing banks to do their business and let the market decide the survivors.

San Diego has some bargains

Q: I live in the Mission Bay area of San Diego and I am wondering if you have any knowledge of the real estate market there particularly waterfront property.

A: On a recent visit I had an opportunity to review the real estate market as it relates to waterfront property in Mission Bay. Both on the ocean and



Robert Meisner

a process for marketing but based upon my discussions

with a

Bay. Some

developers

with new

construction

are utilizing

the option as

local Realtor, it appears that the minimum bid price is basically close to the fair market value of the property. There are also a substantial number of additional properties for sale but they have not reduced in value significantly. The better bargains deal with property inland from either ocean or the Bay area. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable local real estate broker.

Q: I love San Diego and am wondering if there are any new high rises in downtown San Diego which appear to be reasonable in price.

A: There is a brand new residential high end condo that is going up near Front Street but the prices are certainly not reasonable in the context of Michigan real estate by way of example. Units are ranging from \$750,000 to \$2,000,000 depending upon the size and elevation of the unit. Of course, that is not to say that the developer may not be in a bargaining position depending on the market and you may be able to secure a preconstruction discount. Obviously it may be better for you to consider existing condominiums in the downtown area that may be more favorably priced.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Free seminar

A free seminar offered by Keller Williams Realty will cover: \$7,500 tax credit for new buyers; current mortgage interest rates; inspections, appraisals, title work and more. It will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Keller Williams Farmington Hills Market Center, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Call with questions or for reservations: (248) 893-1550

These are the residential real estate closings recorded Sept. 22-26, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities,

30	ldresses, and sales	prices.
	Canton	•
	50378 Black Horse Ln	\$76,000
	46291 Briargate Dr	\$255,000
	4180 Brighton Ln	\$168,000
	7239 Camelia Ct	\$145,000
	47995 Candace Ln	\$298,000
	50509 Coolidge St	\$219,000
	41495 Copper Creek Dr	\$114,000
	49789 Courtyard Ln	\$165,000
	1421 Delancy Cir	\$415,000
	48761 Fifth Ave	\$233,000
	6231 Guilford Dr	\$165,000
	48240 Gyde Rd	\$290,000
	45125 Horseshoe Cir	\$143,000
	1224 Kennebec	\$285,000
	1535 Manton Blvd	\$184,000
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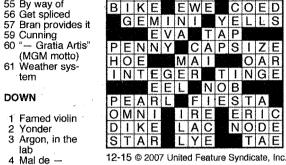
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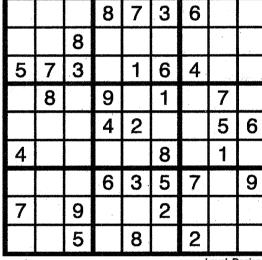
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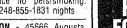
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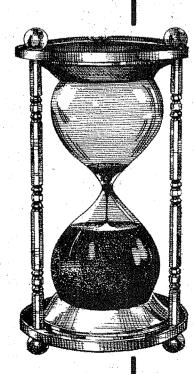
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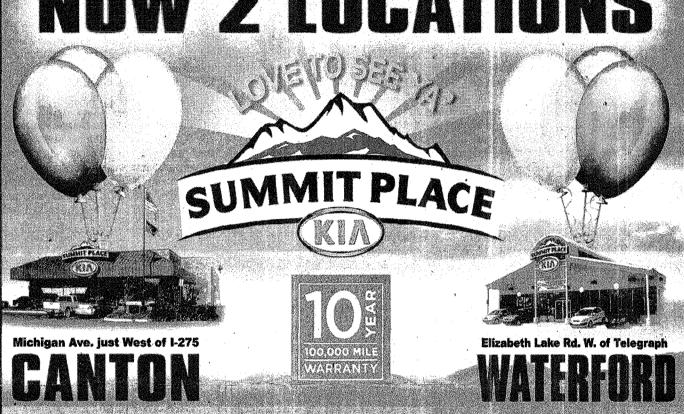


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Automakers are emphasizing their continuing stream of new models and burnishing the environmental credentials of their latest propulsion systems as they prepare to host the metro Detroit public at the 2009 North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall next week.

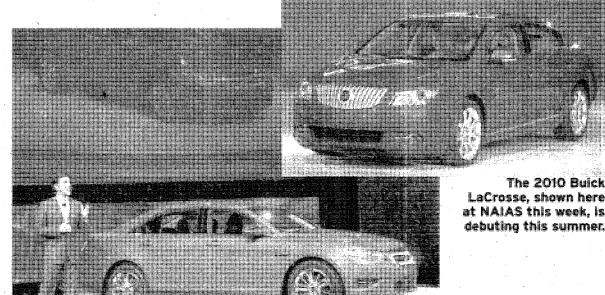
Things are so bad in the industry that some car manufacturers aren't even bothering to announce or highlight any of their products or other advances this year at the annual blowout in downtown Detroit, including Nissan. But the most beleaguered companies - General Motors and Chrysler - were attempting to turn the show and their performances at it into a springboard for a new year that they hope can possibly only improve over 2008.

"Our plan is anchored by great products and great people,: said Rick Wagoner, chairman and chief executive officer of General Motors, which of course is in the midst of forging a blueprint that will justify the federal government's extension of loan guarantees in late December. "Our focus is to rapidly implement our accelerated restructuring plan."

To that end, GM staged a literal parade of new vehicles, including the 2010 Cadillac SRX, 2010 Buick Lacrosse, and 2010 Chevrolet Equinox that go on sale this summer, and a collection of concept vehicles including the Chevrolet Spark "microcar" and Cadillac Converj, a twodoor, all-electric crossover.

Under an unprecedented kind of scrutiny produced by the rescue drama, Wagoner introduced a procession of vehicles that made their way to the speakers' stage through a throng of 600 GM employees and retirees who volunteered to lead cheers on the show floor. Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm joined top GM executives at the front of the parade.

GM President of North American Operations Troy Classifieds on the web: Clarke highlighted the three '10 vehicles. The '10 Cadillac SRX, for example, is a "new design in the form of a crossover," he said, by contrast with earlier versions of the www.observerandeccentric.com vehicle, which relied on sport-wagon styling. The new SRX is "aimed at changing the priorities of luxury buyers,"



Mark Fields, of Ford, introduces the new 2010 Ford Taurus at NAIAS.

Clarke said.

The '10 Lacrosse reprises Buick's signature design cues, including a "waterfall" grille and "portals," and introduces cool-blue ambient lighting in the interior. It will be powered by two different V6 engines, offer a new sixspeed automatic transmission, and introduce a new allwheel-drive system.

The '10 Equinox will achieve 30 miles a gallon on the highway and utilize a six-speed automatic transmission to ensure that drivers a "range of at least 500 miles" for distance driving, Clarke said.

Meanwhile, Ford used NAIAS as the platform for the world premiere of the redesigned 2010 Ford Taurus and the 2010 Ford Mustang GT500 as well as an announcement for its plans for electric vehicles.

The flagship Taurus sedan has been completely redesigned inside and out to become a more athleticlooking, personal car versus the family one that it replaces (which began life as the Ford Five Hundred until Ford marketers realized their mistake of dumping the Taurus marque in the first place and re-applied it to the Five Hundred).

It's intended to turn heads" as the original Taurus and Mercury Sable did, with their "jelly-bean" styling, when they were introduced in 1986, said Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas.

Ford CEO Alan Mulally announced that the automaker would embark on an aggressive new electricvehicle plan that includes working with partners to introduce pure electric vehicles, next-generation hybrids

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and plug-in hybrids.

Ford will sell in North America a new batteryelectric commercial van in 2010, a new battery-electric small car in 2011 that will be jointly developed with Toronto-based auto supplier Magna International, and next-generation hybrid vehicles including a plug-in

Chrysler's new ENVI all-electric powertrain technology is the basis of a raft of concept vehicles that the company is displaying at NAIAS, as it tries to move past its own economic travails that have necessitated the creation of a federal-government lifeline. The ENVI group includes a tangerine-colored Dodge Circuit EV and a Jeep Patriot EV as well as the 200C EV sedan. The 200C EV features organic materials in the

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