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# IN BRIEF

Mentors needed

**Westland Youth** Assistance is looking for adults who are interested in working with Westland teens.

"We are looking for people who care about kids an are willing to give back to a young person and the community," Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz said.

Adults interesting in working with local young people one-on-one would be required to complete 15 hours of training over four sessions.

"We do a background check and fingerprinting. It's an interesting experience - you learn a lot about yourself," he said. "When we started, it would be six-month mentoring. We re finding that longer is beneficial and now it is 10 months or so."

**Westland Youth** Assistance currently has 16 teens matched with mentors, Motz said, with 20 youngsters on a waiting list to be matched.

Anyone interested in becoming a mentor can for more information at (734) 467-7904.

family concert



Donna Novack and Harpbeat

Families are invited to the William P. Faust Public Library Monday, July 11, for a joyful, energy-filled concert that will taken them "Around the World With Harpbeat."

The concert is at 7 p.m. and is free of charge. All ages are welcome.

Harpbeat has been entertaining children across Michigan for more than 10 years with their toetapping tunes and lively instruments. Harpbeat celebrates the unique combination of harp and percussion instruments to entertain children. While singing, moving, and laughing with the music, children hear positive messages about themselves and the world we all share.

Award-winning musician Donna Novack and Harpbeat will celebrate different countries with musical stops in Mexico, Japan, Austria, Germany, Russia, Canada, Egypt and South Africa. Children will have a chance to learn about the diverse and remarkable world during this interactive musical event.

Funding for all library programs is provided by the Friends of the Westland Public Library.

No registration is necessary. Call the library at (734) 326-6123 for more information.

# Westland teen hit and dragged beneath car

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

An 18-year-old Westland man attending a large social gathering near Beck Road and Woodlong Drive in Canton was struck by a car and dragged "a considerable distance" during a horrific incident that Canton police say happened early Saturday morning.

The victim remained in an undis-

closed hospital amid a continuing police investigation that could potentially lead to criminal charges by the Wavne County Prosecutor's Office against the driver, described by Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner as a 20year-old Westland man.

those involved. "It appears to us there was a social

Police haven't released the names of

gathering at the residence, and during

the social gathering a car drove up and reportedly went onto a grassy shoulder of the road, struck the 18-year-old and continued driving," Schreiner said.

The victim was caught under the vehicle - described by police only as a small, domestic car — and he was dragged "a considerable distance" from the scene toward Beck and Saltz roads, Schreiner said.

The driver got out of the vehicle, left

the scene, later turned himself over to authorities and was released pending a determination of possible charges, Schreiner said.

The investigation is still open, very fluid and it's serious," he said Tuesday afternoon.

The victim was severely injured and rushed to a hospital.

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One of the "victims" of the storm Saturday evening was a Ford Excursion that was damaged when a large tree fell on it.

# Residents step up after storm downs power lines and trees

Carlson Street residents cope with power outage. See story on Page A5.

> BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In what was described as a storm that moved in fast and passed quickly Saturday evening, Westland residents lost power and pelted with golf ball size hail while an estimated 50-100 trees

were damaged or down. Along with "atta boys" for city workers who responded after the storm, Deputy Mayor Jade Smith offered kudos those who responded to help each other in the middle of a long holiday weekend.

"I can't believe how residents came together. I drove through right after the storm — it was impassable," said Smith. "Citizens themselves were taking care

In one particular instance, Smith said a pregnant woman was rescued from her home by neighbors, Smith said.

The two areas of Westland that appeared hardest hit by the storm were around Cherry Hill between Wayne Road and Venoy and the Tonquish Subdivision at Wayne Road and Hunter, said Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford.

"We had a couple of guys working on cleanup for the festival. We called in everyone (after the storm) and later we used a contractor, too," said Buford, noting some trees were totally uprooted by the storm which came and went within about 30 minutes.

City buildings at Ford and Carlson lost power but like the police station were able to operate with power from generators.

The Westland Summer Festival was in full swing when the storm hit and didn't lose power since the carnival equipment is also powered by generators.

One festival goer felt the brunt of the storm as a large tree fell on a Ford Excursion parked nearby. Buford said damaged trees took down power lines and also fell on homes — he had photos of a home on North Karle damaged when a tree fell on it.

"The (Westland Municipal) golf course got hit pretty hard," said Buford. Damage was also reported at ballfield in Jaycee Park and a tree was down blocking the William P. Faust Public Library parking lot.

Power was restored to residents Monday.

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# Prison-bound Highwaymen member charged in theft

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Taylor man has been charged with receiving over \$20,000 in stolen property but it may be a moot point — he's waiting to be sentenced to a federal prison, stemming from the case brought against members of the Highwaymen Motorcycle Club.

The local charges against Gerald "Pete" Baggett, 46, stem from the theft of two enclosed trailers from outside two Westland businesses in separate inci-

The first theft occurred just before 2 a.m. on May 19 when a 16-foot trailer was stolen from Advanced Underground Services, 38657 Webb Drive. The trailer was reported to contain speciality plumbing parts and equipment valued at more than \$25,000.

"The suspect vehicle was captured on surveillance video. A couple of weeks later, an employee spotted the trailer on Beech Daly south of Van Born," said

Westland police Sgt. Dan Serrano. "It was easy to spot."

The vehicle, a white 1998 GMC pickup truck, was distinctive, thanks to an eight-foot bed, a hot rod hood and other customizing, Serrano said.

As police were obtaining search warrants and setting up surveillance at the home on Beech Daly, on June 27 a 14-foot trailer full of landscaping equipment was stolen from outside Skateland

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# DNA evidence delays trial in Morse killing

BY LEANNE ROGERS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The trial of a Belleville man charged with murdering a Westland teenager has been delayed.

Charged with first-degree murder in the death of Carlee Morse, 16, Justin Yoshikawa had been scheduled for a jury trial in Wayne County Circuit Court July 13. A new trial date has been set for Oct. 3 before Judge Ulysses Boykin.

"We're still waiting for some DNA evidence to come back," said Westland police Sgt. Daniel Serrano.

Meanwhile, Tina Marie Lowe, 49, has entered a guilty piea Monday to a charge of interfering with a police investigation and scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 8. Lowe is the mother of Nicholas Cottrell, who has already pleaded guilty to helping murder Morse. A charge of being an accessory after the fact was dropped as part of Lowe's plea.

Cottrell, 22, was sentenced Feb. 3 to 25 to 50 years in prison after entering a guilty plea to second-degree murder in the Aug. 20, 2010, murder of Morse. His earliest release date would be in 2035.

Part of Cottrell's plea agreement was that he testify against Yoshikawa, a former Wayne Memorial High School student. In his testimony in 18th District Court, at the preliminary examination for Yoshikawa, Cottrell described Yoshikawa as planning and carrying out a plan to strangle Morse, his former girlfriend.

Morse was reported missing after she disappeared shortly after midnight Aug. 20, 2010. The teen's family and friends searched for her, but the police  $\,$ investigation and statements from the defendants were that Morse was killed shortly after leaving her apartment to take a ride with Cottrell.

Both men told police similar stories about Cottrell inviting Morse to take a ride and smoke marijuana while Yoshikawa hid in the back seat. Yoshikawa and Cottrell told police that they smoked marijuana, then drove around aimlessly before placing Morse's body in a Dumpster outside a church. Her body has not been located.

Found mentally competent to stand trial, Yoshikawa has been jailed since his arrested in December 2010.

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# **AROUND WESTLAND**

## Free workshop

Westland residents at risk of losing their homes can attend a free Loan Modification and Short Sale Workshop held 6-7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey east of Venoy.

Annette Compo of WJR Real Estate 411 and Linda Miller, an MSHDA-certified foreclosure counselor with National Faith Homebuyers. will be on hand to meet with residents one-on-one to do an overview of the foreclosure process and present them with various options for their situ-

The city of Westland is working with developers to assist residents that lose their home to foreclosure to try to remain in the same neighbor-

To register for the workshop, call (313) 378-5418 or send an e-mail to lindamiller@nationalfaith.org.

## Wrestling camp

The Wresting Program will hold its annual "Rocket Camp" 1-4 p.m. July 25-29 in the Wrestling Room of John Glenn High School. The camp is open to high school students. The cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 25.

There will also be a Youth Camp 4:30-6 p.m. July 25-29

for youngsters in kindergarten through eighth-grade in the Wrestling Room. The cost is \$50 and includes a Tshirt. Registration is at 4 p.m. Monday, July 25.

Registration forms are available at www.glennwrestling. com. If you have any questions, contact Coach Polk at rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595.

## Golf Outing

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John Glenn High School Wrestling Program will hold its 14th annual Golf Outing Fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$85 for golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and steak dinner after golf.

Contact Coach Polk at www. rocketwrestling@gmail.com or Judy at (734) 634-4595 for more information or to make reservations. More information is also available on the website. Hole sponsorship and raffle donations are also being accepted.

## Storm chaser

Teens can sign up now for the Mid-Michigan Storm Chasers Teen Program planned for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, at The William P. Faust Public Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford Road.

Teens will have the opportunity to meet a real-life tornado chaser and founder of the Mid-Michigan Storm Chasers. She will talk about her experiences www.hope4healinghearts.com.

as a storm chaser and show video from her epic chases.

Sign up online at www.westlandlibrary.org or by calling the library at (734) 326-6123.

## Ring the bell

It's a sound associated with Christmas, but the ring-a-ling of the Salvation Army bells will be heard around Warren and Wayne roads Saturdays during July.

Wayne-Westland Salvation Army volunteers will be taking to the streets, bell ringing for the annual Christmas in July fund-raiser. Bell ringers will be out between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 16, 23 and 30.

## Healing Hearts

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

Meetings are 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Donations only.

For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, by e-mail at bonnie@hope-4healinghearts.com or visit

# Library programs recounts WWII in veterans' own words

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Larry Martin had a simple reason putting together videotaped interviews with World War II veterans.

"I was born in 1946. I wanted my daughter, who was born in the '60s, to know that we live safely due to these men," said Martin, who will bring his program, "World War II - In Their Own Words," to Westland's William P. Faust Public Library 10 a.m. Saturday.

A retired Lansing firefighter, Martin had interviewed 75 World War II veterans over an 11-year period and has the interviews on DVD. The free program at the library will include showing an hour of interviews, a question-and-answer period and a display of artifacts.

"This is an interest I've had since I was a boy, I did nothing with it until 11 years ago. Then four years ago, I had done

## "THEIR OWN WORDS"

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 9

Location: William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, Westland

**Details:** Larry Martin will present his program, "World War II - In Their Own Words," featuring interviews with World War II veterans. There will be a question and answer period and a display of artifacts. The program is free of charge.

Contact: For more information about "World War II - In Their Own Words," visit the website at www.lmww2.com/index.html.

some programs at VFWs," said Martin, whose goal is to educate and foster an appreciation for the hardships endured by all war veterans.

The upcoming program will include an interview with veteran Bill Russell, a machine gunner in a B-24 bomber who was shot down flying over Poland. Now living in Florida, Russell was captured and as a German POW was part of a forced march from Poland to Germany.

"They were marching back to Germany ahead of the invading Russians in 1945. He was shot down in the fall of 1944," said Martin. "Some of them had no shoes. He was a prisoner until the spring of 1945."

Other interviews gathered by Martin include three German soldiers and a woman who lived in Java under Japanese rule for the duration of the war.

Martin also works to inform World War II veterans about the honor flights which provide transportation for the veterans to visit the World War II monument in Washington, D.C.

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Canton police received a call shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday about an incident involving a car that hit the 18-year-old man, who was attending what Schreiner described as "a large gathering of young adults and teens" near Beck and Woodlong Drive.

An investigation has indicated the driver and the vic-

tim knew each other, police said, but no details had been divulged about what may have triggered the incident.

"The initial investigation indicates the car had gone off the roadway and hit the pedestrian, who was standing on the grass adjacent to the roadway," Schreiner said.

Authorities remained guarded about details of the case because the investigation was continuing. Schreiner said police were investigating numerous issues including the

circumstances surrounding the large gathering, the driver, why he was there and his connection to the victim and others at, the scene.

Authorities also were investigating whether alcohol may have been a factor.

No other details had been released. It wasn't clear how long the investigation might take or when possible criminal charges might come from the prosecutor's office.

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at 37550 Cherry Hill.

"An employee at Skateland had spotted a full-size white pickup truck with a hot rod hood in the parking lot around 1:30 a.m.," said Serrano.

The landscaping business owner, a Canton resident who happened to be a retired police officer, went out looking for his stolen trailer and also spotted the distinctive white pickup truck parked at a home on Beech Daly south of Van Born, Serrano said.

"There were two subjects standing around the truck and he (the victim) could see his equipment in the back of the truck," said Serrano. "He (the victim) pulled in behind them

and confronted them. The driver ran inside the house and locked the door."

Taylor police arrived and took a 30-year-old Taylor man into custody on charges of possessing stolen property, a prescription drug violation and warrants. The second man, later identified as Baggett, refused to open the door for Taylor police, Serrano said, and wasn't arrested until June 30 when Westland officers returned with search war-

In addition to searching the home, Serrano said a warrant was also executed for a tattoo parlor on Ecorse Road — it has an upstairs apartment and was the registered address for Baggett's pickup truck.

Some of the smaller pieces of landscaping equipment were recovered, Serrano said, but a zero turn lawn mower and a walk-behind lawn mower, valued at more than \$8,000, were

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still missing.

Inside a shed at the home on Beech Daly, Serrano said police recovered specialized plumbing tools and parts identified as belonging to Advanced Underground Services.

Once Baggett had been arrested, Serrano said that he learned that he is scheduled to be sentenced to federal prison Aug. 16 — the result of large scale indictments against members of the Highwaymen Motorcycle Club. Baggett was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering and possession with intent to distribute and distribution of cocaine.

While officers were executing the search warrant at the home on Beech Daly, Serrano said it was noticed that shelves in the laundry room had excessive quantities of Snyder brand pretzels and chips.

On June 13, a 14-foot enclosed trailer containing \$3,300 in Snyder products had been reported stolen from the parking lot at Fairhaven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette in Westland. Police confiscated the bags of snack foods. Serrano said none of the stolen trailers have been recovered.

Baggett was arraigned Saturday and is free on \$50,000 cash/surety bond.

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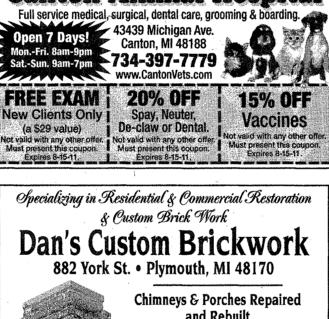
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> Ms. Lynda Jackson, Secretary of the Board Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency 33500 Van Born Board Wayne, MI 48184

The Wayne RESA Board of Education will appoint the successful candidate to fill the board seat vacated by the resignation of William Gabriel, at a Special Board Meeting to be held on August 3, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at Wayne RESA Education Center, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, MI 48184.

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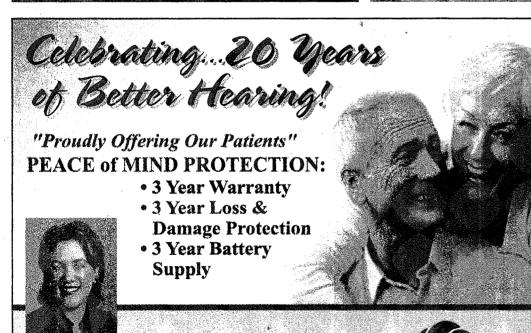
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# McCotter makes official bid for president

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD STAFF WRITER

Vowing that "we will restructure government of the future so it is citizen-driven," U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, a Republican and Livonia resident, made his official bid as candidate for president of the United States Saturday evening in a grassy field in Whitmore Lake, at the AM radio station-sponsored WAAM Freedom Fest.

"What we need in Washington is someone who understands the wave of the future is not big government, it is self-government," McCotter said. "People need to know that someone in government, no matter how derided or disposable someone thinks you are, will stand for you."

Joining McCotter on stage was his wife, Rita, daughter Emilia and son Tim. His announcement drew a standing ovation and raucous response from the crowd, which broke into a "Thad, Thad, Thad, Thad 'chant and waved "McCotter for President "signs overhead.

McCotter noted his other son, George, wasn't with them because he was at work, "which is something every American should have a chance to do."

"We here in Michigan understand that our pursuit of prosperity, our American dream,



U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter has officially announced he's seeking the Republican nomination for president of the United States.

is in danger. We have seen a government that has refused to restructure itself for the future as we have, as our entrepreneurs have, as our families have. We have seen a federal government that is trying to spend its way into prosperity with our money, and it has failed. We

have seen a federal government that has tried to impose government-run health care, despite the consent of the people, and it will fail," he said.

McCotter said "by putting faith in the virtuous genius and industriousness of the American people, we will have better days — and we will start now."

To wrap up his appearance, McCotter grabbed his starspangled guitar and treated the crowd to a performance of Chuck Berry's "Let It Rock," alongside WAAM talk show host Thayrone X.

Moments later, McCotter's 16-year-old son, Tim, said his father was "driven to his decision by the people."

"I'm all for it," he said. "He seems like the best, most wellspoken candidate --- and not iust because he's my dad. It's his statement that (the citizens) are in control of our country (that I really agree with).'

Prior to making his bid for the White House, McCotter said it was "a tough decision and a lot of strain on the family" to seek the Republican nomination. Announcing his candidacy officially on July 2 seemed appropriate since it was the day we signed the Declaration of Independence," he added.

"And I didn't want a canned event in a room where you know everyone there is a supporter," he said.

Among the hundreds who turned out for McCotter's announcement was Lois Zilka of Canton Township. "He comes across as being honest and a real family man," she said. "And from what I hear he is a Christian, which is a big thing with me.'

Zilka said she's pleased McCotter doesn't support government-controlled health care. But she's concerned he isn't as well-known as some of the other Republican candidates, which could hurt his chances at the polls. "Nationwide, he's got

to get his name out there," she

Also in the crowd was Jim Klepser of Milford, who said he hasn't yet decided who will get his vote — but he likes McCotter's conservative viewpoints. "And I think he represents 'Middle America,' big time. He's really in touch," Klepser said.

Barb Mackey of Ann Arbor considers herself "as big of a McCotter supporter as you can get," noting that she has long hoped he'd announce his candidacy.

"He spoke to my son's eighthgrade class in Plymouth years ago, and I literally left praying to God that he would run for president," Mackey said. "Everything he says is perfect. And he sees (the presidency) as a vocation rather than a big ego trip. And I like how he really wants less government."

Salem resident Guyla Kryka said she's happy with what she's heard from McCotter so far, but needs to learn more. "Now I want to see what he can do," she said.

McCotter is currently serving his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 11th district, which includes communities in western Wayne County and western Oakland County.

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# County Parks ready for annual Mud Day

Youngsters age 12 and under can play in the mud to their heart's content age categories for events like "Mud at the Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day in Hines Park in Westland.

Thetoe squishing, gob it one fun will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, when Wayne County Parks transforms its Nankin Mills Area in Westland into one of the messiest playgrounds southeastern Michigan has ever seen.

Wayne County will mix more than 200 tons of topsoil and more than 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right.

All youngsters will be separated into Limbo" and wheel barrow races. At noon, King and Queen Mud will be

Parents should make sure that their children are wearing old clothes and shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site cleanup area will be provided, and the Westland Fire Department will be on hand with hoses to aid in rinsing mud off the children.

Parents also should bring a supply of

towels, as there are no showers on site. Plastic bags will be provide to contain the muddy clothe for the trip homes.

The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The event is being co-sponsored by ITC Holdings, Community Alliance Credit Union and the Western Wayne County HMRT.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.



The idea is to be as creative as possible in plaving in the mud to be crowned as the King and Queen of Wayne County Parks' annual Mud Day.





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# Portfolios require maintenance

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**GUEST COLUMNIST** 

he first half of 2011 is over and it has been an incredible six months. It seems the world has gone from one major event to another. Each event has had an impact on consumers.

We have seen the ongoing strife

in the Middle East with regimes falling (Egypt) and others (Syria and Libya) resorting to barbaric tactics to remain in power. The events have a direct impact on us. We have all seen oil prices



Rick Bloom

surge since the beginning of the year. It's funny, we now think \$3.50 for a gallon of

gas is actually cheap. The first six months of the year also saw a variety of issues that impact us in the euro zone. As the European economies try to get their fiscal houses in order, cracks in the coalition have developed. In addition, populations throughout Europe, particularly Greece, have resisted necessary financial

changes. Problems in the euro zone affect us here at home. Europe is a major trading partner and our economies are interconnected. A collapse of a country in the euro zone impacts our financial markets.

Closer to home during the first half of the year we have seen a roller coaster ride in the economy. At the beginning of 2011 it appeared we had turned the corner and the economic recovery was gaining speed. By the end of the first half of the year with rising unemployment, the conversation has shifted from whether the current stall is temporary or not.

The next six months will be no different from the last six months. Whether it's what happens with the budget debate in Washington, new issues in the Middle East or more problems in the euro zone, there will be issues. However, we can debate the issues all we want, however, we can't change them. What we need to focus on is what can affect our portfolios.

# **MAKE CHANGES**

It's a great time to review your portfolio and make adjustments where necessary. I recommend the strategy known as asset allocation where you're allocating your investment dollars into a variety of different asset classes. For example, emerging market, government securities and small cap U.S. are examples of asset classes. Typically, an investor is going to have many asset classes in his/her portfolio. The typical portfolio I manage probably has 15 asset classes. The key to maintaining a portfolio is to rebalance your portfolio on a regularly basis (such as every six months).

If you've allocated 10 percent of your portfolio to investment grade corporate bonds and now it represents 15 percent of your portfolio, the strategy would be to sell five percent and invest that in an asset class that is underweight. Following this strategy allows you to buy low, sell high.

Investors should not blindly stay in an investment just because they've had it for years. The question is, however, when do you sell? My rule is that I do my research ahead of time and generally I'm going to stay with an investment for at least two to three years. If after that period the investment is underperforming others in its asset class, then generally that is my signal to sell. I don't have loyalties when it comes to investments and I don't love them. Investments are a tool. If that "tool" stops working, I'm leaving it and moving on.

For those who manage your own investments, the buy and ignore method just doesn't work. Portfolios are like gardens — they start our beautiful but if you don't take care of them they become an eyesore.

This is a great time of year to do some maintenance on your portfolio. Just like a little weeding in the garden can make your garden bloom, a little pruning of your portfolio can keep it growing. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.

# Cruisers take over Michigan Avenue

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Don Nicholson, having thousands of cruisers on Michigan Avenue Saturday is the icing on the cake.

The guru of car cruises in and around western Wayne County, Nicholson is expecting a record turnout for the cruise he started four years ago.

"I'm hoping to have 20,000," said the Westland resident. "Last year, we had 16,000 and the year before 9,00. I hope to see that kind of growth again this year."

A part of Autopalooza, run by Pure Michigan, the Motor City Heritage Commission and Visit Detroit, the cruise will stretch from the City of Wayne on the west and Dearborn on the east. It'll feature free music, vehicle displays and nonprofit vendors like the Wayne Rotary Club which will be selling Cruise shirts for \$16.

Nicholson wants Cruisin' Michigan Avenue to become Wayne County's answer to the Woodward Dream Cruise, and attract participants from throughout the metropolitan area as well as surrounding states. Autopalooza is doing just that, promoting the event in Michigan as well as Ontario, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

"I already know that a car club is coming this year," he said. "I've been

meeting people on Facebook." There will be three concerts along the route, including the Inkster Summer Music Festival, featuring Trina Renee and band, Straight Ahead and Robert Penn and Band. The official cruise band, the Six Foot Poles, will be at the Avenue Sports Bar and Grille in Wayne, and Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne will host the Black Jack Band.

Businesses like L George's and Brownie's Diner also will be offering specials for cruise watchers and participants. And Polk's Auto in Wayne will host an open house with food and entertainment.

There also will be displays and car shows along the route. There will be an emergency response vehicle show at the Dearborn Heights Hall of Justice at Beech Daly and Michigan Avenue, featuring vintage and new police and fire vehicles, ambulances and tow trucks -"anything to do with emergencies," said Nicholson. Village Ford will host the Mustang Club of Southeast Michigan and Jack Demmer Ford will have the Ford Special Vehicle Team.

This year's sponsors are Village Ford



Don Nicholson is looking for 20,000 classic car buffs to show up for the fourth installment of his annual Cruisin' Michigan Avenue which starts at noon Saturday. The cruise encompasses five communities - Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn.

# CRUISIN' MICHIGAN AVENUE

Time/Date: Starts at noon Saturday, July 9 Location: Michigan Avenue runs through the cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn. Details: Cruisin' Michigan Avenue features concerts, special events and vendors along the route. On tap are the Emergency Response Vehicle Show at Dearborn Heights Hall of Justice, 25637 Michigan Ave.; fun stop at The Station, open house and lots of specials. 25940 Michigan Ave.; Inkster Summer Music Fest, Inkster Road, north of Michigan Avenue; Southeast Michigan Mustang Car Club display and show at Village Ford, 23535 Michigan Ave.; Cruiser Specials at Brownie's Diner, 34250 Michigan Ave., Wayne; Six Foot Poles performing at the Avenue Sports Bar and Grille, 34250 Michigan Ave.; Cruiser Specials at L George's Coney Island, 34438 Michigan Ave.; CrossPointe Community Church Praise Band and micro-business groups at the Community Living Services offices in northeast side of Metro Mall in Wayne, and live music and Car Clubs at Jack Demmer Ford, 37300 Michigan Ave. Contact: Online at www.crusinmichigan. com or www.donnicholson.net

and Scrapbusters in Wayne.

Nicholson is no stranger to car shows. He's been in the business for more than 20 years. He started the Burger Car Show, now known as Autos for Autism,

and ran it for seven years for the benefit of the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. He now does a car show for the Western Wayne Skills Center. He has three events coming up after Cruisin' Michigan Avenue — an invitational at the Detroit Historical Museum on July 27; Cruisin' in the Motor City on Aug. 13, a display of alternative fuel vehicles, high end classics, artistically painted and designed and just some good old classics and hot rods on John R in the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Science Center, and the newest cruise, Cruisin' Hines from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive on Aug.

Cruisin' Michigan Avenue isn't as "big budget" as the Woodward Dream Cruise, simply because the event benefits nonprofits. The charity kickoff party on Friday, July 8, at the Automotive Hall of Fame, is a fund raiser for the Dearborn Firefighters

"We try to support nonprofits rather than be a nonprofit, so we try to be very cost-conscious," he said. "The cruise is designed to bring business to the businesses in the communities and bring and event to families with little or no cost. We don't bring in vendors to compete with the businesses that are here all year long.

"You won't find another cruise in the area the operates without using tax dollars," he added.

As for cruisers, all they need to do is show up anytime after noon Saturday.

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# News you can use ... when you have electricity

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

had a duh moment Saturday evening. One of those forehead flattening, what was I thinking moments when my reporter brain kicked into hyper drive only to realize my

breaking news story would go no further than the pages of my notebook.

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Without
warning, a
storm hit.
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even before



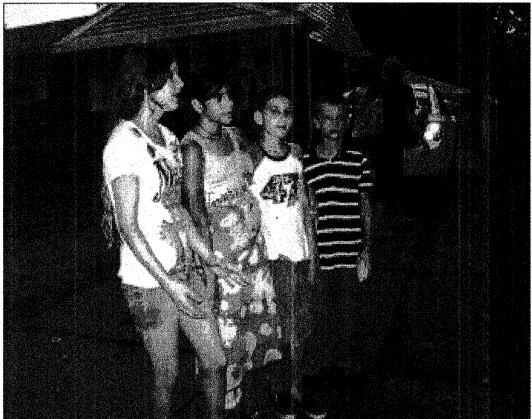
the quarter size hail, torrential rain and strong winds blasted through. Literally, in a blink of an eye, huge limbs from a tree in our neighbor's yard came down, taking the power lines with it.

When the storm passed, neighbors ran outside to assess the damage. That's when I grab the camera and my notebook, fully prepared to post a quick story on the Web. I stood on the sidewalk, interviewing Christine and Nicholas Netschke who described what they saw as the tree came down.

The good reporter that I am I had them walk me through what happened while my daughter took photographs of them and the damage. The plan was a simple one — do a quick interview, write it up and put it on our website. A bingo, bango play as Mickey Redmond would say.

The duh moment hit as I walked outside. I did the math: No electricity + No Internet = No can do.

The kids were elated that they were going to be in the newspaper. They told anyone and everyone within earshot. I couldn't disappoint them. So late Saturday night, working by portable lantern light and with the home computer powered by our generator, I wrote a story, download the photos and posted it to our website.



Jenna Collison, 12 (from left), Christine Netschke, 10, her brother Nicholas, 9, and John Collison, 10, talk about the storm and its aftermath.

Being in the dark, they didn't get to see the website posting, although one kind reader sent an e-mail saying it was "a good human interest story."

#### **KIDS' EYE VIEW**

I can't, and I won't deny the kids their moment of print fame, so I am now reporting on what Christine and Nicholas saw while in the back yard of their Carlson Street home with their father, testing their pool water, Saturday evening. Christine remembers thinking the sky looked "pretty." That was just before a clap of thunder and an explosion.

"I saw the lightning and screamed at Nick to get back," Christine said.

"It looked like a blue vein coming from the sky," said Nicholas. "It hit the tree and then there were sparks all over. It hit the tree and then it started hailing snowballs."

As the storm subside, the

youngsters were out with the adults checking the damage, even as thunder and lightning flashed in the distance. In their back yard, the tree limbs were sprawled across the roof of the garage. Mixed in were primary transmission lines.

In Sid and Sherry's Morris's backyard, the top of the utility pole was broken in two, the top half dangled above the ground, held up by the wires. Further into the subdivision, another pole was broken in half. The top half was on the garage while the bottom half was had a severe lean to the east.

"It happened so fast, I didn't have time to be scared," said Sherry Morris.

A DTE representative was out by 9:30 p.m. to assess the damage. By the time, he left, the back yards looked like crime scenes with yellow caution tape put up to keep people away from fences and the downed wires. Within a few more hours, Westland fire-

fighters were going through, checking to make sure there were no smoldering fires caused by the downed wires.

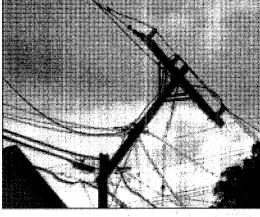
By midnight, the only sound in the darkened neighborhood was that of generators.

#### DAMAGE REPORT

DTE crews were out Sunday to assess the situation in daylight hours. The damage to the tree looked more like wind damage than a lightning strike. After seeing the damaged poles and the difficulty in getting to them, the prognosis was grim — a week for one pole, two poles could mean two-three weeks.

Each DTE person who came through gave a different estimate until one man smiled and told us, "I can tell you it won't be today, that's all I can say."

He was right. The crews made makeshift repairs, using fresh wood to put one of the broken poles back together and repaired broken wires.



of the utility pole in Sid and Sherry Morris's backyard is held up by the wires after being snapped in two when large tree limbs feel on the transmission lines during the storm Saturday evening.

The pieces of the other pole were lashed together, By dark, we could see that a block down, the Christmas star in the pine tree of a home was on. They had power, but the north end of Carlson was in the dark.

The Fourth of July brought out more crews. Workers scaled poles and worked on a transformer across the street. Within a few hours, they had power. The crews moved to our side and started working on the lines. The foreman showed us cross fingers when we asked if the power might be back on Monday. That must have been the secret sign. My husband had just left to get another five gallons of gas for the generator when my neighbor yelled that the lights came on. She was only seconds ahead of my daughter's delighted scream.

We had made our plans to clean up the debris and gather to watch as people head to the Summer Festival fireworks. Instead, we went through a NASA like checkoff list slowly bringing our electronics back on line — TVs, computers, central air.

tral air.

After the massive blackout in 2003, we invested in a generator, and were beginning to wonder if we'd ever get to use it. It more than paid for itself in the 30 or so hours it was on. We lost no food, we had hot coffee in the morning, ice for our beverages and a lineup to recharge cell phones. We sat outside in the evening, kibitzing with the neighbors.

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## THE REAL DEAL

We even had real life "TV, "watching the DTE crews work to restore power. It was informative and educational. Of course, being the hub of activity made us popular with people driving by who wanted to know if we knew when we'd get power back. We gave them news they could use: Two broken poles ... It doesn't look good. One tree trimmer on Sunday asked if our street was always that busy. When I told him it was tourists, he knew what I meant.

My husband pointed out to the kids that they got a taste of what it's like to be Amish. It didn't register with them. They flashed him one of those teen looks as they texted to friends. They didn't realize that without the generator they wouldn't had been able to charge their phones every night.

This wasn't quite as bad as the big storm in 1980 when we had no generator and didn't get power for more than four days, but it did drive home the point of how much things like phones, TVs and central air have become a part of our lives. It really is like what Joni Mitchell crooned in Big Yellow Taxi, "Don't it always seem to go / That you don't know what you've got / Till it's gone ..."

Thank God it's back.

**Sue Mason** is the editor of the Westland and Garden City Observer. If you have a comment, send it to her at smason@hometownlife.com.

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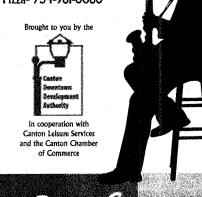
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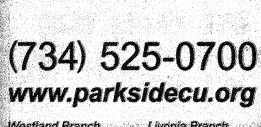
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# Canines howling for dog-park fun

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BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a dog's world. That's the tail-wagging truth.

In just six weeks since the first canines clamored for the doggie door to the Canton Dog Park, the six-acre site has gained 909 four-legged friends representing 705 families.

"It has been wildly successful," township Clerk Terry Bennett said Tuesday afternoon. "It definitely exceeds expectations."

Canton resident Gail Calcaterra routinely brings her 4-year-old pets — Lilly, a Maltese, and Ace, a Havanese - from her Cherry Hill Village home to the small-pooch portion of the dog park. There, they can run off-leash, make new friends and play safely away from the big-dog section of the fenced-in site, off Denton north of Cherry Hill Road.

"The dogs have been out there just about every day since we got our membership," Calcaterra said. "It's like taking them to preschool. First they're like, 'Who am I playing with?' But the more they go out there, the more they enjoy it. They're making friends.

Calcaterra laughed as she described how the seasoned dog-park pooches stop playing and turn their attention when a new arrival shows up.

"Even if they don't know each other, they become one group inside the fence," she said.

"They're a riot to watch. They play together and run in circles and smile."

Calcaterra and her friend Noreen Desilets, who has a terrier mix, are among the 705 dog owners who have bought a membership, which costs Canton residents \$25 a year and non-residents \$50 for up to three dogs per family.

The passes are good through Jan. 1, when renewal is required for one-year privileges. The park opened May 20 after Friends of the Canton Dog Park and township employees celebrated the longtime culmination of fundraisers, boosted by a Wayne County parks grant.

"This kind of opportunity to allow the family canine member to play off-leash has really exhibited what appears to be a pent-up demand," Bennett said.

The park offers separate play areas for large and small dogs — with roughly 20 pounds being the dividing point — and pet owners say they have done a good job of self-policing the site and making sure everyone cleans up after their pooches.

Dog park users have to make sure their pets have had their shots and are registered with the township. Getting registered costs just \$5 the first time and \$10 a year for a renewal.

Bennett said all the forms a dog owner needs can be found online at www.canton-mi.org.

Simply look for the Canton Dog Park icon on the main page.

Dog owners also may visit the clerk's office at township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill. The clerk's office accepts cash, check or Visa, though a credit card entails a \$3.95 usage fee.

All dog park users have to sign a waiver form stating that the township isn't responsible for any injury that may occur while using the facility. All of the rules are available on the township website, along with ways to make donations for future dog park amenities such as an electronic card-activated entrance, a water source and other additions.

For now, users are urged to bring their own water to the park.

Calcaterra said she and oth-



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Zima Amado, Otis Scero and Sam Brown enjoy a run around the new dog park.

ers have been impressed by the dog park.

"I think it was well worth it,"

she said. "We're amazed with and very happy with how wellbehaved the dogs are and how people are self-policing the

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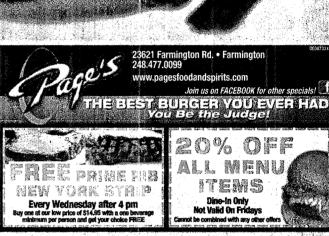
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# **AROUND WESTLAND**

# Progressive raffle

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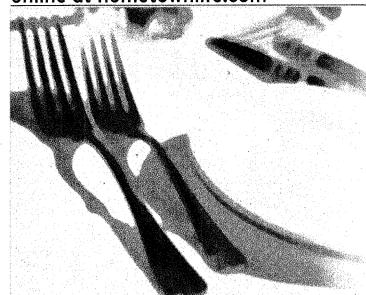
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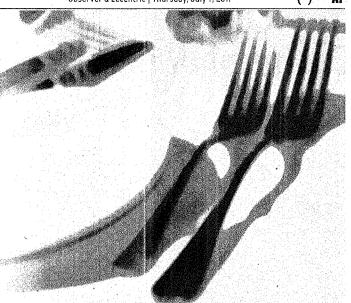
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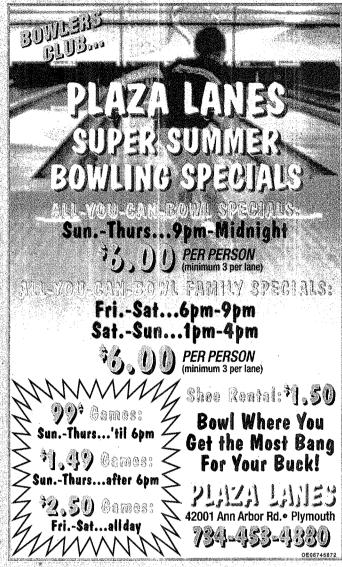
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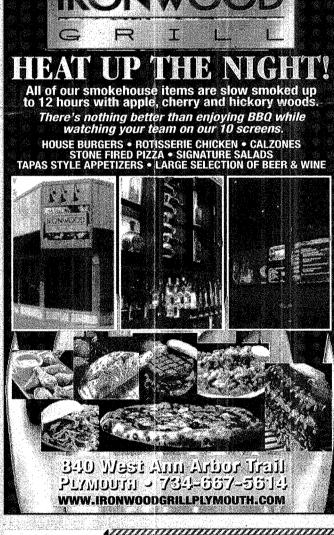
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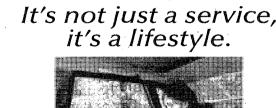
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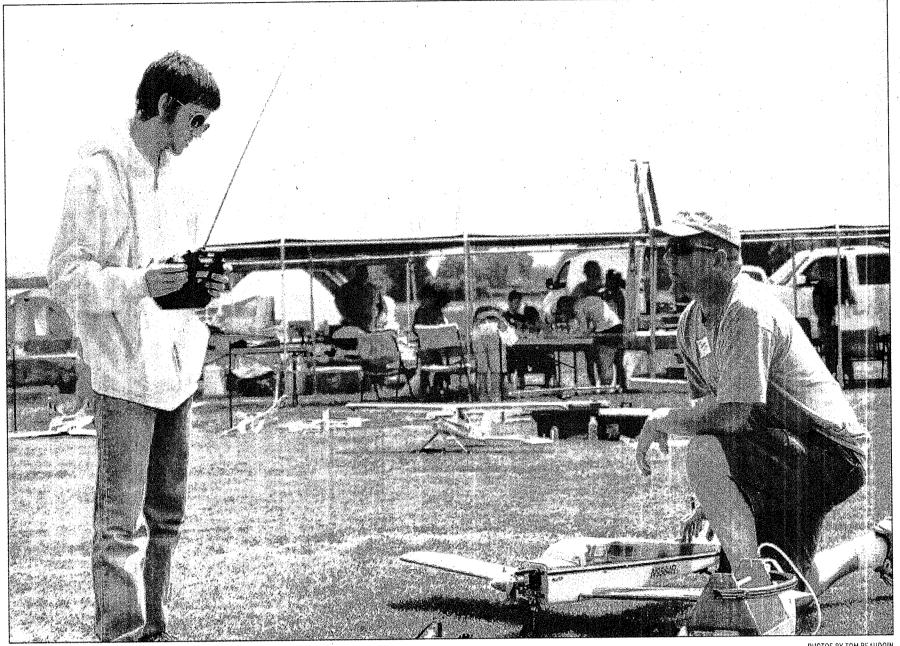
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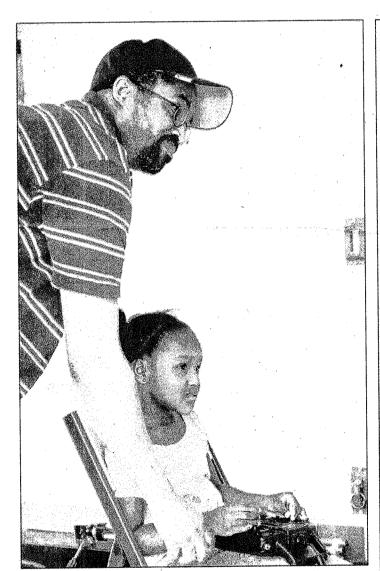
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# Signal Seekers helps model aviators take flight



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Justin Anger of Wayne gets his plane ready for flight with the help of Scott Paschen of Livonia, president of the Signal Seekers Radio Control Club Of Westland.



Drew London of Detroit helps his stepdaughter MaNysa Payton who was trying the flight training simulator for the first time.



Damon Gaskin of Romulus is all smiles as he readies his helicopter for flight. Gaskin has been flying for seven years.



The Signal Seekers had plenty of different types of aircraft on display at the club's recent open house.

Nine-year-old Ryan Chico of Livonia works the Buddy Box with Jim Esper of Dearborn. Esper has 20 years of flying experience and loves helping kids learn to fly.



New to flying, seven-year-old Ian Horde concentrates on his flying as instructor Jim Esper of Dearborn looks on.

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scott Paschen remembers well flying model planes in the parking lot of Madison Elementary on Harrison north of Five Mile in Livonia. His father, who built and flew his own control-line planes, got him interested in the hobby. Now he's hoping to get others involved in it.

The president of the Michigan Signal Seekers Radio Club of Westland, a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Paschen is hoping events like a recent two-day Take Off and Grow open house at the club's airfield will help increase membership, which now hovers around 60 flyers, ranging in age from 6 to 80.

"We wrote the AMA and asked them for a grant and they gave us \$1,000 to promote model aviation," said Paschen. "We had 35 kids who flew planes on buddy boxes those two days.

Club members fly everything from remote-controlled and engine to electric, glider and control-line airplanes as well as helicopters. They come in all sizes from small scale to giant scale where the aircraft can have wing spans of 85 to 130 inches.

Their airfield is on the grounds of former Wayne County Eloise on property owned by the Ford Motor Co. They have a 400-foot landing strip and a half-mile of clear airspace in all directions, according to Paschen. Club members, including instructors are usually at the field around 5-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through September. They had met on the fourth Monday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City, but the club needed to find a new meeting spot after the center was closed last week due to the city's budget prob-

The club was founded in the 1960s and at one time had some 160 members. Its ranks have dwindled to 60 members who hail from Farmington Hills, Canton, Downriver and the east side of Detroit. There's even one member who comes occasionally from Howell.

Admittedly, building the airplane is the fun part, according to Paschen, but flying it requires training. He encourages people to get in touch with the club when it comes to flying them. The club has instructors to help aviation newbies learn how to fly their aircraft without crashing them. Considering planes can range from \$100 to \$1,000, depending on the size, crashing isn't a good thing, Paschen said.

"Planes can cost from \$100 to tens of thousands of dollars," he said. "Giant scales can cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 when you're done building them. It used to be model kits included the balsa wood and you followed plans, now they're built in China and most airplanes come almost ready to fly. You have to do some assembly."

Nankin Hardware and Hobby in Westland and the Prop Shop in Warren helped sponsor the open house. Nankin Hardware even gave the club a plane to use for training and to keep.

Recently retired from the Livonia Police Department, Paschen decided to become president in hopes of "getting the club going again and trying to promote the sport." He first got involved in flying with the Livonia Ribcrackers Model Airplane Club, then joined the Signal Seekers in 1981 when he was 14 years old.

He builds airplanes in the winter and flies them in the summer. He owns both electric and gas-powered airplanes and currently does sport flying. He also plans to go to Wisconsin

in August to study aerobatics. And he has a gift for seeing

his future. "I see a giant scale in my

future," he said. People can stop by the

gated airfield on Wednesdays. The entrance is off Henry Ruff, just south of Michigan Avenue. Paschen recommends people looking to work with an instructor call the club at (313) 563-5143 or visit the club's website at www.michigansignalseekers.org.

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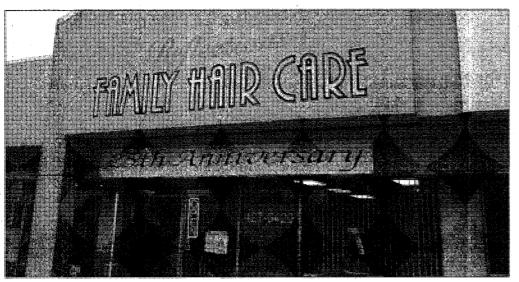
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# HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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Sue Berger is inviting the community to stop by on Saturday, July 9, to help her celebrate the 25th anniversary of Reflections Family Hair Care in Garden City.

# Reflections salon observes anniversary

Long-time resident of Garden City Susan Berger is marking a milestone this year. She's celebrating her 25th year as the "proud owner and operator" of Reflections Family Hair Care hair salon.

Berger has strong ties to the Garden City community. She and her husband, David Berger, both grew up in Garden City, attended Garden City schools. They recently graduated their third and last daughter from Garden City High School.

Berger also supports the community in many ways, most recently, as leading the decorations/set committee for the high school's Project Graduation All Night Party.

Her affair with hair started after graduating high school. Berger attended Virginia Farrell Beauty School and started her career in her

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, July 9 **Location**: Reflections Family Hair Care Salon, 27561 Warren Road, Garden City Details: Reflections salon is

celebrating its 25th anniversary and is inviting residents to stop by and see what the salon has to offer during an open house. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Contact: (734) 427-6420

hometown. She worked for the owner of Hair by Sher and when the previous owner was ready to move on, Berger purchased the business. She named it the Reflections Family Hair Care, which is located on Warren Road, just west of Inkster Road. She has beverages served.

been owner/operator for the last 25 years.

According to Berger, the salon is a full-service hair salon, with a well-established clientele. In addition to Berger, there are four other stylists who provide a wide range of salon services from cut and color to perms, sets and wax. It also offers an exceptional value in family hair care, she said.

She added that many of hers clients have been with her for more than 20 years, a tribute to her qualifications, her attention to details, and her credibility and reliability.

Berger and the Reflections Family Hair Care staff are celebrating 25 years of service with an open house at the hair salon 1-5 p.m. Saturday, July 9, and are inviting the community to stop by. There will be hors d'oeuvres and

# Measuring your online presence

BY JON GUNNELLS **GUEST COLUMNIST** 

t used to be that if you had a problem about a product or service you would call and complain, write a nasty letter,

or if you were really annoying contact a government representative.

Not anymore. Consumers now use social media to communicate directly with businesses and if a customer has a

bad experience,

Jon Gunnells

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they can air the dirty laundry online for the entire world to see.

Negative feedback is bad for business, so as you could imagine, companies react quicker than they used to.

This however, isn't about how companies can leverage social media to have better customer service and happier clients. This is about how consumers can build an online reputation to help themselves through customer service issues.

There are a handful of websites that track activities and rate your reputation on the Internet, but the site that has its biggest share of fans (and detractors) is Klout.

Users who link their Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn accounts with Klout will receive a ranking based on how well they interact on the internet. Think of it as a digital score about how well you play with others within social space.

Scores are on a 100 point scale with the higher numbers being better. On Klout, users won't necessarily increase their score by having as many friends and followers as Justin Bieber, but they can increase their numbers by starting conversations, sharing information, and responding to

## **HOW TO INTERACT** IN SOCIAL SPACE

While there is no perfect way to use social media, there are a few easy ways to improve your presence

 Interact with others. Don't simply post status updates or Tweet. Reply to others, respond to posts and start conversations.

.Don't use social media to only be negative to companies, or even people. Give credit where credit is due.

 Share information. While it may be fun to sit back and observe, the Internet is great because of the wealth of information users have at their fingertips. Start adding to it!

Some say the algorithm used to determine Klout scores is arbitrary, because there is no perfect way to do social media. Tweeting for example isn't like throwing a baseball or growing a vegetable garden. There's no completely right or wrong way.

Still, Klout makes a compelling argument about why you should try and interact on your social networks — because businesses are watching.

It's nothing new for businesses to offer freebies or discounts to online influencers. Klout just makes scores easier to understand and makes the online influencers easier to identify. Online influencers are essential to service providers because they are key to cheap online advertising.

Take The Palms hotel in Las Vegas for instance. In the fall, The Palms began creating the Klout Club that would allow certain perks for hotel guests with higher Klout scores.

The way it works is, a high profile celebrity, or say, a social media guru with a high Klout score could get an upgrade for having

a strong online presence. It's the hotel's hope that the aforementioned power user would share their great experiences with their highly engaged fan base and create some buzz for much cheaper than a commercial or billboard.

In the past year, other companies have reached out Klout users who are influential in certain areas to help promote their cause. A snack manufacturer, for instance, may send free samples to users who are influential about junk food in the hopes that they will rally their fans to go buy a new product.

But it's a two-way street and while companies can use people with high online rankings to improve their web visibility and sentiment, users can also use their high online rankings to improve the way they are treated by companies.

If you have a high Klout score, or are simply have an engaged readership that will allow you to broadcast a message, companies that are serious about customer service will take notice.

Whether they are a Las Vegas hotel, a potato chip manufacturer, or any other service provider - companies cannot afford negative feedback — especially in social media where comments could spread like a virus.

Next time you're online, think about quickly registering for Klout.com or another online measurement site to see how strong your presence is and what you are influential about. Who knows, the next time you have car trouble, or get a fly in your soup at a national restaurant chain - your online presence may help you get solutions.

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# **BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS**

# BCBS designation

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has designated 414 Wayne County doctors as patient-centered medical home physicians - placing them among a select number of primary care physicians in Michigan who are improving health care quality and lowering costs through a more intensive focus on their patients' wellness.

In the patient-centered medical home model, primary care physicians (pediatricians, internists and family practice doctors) lead care teams that bring intensive focus to their patients' individual health goals and needs. PCMH teams coordinate patients' health care using registries to track patients' conditions and ensure that they receive the care they

PCMH practices offer patients various capabilities

and services that patients may not find at non-designated practices. They offer 24-hour tary care - such as nutrition counseling – and teach patients how to self-manage conditions such as asthma and diabetes. All PCMH-designated primary care physicians offer their patients 24-hour phone access to clinical decision-makers, comprehensive information on after-hours care options, medication review and management, and a well-established process for informing patients about abnormal results. Half of the designation

score is based on the amount of PCMH capabilities that the physician practices have in place - such as 24-hour telephone access, use of disease registries, and active care management. The other half of the designation score is based on quality and utiliza-

tion measurements, such as emergency room visits, radiology and evidence-based care access to the care team, coordimeasures among their patients. nate specialist and complemen- Designated physicians include:

Garden City - Miguel Granados, Richard Grucz, Imran Hafeez, George Lawley, Wilfredo Momblanco and Rakesh Soni.

Westland - Halima Ali, Carol Baker, Stewart Baroff, Andrew Colman, Gail Denuccio, Kenneth Gallmore, Barbara Levine-Blasé, James Meza, Gregory Monroe, Christopher Pabian, Scott Paxton, Robert Sikorski, Michael Silverstone, William Silverstone, Imelda Toledo-Neely, Karen Weaver and Scott Yaekle.

Blue Cross has posted a list of PCMH designated physicians on its website at bcbsm. com. People interested in locating a PCMH physician in their community can go to bcbsm. com and click on "Find Doctor" at the top of the page.

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The Chamber of Commerce members are businesses. organizations and individuals concerned with the socio-economic climate of your community. They have joined together because they know they stand a better chance of getting things done when they speak as one voice.

The Chamber is run by its members. They elect a Board of Directors that determines policies and sets goals. A President and staff handle your Chamber day-to-day operations. Members often

become involved in Chamber activities by working on committees. These committees range from economic development, education, public affairs and governmental relations.

Membership in the Westland Chamber of Commerce comes with many advantages. By using the following discounts and exclusive services you can make the most of your membership.

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• Networking Opportunities - Meet prospective customers, find reliable vendors and build awareness and credibility at Chamber mixers, our annual Golf Outings, Holiday Taste Fest, monthly luncheons, after-hours and more.

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# **OUR VIEWS**



# Recreational passports

# Lawmakers' license plate gamble pays off for parks

State lawmakers took a gamble last year that looks like it might be paying off for Michigan's struggling state parks.

Beginning in October, the state offered residents the opportunity to pay an additional \$10 with their annual vehicle registration that would allow them free entry into Michigan's 98 state parks, recreation areas and boatlaunch sites. The so-called "recreation passports" represent a substantial savings for regular park patrons who had been paying \$24 for an annual park pass.

More importantly, however, the extra fee provided Michiganders with an easy opportunity to help raise money to properly maintain the state park system.

Recently, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Department of Natural Resources Director Rodney Stokes announced that more than one million recreation passports have been sold in the first eight months they were available. That puts the program well on pace to surpass the \$12 million that was generated each year by the former permit system.

DNR officials had estimated that 17 percent of vehicle registrations would have to include a recreation passport in order for the system to sustain funding. As of now, that rate is 20.5 percent and appears to be climbing, according to DNR officials.

As we said in endorsing the new program, we think enough Michigan residents recognize the importance of maintaining a strong state park system that they will be willing to pay an extra \$10 a year for free access to those

The funds definitely are needed. The park system stopped receiving money from the state's general fund in 2004 and since then has been largely dependent on revenue from entry and camping fees for operations, leaving little money for maintenance and updates. The DNR estimates the parks need about \$38 million for proper maintenance and replacement of facilities, yet in recent years the department could devote only about \$2 million a year to such purposes.

Michigan's state parks are a treasure worth protecting and maintaining. We hope that the initial success of the recreation passport program continues and grows so that the parks get the care and attention that they need.

# **ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS**



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

# The issue: McCotter runs for presidency

It's gonna take more than slogans and guitar playing to get my

redhawktrader

That jump is one scary idea! I hope he remains a long shot. momforfour

Let us be clear, some of you may feel that Mr. McCotter represents you but believe me, he does NOT represent me. He is FAR too conservative for our rapidly changing country and world. I am also extremely uncomfortable with his coziness with the Catholic Church and their backward views.

Mrmike413

Ahh, I can see this one on Jay Leno Tonight Show. Thaddeus who? Exactly, Exactly, Get real, Thad, no one knows you or cares about you, no matter how much of a politician, I mean you have "done for us," you are. I don't want to find out that you have women on the side, etc., just the old Thad I know who walks our parades and is happy making mid \$\$ 6 figures. Please reconsider.

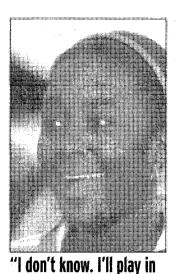
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Save yourself the time, money and embarrassment, McCotter.

# **COMMUNITY VOICE**

# What are your plans for the summer?

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



tennis tournaments and volunteer at the library." **Quincy Banini** 



"We have a cottage, but we don't get there very often, it's been a lot of fun. Neither of us works, but we do a lot of things in the community."

**Dorothy Smiley** Westland



"Relax, play, hang out with my friends, swim at the Bailey pool and go to the carnival to ride the Fireball. It's scarv at first. but it's fun."

Alex Cupps Westland



"I've already been to my grandson's graduation in California. I plan to learn patience to take care of my new puppy, enjoy my grandchildren and save time for me."

Gail Beckman

# **LETTERS**

# **Embrace 21st century**

Dear Mr. LeBlanc, Shame on you!!!!

Not only is Skype (and other methods of electronic communications) acceptable, but it also vital and necessary! It's amazing you didn't have anything to say about all the members that choose not to appear at all. There's your lack of openness and interaction. Instead you want to take time to take issue with Skype. Skype/Web-Ex/Go-to-Meeting are all the wave of the future and should be embraced as a way to have people available vs. absent! Please wake up and smell the 21st century! You can ask questions, have them answered, and communicate freely by Skype as can anyone in the room, so there is no issue about openness or interaction. Apparently you just haven't used the technology.

I hope you are not using such antiquated ideas when running our city.

Lori A. Mireles-Smith

Westland

# **Criticism crosses the line**

The June 20 council meeting compelled us to share some of our thoughts.

First of all, thank you, Mayor Wild, for the leadership that you have and continue to exercise during these very challenging and trying times in our city. Thank you to the City Council and the administration for supporting Mayor Wild by working together for the best interests of our

As we talk to friends and family from near and distant communities, ves, indeed, they marvel at how you, Mr. Mayor and the City Council, are guiding the city over these turbulent waters. Indeed, others are losing jobs, they are cutting back on more services, they are closing buildings, they are asking for new or increased millages.

Continued criticism of you, Mr. Mayor, by some residents crosses the line. Yes, there is freedom of speech but who gave anyone the right to personally attack, to skew the facts, to insult you and the city council? If these residents continue to have the need to speak, please, please, please spare us the sarcasm and the misinformation. As stated before, we have a right to our opinions, but not to our own facts. State your issues. Yes, we do know there is an election. No need to keep

Example: flooding issues. After the first recent flooding, the mayor's actions were heavily criticized by some and lauded by others. The next flood, the city's response was different from the first one, based on varying circumstances. Again, more of the same ... yes, criticism. Then the budget: what a brilliant masterpiece of governing, along with the City Council. The mayor avoided situations that other cities are experiencing. That is ingenious. Thank you, Mayor Wild and City Council. Then, the lighting issue: Of course, we need lighting. Thank you for continuing the lighting of the city. Yes, more criticism.

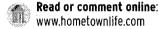
Sometime, after a storm, when one looks up at the sky, there appears a piece of rainbow. We know the entire rainbow is there, but we can only see a segment of the brilliant colors midst the turbulent dark clouds swirling in the sky.

As we see it, this is what is happening: Some of us are able to see only the arc of the rainbow,

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though the entire rainbow of our city is indeed there, but some of us choose to only see the dark clouds skewing the beauty of the sky as they storm through the same sky.

If only concerned residents would state unembellished views, unencumbered by vitriol, free of personal attacks and sarcasm, they would see the big picture and the ingenious plans of saving and thus serving our city.

Yes, there are challenges during these times like none other. As long as our elected officials continue to work for the best interest of our city, we should state our differing views and then support our leaders. As stated once before, are our leaders perfect? No, but are they working for our residents? Yes.

There are so many exciting events that took place and continue to do so, and all of this is only possible under the leadership of our mayor in partnership with the city council and administration. For this, we thank you!

**James and Mary Murphy** 

# Thank you, party donors

The Franklin High School Senior All Night Party Committee would like to thank the following donors for helping to make our party such a huge success. Your commitment to our community is greatly appreciated. We could not have done it without you! Angelo Ciotta, Noodles and Co., Shanner Chiropractic, Cardwell Florist, McGowan Sport Shop, Bed Bath and Beyond, Livonia Education Association, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Franklin Band Boosters, Prestige Portraits, Bright House Networks, Moose Lodge No. 1317, Livonia Recreation Center, Livonia Police Officers Association, YMCA, Cole Newton and Duran, Livonia Paraprofessionals, Sen. Glenn Anderson, Livonia Goodfellows, city of Livonia, Franklin Athletic Boosters, Caribou Coffee, Luigi's Pizza, Sammy's Pizza, White Castle, Looney Baker, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Lisa Cosnowski, Little Caesar's Pizza, Hockey Town Café, Best Buy, Lynn Powers, Ed Bulmanski, Tami Dawe, Costco at Schoolcraft Road, Antonio's Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings (Livonia), Panera Bread at Schoolcraft Road, S'Barros (Laurel Park Place), Schoolcraft College, Webster PTA, Bill Brown Ford, Senate

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If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our apologies. We would also like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who went above and beyond to make this night a special one for our students. And last, but certainly not least, to our fantastic administration and custodial staff: Your support meant so much! We are blessed to be a part of such an awesome school.

> **Becky Wood** Franklin High School Senior All Night Party

# Where have real jobs gone?

Within two and a half years, the unemployment rate went from 5.7 percent to 9.1 percent, a loss of six million jobs. Fourteen million people are officially unemployed, but unofficially, it's 25 million. In the month of May, we added 54,000 new jobs. However, for the first week in May alone, we lost 43,000 jobs.

Corporate taxation contributes to unemployment. The top U.S. corporate tax rate is 35 percent while the global average is 25 percent. This compels corporations to invest where rates are

Furthermore, when a U.S. corporation makes a profit in China, it pays China's 25 percent tax rate. Investing that profit into America, a U.S. corporation must pay an additional 10 percent to make up the 35 percent U.S. tax rate. Knowing this, U.S. corporations keep their investments out of America, keeping Chinese employment high and U.S. employment low.

Monetary policy is another problem. To reduce interest rates, the Federal Reserve purchased a substantial number of bonds in a program called Quantitative Easing. This was supposed to create jobs by spurring spending and investments in America. Instead, investors borrowed at the Fed's low interest rate and invested globally where profits are higher. Quantitative Easing not only failed to create American jobs but it weakened the U.S. dollar and fueled worldwide inflation. The dollar fell by 5.8 percent against major currencies this year, a record since 1995, and global inflation rose by 5 percent in 2010.

Congress belatedly passed the 2011 federal budget last April. To avert a shutdown, the deficit was reduced negligibly by \$39 billion dollars, resulting in a record deficit of \$1.6 trillion. Congress has yet to pass a 2012 budget for the fiscal year beginning in two months.

U.S. debt is \$14 trillion. As new deficits add to the debt éach year, our debt continues to grow unsustainably. Runaway spending and debt have real consequences. Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Service, and Fitch Ratings recently warned of U.S. security downgrades. The downgrade would diminish U.S. creditworthiness, raise interest rates, and devastate confidence in our economy. Already we are experiencing the specter of this reality. Since April, the stock market plunged by 7 percent. No corporation or small business is in any position to hire anyone.

We can only create real jobs by reducing government spending and taxes. This maddening cycle of spending and taxation must stop.

"When will we ever learn?"

Ed Lee Novi

# Summer Festival brings out the crowds over holiday weekend

rom the sound of music and the squeals of delighted children to the last rocket's red glare, the 41st annual Westland Summer Festival proved to be a popular destination over the holiday weekend.

Even severe weather Saturday evening didn't slow down the festival although a Ford Excursion sustained damaged when a tree fell on it.

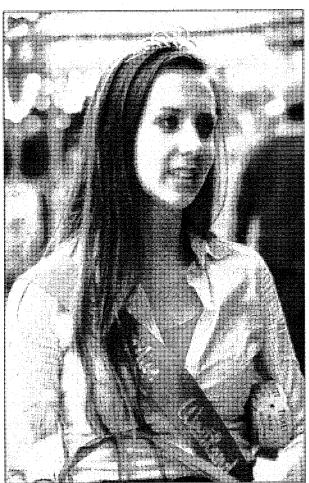
And with good weather in store for the Fourth of July, people were out well before the festival opened, pitching tents and awnings in Tattan Park to stack out their spot to watch the crowd pleasing fireworks show which closes out the festival.

Thousands of people gathered on the grounds of



Brook Wicker of Westland keeps her eyes peeled as her sister Jersey keeps aim on the front of the convoy.

Westland City Hall, while others sat in the field at John Glenn High School to watch



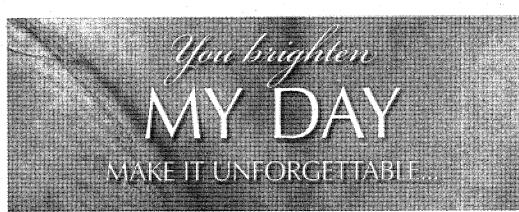
Miss Westland Festival Janell Evans talks to festival goers as she sells 50/50 tickets to help raise money for the Veterans Wall. She helped raise more than \$100 dollars everyday of the event.

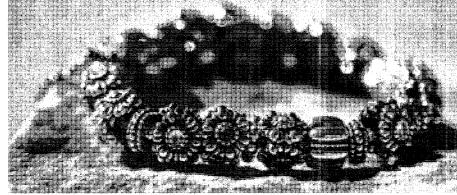


Three-year-old Adrienne Basil of Canton wets her whistle with a supersized drink while at the festival on the Fourth of July day.



Jen Ferris of Westland and her daughter Emma waves to the people as they ride the carrousel.







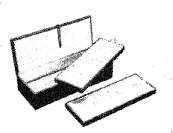
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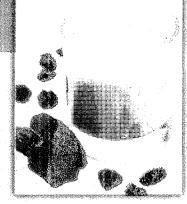
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# Novice golfers benefit from pro's advice

# Hickory Creek's Bealert teaches the game to newcomers

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's never too late for middleaged men and women to get serious about golf, and some have found their perfect instructor in Hickory Creek Golf Course's Tami Bealert.

The Hickory Creek PGA pro's "New to Golf" class is drawing rave reviews and repeat customers from folks who took different paths to sign up for the six-week program.

For example, 50-year-old Charlene Warner of Canton is a forensic analyst for the Michigan State Police and needed a stressbuster. All of her co-workers hit the links with regularity and finally convinced her to go for it.

"The kind of stuff we look at, you don't walk away from it," Warner said. "It stays with you, very graphic. And I said, 'Why are you guys so into golf?'

"And they said it's because they can go out there and forget

Please see GOLF, B3



Hickory Creek instructor Tami Bealert talks to 'New to Golf' students Lawerence Weathersby (left) and Margaret Panoff, both of Canton.

Larry Solomon of Farmington Hills (at right) and Tom Fisher won the 75and-over doubles title in the Midwest **Super Senior** tournament.



# He's still a tennis champion at age 76

# Farmington Hills' Solomon rates Super Senior label

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Larry Solomon of Farmington Hills has played tennis nearly his entire life, and he can still swing a mean racket at age 76.

He and Tom Fisher won the 75and-over doubles tournament in the recent Midwest Super Senior Clay Court Championships at the Detroit Tennis & Squash Club.

Solomon, a longtime member of the Farmington Hills club, wasn't there to earn USTA points or boost his ranking, however.

"If I'm feeling well, I might play the nationals," he said. "I really just played it because it's fun. I played tennis through high school and college, and I played some national tournaments in the 60s. I just love the game."

When he says the 60s, Solomon means the 60-and-over age group, although he was quite the accomplished tennis player before the

While a student at Wayne State University, he and his brother won the Presidents Athletic Conference doubles title in the mid '50s.

Solomon and another Michigan serviceman later won the U.S. Eighth Army doubles championship, and Solomon was the runner-up in singles.

Solomon, who worked in the City of Detroit finance department, earned a No. 5 national ranking in the 60-and-over age group 14 years ago. He and Fisher also won the USTA Midwest doubles title in the 65-and-over bracket.

"I don't travel and play tennis much any more," Solomon said, adding he stopped doing that in his late 60s. "I don't play very many tournaments now, because singles

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# Ex-Whaler gets big \$\$\$ in deal with Columbus

Canton's Wisniewski signs for \$33 million

BY BRAD EMONS

Canton's James Wisniewski is on the move again in the National Hockey League, but this time it appears he's buying instead of renting.

The 27-year-old defenseman, who has played with five different NHL clubs, signed a lucrative six-year, \$33-million contract Friday with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Wisniewski, coming off his best NHL season, ranked fifth among defensemen in offense scoring 10 goals and adding 41 assists while playing 32 games for the New York Islanders and the last 43 with the Montreal. (The Canadiens traded his negotiating rights on Wednesday and will receive a fifth-round pick as compensation.)

"My family and I are really excited to be a part of the Blue Jackets organization, and I'm looking forward to getting to Columbus to help this team win games," Wisniewski said in a press release. "I think this is a team that is ready to take the next step and I'm excited to help us become a winning team and a Stanley Cup contender."

The 5-foot-11, 208-pound Wisniewski, a former Plymouth Whaler and fifth-round pick (156th overall) by the Chicago Blackhawks, has appeared in 329 NHL games scoring 27 goals and adding 121 assists.

He has also made 18 Stanley Cup playoff appearances including 12 games with the Anaheim Ducks (2008-09) and six last season with the Canadiens.

'There were less than about six-to-eight teams that my agent and I have figured out that had a chance to sign a defenseman with a need for a defenseman like that," Wisniewski told the NHL Network on Friday. "So, for me to get my rights traded to Columbus is a pretty exciting move, especially seeing that they traded for Jeff Carter (an All-Star from Philadelphia) . . . and they look like they're in the right direction to me."

The Blue Jackets hope Wisniewski becomes a key member of the team's revamped blue line. 'James is a player we identified very early on and we are thrilled to have him as a member of the Columbus Blue Jackets," Columbus general manager Scott Howson said in a press release.

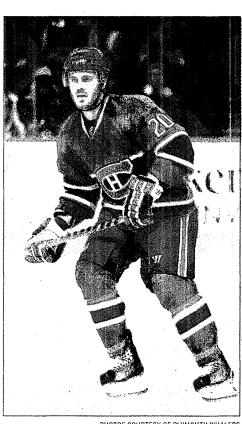
blue-line, character to our dressing room and will be a key contributor to our hockey club." Speculation about Wisniewski going to his hometown Detroit Red Wings, who were in the market for a defenseman after Brian Rafalski's

"He brings an offensive skill and grit to our

retirement, were just rumors.

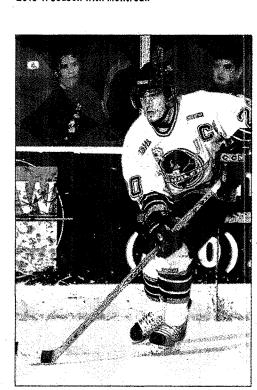
"For me, knowing Detroit's history that they only pay the market value for a defenseman or any player, so I didn't think it would be a fit for myself," Wisniewski said. "And being in Columbus, it's three hours away. It's close

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Canton native and former Plymouth Whaler James Wisniewski signed a lucrative deal last week with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets. He finished the 2010-11 season with Montreal.



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Hildebrandt stars

The first-place Michigan Bucks struggled in the road Sunday, but came away with a critical point in a Premier Development League 0-0 men's soccer draw against the host Hamilton (Ontario) FC Rage at Brian Timmis Field.

Goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt (Livonia Stevenson) notched his eighth shutout of the season as he made several key saves including a beauty in stoppage time to deny the Rage a late game-winner.

"There has really been only one part of our team that has been consistent game-in and game-out, and that has been Mitch." Bucks coach Garv Parsons said of the Oakland University keeper. "He has been brilliant in every game this season and has not taken a minute off. We have let him down more than once defensively and he has continued to bail us out. I haven't seen all the teams in the PDL this season, but I can't imagine another keeper with a better highlight reel of saves than Mitch has this year."

The Bucks stand 8-1-2 (26 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference, while Hamilton (3-5-3, 12 points) kept its faint playoff hopes alive in the franchise's inaugural season,

"If we are going to succeed and make a run in the playoffs, we need everyone to step up and play to the same standard as Mitch has committed to this season," Parsons said.

The Bucks returned to action Wednesday in South Bend to take on the Indiana Invaders. another tough team trying to secure the third and final playoff spot in the Great Lakes Division.

The Bucks then return home Saturday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac to face the Cincinnati Kings. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and it will included Bucks Hall of Fame Night.

Tickets are \$10 (adults 16-andover) and \$7 (youth) at the door. Children 5-and-under will be admitted free. All advance tickets are \$5 if purchased online by visiting www.buckssoccer.com.

Maybury Classic

The 2011 Road Runner Classic, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will be Saturday, July 23, at Historic Maybury State Park, located off the Eight Mile Road entrance, one mile west of Beck, in Northville.

The Classic, which will benefit the Friends of Maybury, includes a 1-mile run-walk (on a payed trail) starting at 5 p.m. followed by an 8-kilometer run-walk (on dirt and paved trails) at 5:30 p.m.

Post-race activities include Little Caesars Pizza, live music, libations and homemade baked goods.

The family fun event also features story hour, face painting and hands-on activities.

Cash awards will go to the overall male and female winners, along with masters (over-40) male and female champions. First-, second- and third-place age-group awards will also presented, along with finishing medals for all 1-mile participants.

T-shirts will go to all pre-registered 8K runners.

The cost for the 8K is \$25 (before July 21) or \$30 (race day). The 1-mile fee is \$5. Race

day registration starts at 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.northvilleroadrunners.org.

# Coaches wanted

Wayne Memorial High School is accepting applications for girls varsity volleyball coach and boys varsity cross country coach for the fall season, along with a boys varsity track coach for the spring season (2011-12).

Interested applicants should contact Greg Ambrose at (734) 419-2201; or e-mail ambroseg@ wwcs.k12.mi.us.

# All-Area golf team features a state champion

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM Max Kollin, N. Farmington: Kollin had an outstanding junior year in which he won the Division 1 individual state championship. He shot 73-71 at Oakland University. finished in a two-way tie for first place and won a playoff on the

A repeat member of the first team, Kollin also won the Farmington and Huron Valley invites, the Oakland County Division 1 and city tournaments. He averaged 73.7 in tournaments and 37.5 in nine-hole matches. Kollin's best round was the four-under 68 he shot to win the county title.

"He is so deserving of this award and other awards that will, hopefully, come his way," coach Bruce Sutton said. "He has an enormous talent. I think he has an unlimited future in golf. I really believe there's going be a D-1 school that is going to get him. I know he will be a great addition to whatever school he selects. When you look at his year, he is a golfer; he's just a very competitive golfer."

Nick Williams, N. Farmington: Williams makes his third consecutive appearance on the all-area first team. Williams, a four-year varsity player who has a scholarship to Grand Valley State, averaged 76,5 in tournaments and 38.3 in nine-hole matches. He shot sub-80 rounds in 11 of 13 tournaments. His best was a oneunder 71 to win the second OAA White Division tournament.

"He's such a great young man," coach Sutton said. "When you talk about a person of his ability, when you have a bad round of 79, most people would be very happy with that. He had a roller-coaster season (ranging from par to the high 70s) and he wasn't satisfied with it, but I would take a rollercoaster ride with him playing

"He was a statesman for the team. When we had eighth-grade orientation, he'd be there trying to recruit future golfers for the team. He represented North Farmington very well. He is going to really shine when he gets to Grand Valley."

Josh Heinze, Plymouth: The junior averaged 77.8 per 18 holes this season and was the overall medalist at the KLAA Conference Championship shooting a one-under-par 71 at Pheasant Run.

Heinze also placed second at the Legacy Tournament, with a one-under-par 71, and played 18-hole tournaments on 10 occa-

His efforts were key to the Wildcats reaching the Division 1 state meet for the second straight season. Plymouth also finished 9-1 to win the KLAA South

"These four guys have led our team both by the play on the course and their behavior on and off the course," said Plymouth coach Chris Moore about his All-Observer quartet of Heinze, Justin Bauer, Kyle Rodes and Ryan Rieckhoff. "All four gentle2011 ALL-OBSERVER **BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM** 

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Max Kollin, Jr., N. Farmington Nick Williams, Sr., N. Farmington Josh Heinze, Jr., Plymouth Justin Bauer, Sr., Plymouth Ben Proben, Jr., Churchill Anthony Serafa, Sr., Harrison SECOND TEAM

Matt Coursen, Sr., N. Farmington Adam Giordano, Sr., Stevenson Brian Patterson, Soph., Salem Kyle Rodes, Soph., Plymouth Ryan Rieckhoff, Soph., Plymouth Eric Duprey, Jr., Salem

**COACH OF THE YEAR** Bruce Sutton, North Farmington HONORABLE MENTIONS Canton: Brandon Laabs, Frank

Parzynski; Churchill: Andrew Ioanou, Nick Proben, Chris Theile; Farmington: Austin LeGault, Jimmy Patterson: Franklin: Drake Hermann; Garden City: Allen Eizember, Tom Firavich, Phil Miskulin; Harrison: Tommy Somerville, Curtis Coscarelly: John Glenn: Josh DuPrie; North Farmington: Blake Burnett, John Durst; Plymouth: John Tatti; Redford Union: Josh Marlow; Salem: Josh Perrin; Stevenson: Cam Tetrault, Dante Cicchelli, Nick Marsh: Thurston: Alex Carroll; Wayne: Zachary Williamson.

man also excel in the classroom as well as on the course.

"As a coach, I could not ask for better players to lead our team." Justin Bauer, Plymouth: Another Plymouth stalwart on the team's run to the D1 state meet, Bauer averaged 78.3 for 18 holes (based on 10 tournaments).

He also finished second at the district tournament at Whispering Willows with a oneover-par 73.

Bauer's consistent excellence sparked the Wildcats over his career, as the team reached the state championships in three consecutive seasons.

Ben Proben, Churchill: The junior was named Churchill's MVP for the second year in a row after averaging 38.2 per nine holes and

Proben, who helped the Chargers to a second place finish in the KLAA's South Division, earned a runner-up finish in the Wayne County Invitational with a 75 at Dearborn Country Club and also placed third in the Division 1 district with a 73 at Whispering Willows.

"Ben is also a scholar athlete for the second straight year," coach Paul Worley said. "His easy demeanor on the course and his excellent short game this season has made Ben a more complete player and has led to his success this season."

Anthony Serafa, Harrison: Serafa was one of the few four-year players in Harrison history. He had an fine tournament season, averaging 78.7 in eight events. Serafa won the first OAA White Division meet with a 75 at Huron Meadows. He also was fifth (75) in the Seaholm Invite, 16th (77) in the Bedford Invite and seventh



Harrison senior Anthony Serafa is an all-area, first-team player.

(78) in the second OAA tourney. Serafa was an individual regional qualifier at Huron Meadows, and he will play for Oakland Community College next year.

"He made steady improvement over four years," coach Bill Spencer said. "He had good tournament scores this year. Dual matches don't mean too much; it's what you do in tournaments, on the big courses.

"His short game is probably where he still has to work, but he hits the ball a long ways. If you can get up and down on a few holes, you're going to save yourself a lot of strokes, and you're going to be shooting in the 70s. "You don't get somebody like that very often for all four years. He's been a gentleman, a real positive asset for those four years."

**ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM** 

Matt Coursen, N. Farmington: Asked to comment on Coursen, coach Bruce Sutton said: "Mister 82!" That's how he was known in past seasons because of his consistent rounds of 82. That changed this year as Coursen dropped his tournament average to 79.2; he shot 39.8 in nine-hole matches. His lower scores helped the Raiders have the successful season they did. Coursen shot a one-over 73 in the second OAA event and a 75 in the district Meadows.

"He brought his game to the forefront this year, knowing he couldn't shoot 82s any more. coach Sutton said. "He had to be in the 70s. Going back to last summer, he really wanted to step up and be one of those golfers we could depend on for a great

score, and he just delivered each and every time.

"It was interesting to see him in the trees and rough from time to time, but he sure got the job done when he needed to. It was great to have him on team. He's such a nice young man; he always has a smile on his face.

Adam Giordano, Stevenson: The four-year varsity performer and team captain played in every match for the Spartans.

Giordano averaged 38 for nine holes and 81 during 18-hole tournament play.

He was medalist in six matches and earned all-Kensington honors with a 77. Giordano added a 77 at the Division 1 district tourney at Huron and was a four-time Livonia City champion.

Giordano plans to attend Ferris State and major in pro golf management.

"Adam was by far the most coachable player I've ever coached," Jim Omietanski said. "He was well respected by his teammates and players from other schools. Adam will be missed by everyone next year."

Brian Patterson, Salem: The sophomore averaged 79 per 18 strokes, the lowest on the Rocks.

Highlights included earning team medalist honors at Oakland University's Katke-Cousins (82), the Huron Valley Invitational (80) and in a nine-hole dual meet against South Lyon.

He also was fifth overall at the U-D Jesuit Saturday Shootout at Golden Fox Golf Club.

"Brian has an extremely strong work ethic," Salem coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "He is always putting extra time in to work on his game.

"He consistently shows a passion for golf and I look for him to continue to improve these next two years."

Kyle Rodes, Plymouth: Like his varsity teammates, Rodes competed in 10 18-hole tournaments in 2011, averaging 78.9 strokes.

He placed third at the Legacy Tournament with a one-underpar 71 and teamed up with Ryan Rieckhoff at the state tournament for a total of 155 over two

Ryan Rieckhoff, Plymouth: The sophomore tallied a 79.7 average over 10 18-hole tournaments.

On the second day of the D1 state tournament, he registered a score of 74 and finished that round in 15th place.

Eric Duprey, Salem: The thirdyear varsity golfer continues to be an instrumental member of the Rocks, delivering big in clutch situations.

At Fox Hills in a dual meet against Novi, Duprey was the overall medalist with a score of 35 (for nine holes). He was medalist against Livonia Stevenson, registering a score of 39.

Other highlights included finishing fourth overall at the Dearborn Elite Invitational and 11th overall at the Wayne County Invitational. Both events were at Dearborn Country Club and he shot an 80 each time.

"Eric has been an intricate



Max Kollin N. Farmington



Justin Bauer **Plymouth** 



Nick Williams

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Josh Heinze

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Adam Giordano Stevenson



Salem



**Kyle Rodes** Plymouth



Plymouth

Ryan Rieckhoff



Eric Duprey Salem



**Bruce Sutton** N. Farmington

member on the Salem golf team for the last three years," Nimmerguth said. "He has spent his entire career at the varsity level. He has a love for the game and I know he will continue to strive to improve.

COACH OF THE YEAR Bruce Sutton, N. Farmington: Sutton was named Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons after guiding the Raiders

to another successful campaign. The Raiders, who were up feated in seven duals, won both OAA White Division tournaments and the overall championship. They shot a season-best 298 in the second event.

North also won the Jackson Lumen Christi and Dearborn invites. It was second in the Division 1 district at Huron

Meadows, the Huron Valley and West Bloomfield invites and the Oakland County Division 1 tournament at Pontiac Country Club.

The Raiders, who were ranked No. 4 in the D-1 coaches poll, just missed qualifying for state, shooting a 309 and finishing fourth at Lyon Oaks.

'We had such a great season," Sutton said. "It's true that everything must end. This was a very special team, and we had high expectations. We had a great season, and I really hated to see this end.

"I'm very proud of the boys. We dedicated ourselves four years ago to put North Farmington on the map. They have sure made North Farmington known as a golf team. We put ourselves out





# Cards flying high

The 2011 Canton Cardinals, an 10-and-under travel baseball team, has enjoyed a successful summer tournament season and is headed to the USSSA AA World Series in Canton. The Cardinals are champions of the Lincoln First Pitch Tournament, BPA Spring Classic in Farmington Hills, USSSA May Tags Tournament in Hartland, Henway Clash in Farmington Hills, along with and runner-up finish in the USSSA AA state championship in Canton. Team members include (bottom row, from left): Robby Begley, Ryan Zerona, Thomas Harvey, Guido Costantino, Michael Kruszka, Kyle Aniol; (middle row, from left) Ryan McAuliffe, D.J. Jablonski, Mitch Harber, Adam Pitcole, Jimmy Knittel, Seth Troszak; (top row, from left) coaches Bob Begley, Jim Knittel, Rich Harvey, Pat McAuliffe, and Don Harber.

enough for the family to come, but far enough to keep them away (laugh).

"Actually, I went down to Columbus with my agent Bill Zito on Wednesday night and spoke with Scott Howson and Scott Arniel (head coach). On Thursday morning I got a tour of the rink and got to see the city, and see their future plans.

"Everything was adding up as far as going in the right direction, and I was getting really excited to be a part of

that. It's something new and something fresh, and being a key guy in the rebirth and trying to become a winning organization."

Wisniewski made his NHL debut with the Hawks during the 2005-06 season. He was traded on March 4, 2009 to the Ducks, who held onto him until July 30, 2010 when they shipped Wisniewski to the Islanders for a conditional third-round draft pick.

On Dec. 28, 2010, the Islanders traded Wisniewski to Montreal for a secondround draft pick and a conditional fifth-round pick.

Wisniewski can now unpack

his bags and not put the movers on speed dial.

"Just having the five oneyear deals in a row is mentally exhausting," Wisniewski told the NHL Network. "Every year thinking I had a good year, I'll get a long-term deal instead of getting a one-year deal or arbitrate. I went through arbitration two years in a row.

"Finally, trying to become an elite defenseman and getting the long-term security, to be able to settle down and raise a family with my wife and I moving to Columbus, is a beautiful place to be and to live."

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everything they see. I said, 'I need that."

So does Lawerence Weathersby, 53, a Canton man who like Warner is now starting his second straight New to Golf session at Hickory Creek (Ford Road just west of the Canton

"I had a kidney transplant 17 months ago," Weathersby said. "So, I (was) just vegging on the couch. My wife (Angela) said I needed a hobby, to get out of the house and do something.

"Doctors told me I needed to get out and exercise. So I didn't know what I wanted to do."

His wife bought Lawerence a starter set of clubs, and he subsequently noticed a sign near Hickory Creek about golf les-

So far, so good, as he signed up for an encore session of New to Golf, which takes place Tuesday evenings.

Although Weathersby continues to take things slowly — he is building up his strength while alleviating the hypertension that contributed to his kidney disorder -- he couldn't be more thrilled about finding something he can do for years to come.

"I just got the clearance to get out and do some physical activity," he said. "So I'll take a nap, then come out here and I won't do anything else (after that). My energy level is still low.

"But it makes me feel good because it's a sense of accomplishment."

#### **DIAL IT DOWN**

Weathersby joked about wanting to power his way to success in whatever game he tackles. But he's changing his tune thanks to Bealert.

"She's a good teacher." Weathersby said. "She takes her time and works with us.

"... Since I've started taking this class, I feel really much better as far as holding the club, swinging the club, making contact. And not so much using power at this point, you know? I figure that will come."

New to Golf is transforming Warner, who said she used to throw her clubs into the creek - at the local miniature golf course.

"That's all I did before was Putt-Putt, so this has made a world of difference," Warner said. "Now I can hit the ball. I know what the clubs are now."

Her police colleagues also have noticed a difference with



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Hickory Creek golf pro Tami Bealert (background) works with Canton's Joanne Mouch as she practices on the putting green.

her demeanor.

"Even my co-workers are like, 'Man, you're a lot nicer," she

According to Bealert, also a Canton resident, instrumental to her ability to reach new golfers is the fact she takes things slowly and doesn't talk down to the students.

There are handouts to review at home, as well as a number of various golf props and demonstrations all designed to boil down a particular day's activity into something easy to remem-

## TAKE YOUR TIME

Bealert said a lot of novice golfers tend to "grab a club, go to the range, take the biggest, longest club, never have a lesson and try to whack at it rather than take it in small steps."

New to Golf students quickly find out that kind of approach doesn't cut it, for those who want to be consistent and play well.

"I always start with putting, and then chipping and then pitching," Bealert said. "It's a progression. I start from the small swing and build up."

Also building up is the clientele for the class.

"I think it's working out great," she said. "The New to Golf class is basically a beginner's class. We call it New to Golf because it just sounds better.

"Because you are actually a new golfer for like two or three years, you got to start somewhere and it doesn't matter how old you are."

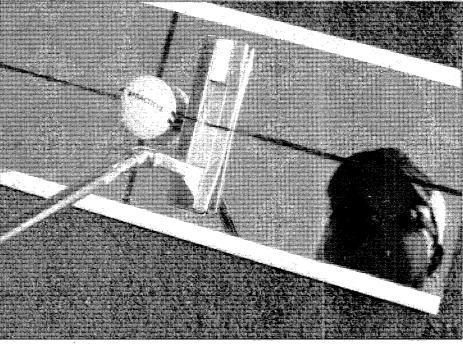
Meanwhile, Warner and Weathersby are back for another round of the New to Golf program because they know they're works in progress as far as being competent linksters is concerned.

"I still have a lot to learn," Warner said. "I'll be out here practicing, this is definitely a practice game.

"Based on how much it helps me with the stress from my work, I'll be out here a lot."

For more information, call Bealert at (734) 731-0238, send her an email (TrainwithTami@Yahoo.com) or go to www.TrainWithTami.com.

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Canton's Lawerence Weathersby uses a puttina tool to make sure he correctly lines up his next try.

# It's never too late to learn

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not every person Tami Bealert instructs at Hickory Creek's "New to Golf" series is a newcomer to the sport.

Consider Thom Bales of Ann Arbor. He's a tournament winner (The Mulligan Tour, anybody?) who still finds time to tweak his game in Bealert's weekly class at Hickory Creek Golf

Bales took up golf to about seven years ago, mainly to have something to do with his thenjust-retired dad Bill.

"He said he plays golf, so I bought a cheap set of clubs at Meijer and started playing," Thom Bales recalled.

But it wasn't until 2010, several years after joining The Mulligan Tour (a for-fun-only junket that visits courses all over southeast Michigan), that Bales decided he could use a little bit of instruction.

"I had a lesson here and there," he said. "But last year I just wasn't playing at the level that I thought I should. I knew I needed to bite the

A golfing colleague suggested Bealert, a PGA pro at the Superior Township course (just west of Canton), because "he said she was really good with kids. So that made me think maybe she'd be good with me, too." Bales laughed when he made that comment,

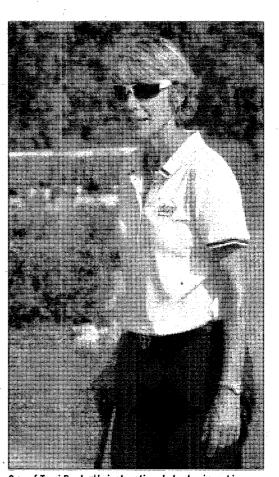
but it's no joke how the dozen weekly sessions last year — and additional ones this summer - are helping his game.

When he first signed up for Bealert's class, he had a handicap of 17-18. Now, it's improved

"It's a tip culture, there's all these things you're supposed to do," he continued. "One person says do this and another says do that. I think what a teacher or coach helps you do is focus you.'

Bealert is there to keep Bales and other golf students from veering into bad habits whether with their backswing, follow-through or other aspects of the sport.

For Bales, having a sounding board such as



One of Tami Bealert's instructional staples is making plenty of time for her beginning golf students.

Bealert is good for any golfer.

But so is just having a blast out on the course, which is the mission of The Mulligan Tour.

"The first rule is to have fun," he said. "And the second rule is to refer to rule number one."

Go to www.themulligantour.com for more on the traveling golf tourney.

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is difficult at this age.

"On a warm day, I don't want to play three sets. I still play a little singles, but not in tournaments."

Solomon, who started playing tennis when he was 13 in public parks in Detroit, stays in good shape physically, however.

"I probably play tennis at the club three or four times a week," he said. "I work out at least a couple days a week there and also swim.

"At our age, you have to be in pretty good shape (to play any kind of competitive tennis). Otherwise, you're just standing around."

In the June 23-26 tournament sponsored by Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Solomon and Fisher breezed past the No. 1 seeds in their first match, 6-1, 6-2, and they won by injury default in the

"The final was against people whom Tom and I have played with and against," Solomon said. "It

was a 50-50 matchup. I thought we played well, but one of the guys on the other team didn't play as well as he usually does and that was helpful."

Solomon added he and Fisher, who also is 76, play against or with each other at least once a week at the club.

There aren't a lot of people who play good doubles at age 75," Solomon said, adding they're at the doubles end of the age brackets. "Tom and I are the oldest, and the others are in their 50s and 60s. There are people over 80 who play, but just not at the same level."

# OTHERS FARE WELL, TOO

Solomon wasn't the only Farmington Hills player to do well in the Super Senior tournament.

Roberto Boeker was a finalist in the men's 45 bracket, and Mike Lynch won the men's 50 consola-

Lynch lost to the eventual runner-up, Jan Akervall, but won his next two matches over Mitsuhisa Koboshi (6-0, 6-1) and Jonathan Frank (7-5, 6-2).

Lynch wasn't that impressed by his comeback performance, however. One of the top five players in the Midwest a few years ago, he's still making a comeback from an

"I wasn't real happy with the way I played, at least from my perspective, at the level I'm used to playing," Lynch said.

"I'm pleased with my progress, because I kinda fought through it. (The recovery and return to playing tournaments is) progressing, and I'm still fighting the age

Lynch, 54, also was a longtime runner, logging six miles a day for 20 years, until he suffered a knee

"I thought running would help my tennis," he said. "Eventually, I wore out the cartilage and had to take a break from play tournaments."

Following surgery and some time off, Lynch has been playing tennis again on a regular basis since March.

"It's a good start on the road back," he said. "I've got a little ways to go for sure. I'm certainly not content with where I'm at now, but I'm working at it hard."

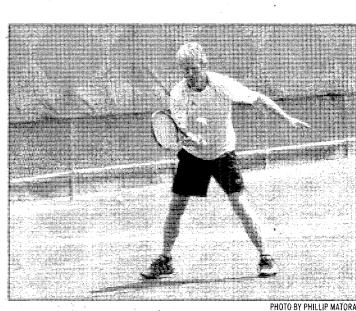
Lynch said he wouldn't miss a chance to play a tournament at Detroit Tennis & Squash Club, and that's not because it's in his hometown.

"I played all over the place for a period of time, and the Detroit Tennis & Squash courts are the nicest I've ever played on," he said. "They're phenomenal clay courts and, of course, clay courts are a little easier on the body.

"They're kept up real nice. (General manager and tournament director) Dean (Snyder) has done a fantastic job on mainte-

"For a guy like myself who has a passion for tennis, I can play more frequently without the punishment a hard court would give your body. It's much more forgiving. I can play longer, play harder and play more frequently without effects."

Lynch, who works for DTE Energy, won tournaments on consecutive weekends and lost a total



Mike Lynch won the consolation title in the men's 50 age bracket in the Midwest Super Senior tennis tournament.

of just three games the last year he played tournaments. "That was my highlight," he

said. "This was my first tourna-

ment in two years, so I don't have a ranking at present. So, to the other guys my age: 'Watch out because here I come."

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A pre-bid meeting will not be scheduled. A copy of the RFP will be available at 20820 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, MI 48237 or by e-mail at Swells@Charteracademies.com by July 15, 2011. Potential bidders are asked to e-mail their questions to Ms. Wells by July 22, 2011. The school district will e-mail its response these questions by July 27, 2011.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2011. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Charter Schools Administration Services and be clearly marked: Food Service Vended Meal

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#### EDWARDS, BEVERLY J.

Of Grass Lake, age 70, went to be with the Lord June 30, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Edna Solomon. Bev is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 49 years, Cliff; daughter, Lisa (Curt) Lapham; son, Cliff (Hillary) Edwards Jr.; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers, William Warren (Beatrice) Nicki) and Solomon; several nieces and nephews Bev was an example of love and devotion as a child of God, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. As a lifelong Christian, Bev was a 35 year member of Grass Lake Assembly of God where she mentored countless children through her years of teaching Sunday School, Junior Church, and passing out sticks of gum and smiles from her favorite pew. A devoted and much loved teacher of 35 years in the Garden City School District, Bev continued her love of teaching through substituting and assisting her six grandchildren with countless school projects. She spent her final hours surrounded by her loving family, never failing to make them smile through her humor and love for life. She has promised to send us all a picture text from heaven with a view from her golden golf cart. Services were held July 5, 2011 at Grass Lake Assembly of God. Please sign Bev's guest book at sherwoodfh.com

#### HALL, DEBRA ANN.

of Lincoln Park, 6/22/2011; Age 56. Beloved mother of Kathleen (Lionel) Crump & Douglas (Cheri) Wells. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1181



IOVAN, PETER

June 29, 2011, age 85. Loving husband of Delores. Dear father of Dennis (Jody), Mark (Susie), Jeffrey (Susan), Timothy (Jeannine), Linda (Bill) Siewert, Michael, Stephen Rhonda), Deanne (Jim Kissling). Beloved grandfather of 18 and great grandfather of seven. Memorial Mass Friday July 8 at 10 am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

#### KONKEL, RUTH

Age 93 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Loving mother to Schloss, James (Patricia) Konkel, Roger (Jane) Konkel. Dear grandmother of six and great grand-mother of 7. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan), Livonia Wednesday 2-9 PM. service Thursday at St. Michael Catholic Church in state 10:00am until funeral mass at

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# LA CROIX, FRANCIS JOSEPH.

Trenton, 6/30/2011; Age 90. Beloved father of Paul. Dear uncle of Robert Winslow. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (313) 382-1954



MOZI, CAROLINE C.

Age 85, July 2, 2011. Beloved wife of Julia Quejado, Harold Hayden Jr., Patricia Pollum, Sharon Bliss and Renee Blankenship. Step-mother of Adele Dubicki. Grandmother of Jamie, Marcy, Jason, Stephanie, Kelly, Dana Jr., Kimberly, A.J., Christopher, Scott, Jeremy and the late Kenny. Great-grandmother of 14. Visitation was Tuesday, July 5 at Santeiu Funeral Home. Mass was Wednesday at St. Dunstan Catholic Church. Interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family suggests dona-tions to Hospice of S.E. Michigan. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

## PAUL, CLODA RAE

Age 86, July 1, 2011. Beloved wife of the late William Drexal Paul for 55 years. Loving mother of Donna (Marque) Cryderman, Dennis (Lillian) Paul and Debra (Forrest) Miracle. Cherished grandmother of Brittany, Heather and Erika Paul, Ashley and Travis Miracle. Great grandmother of Mae Rose Thomson-Miracle. Stepgrandmother of Marque Cryderman, Elizabeth Crowton, and David Cryderman Rose. Step-great-grand-mother of Kara, T.J., and Hailey Kowalski, Nick Crowton, Lena and Kaylee Rose, and Levi Cryderman. Also survived by twin sister; Cleda Fay Carter. Funeral Service Friday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., (1 blk w of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Wednesday 5-9 p.m.

and Thursday 2-9 p.m. www.Thayer-Rock.com

#### SAUNDERS, HELEN C.

of Lathrup Village, 6/17/2011; Age 86. Beloved mother of Pamela (Robert) Granata, Bayard (Jane), & Bethany. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954

#### SUTTON, PATTI F.

of Royal Oak, 6/23/2011; Age 39 Beloved daughter of Jack (Colleen) uther. Mother of Christina and Victoria. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954



STACHOW, KAREN R.

Age 64, died peacefully on June 15, 2011 at Angela Hospice with her husband Dan and her brother Floyd at her brother Paul Kinder her loving stepdaughters Stephanie (Christopher) Soehnlen and Stacey (Scott) Perrault and one step-grandson Christopher (C.J.) Soehnlen, sister-in-law Joan Stachow and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorial service will held on July 16, 2011 at 10:30am with a Mass at 11:00am at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Rd., Westland MI 48185. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Angela Hospice of Livonia or to St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church.



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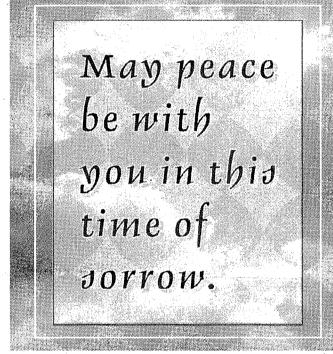
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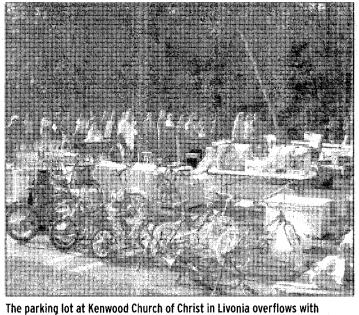
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household items, recreational equipment, toys, clothing and other gently used donations during its first annual Free Stuff Giveaway last year.

# Church gives away 'stuff' to all in need

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

The Rev. Todd Lackie promises "no hoops, hurdles or qualifications you have to meet" for those who attend his church's second annual Free Stuff Giveaway on Aug. 6.

"This is not just for the needy. It's for the whole community," said Lackie, pastor of Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia. "One of the things we've discovered, since the economy went the way it went, is that needy used to be thought of as a class issue. Needy today is a situational thing. You find middle class families where dad or mom lost their jobs. They may have a home and lots of thing in life, but they may be in a situation where they have a real need now. People who have never been in need before are in need

Lackie hopes to fill those needs with gently-used clothing, household items, children's goods and toys, furniture and anything else donated to his church between now and givéaway day. Anyone interested in obtain-

ing free stuff can attend the giveaway from 9 a.m.-noon on Aug. 6, at the church, located at 20200 Merriman, Livonia; (248) 476-8222

In the meantime, Kenwood Church of Christ is collecting donations for the event.

Gently-used items may be placed in the drop box under the canopy at the church's main entrance.

'The items given will stay locally," he said. "It will help your neighbors.'

Last year the church gave away approximately 10,000 items during the event last

"It was astounding. We had people lined up waiting before we opened. We had everything from furniture to clothing. We had a sink. We didn't have any major appliances, although we would be glad to receive them,"

The church won't take anything that's broken or deemed inappropriate. Volunteers will distribute tickets, representing an allotment of items, to each person who attends the Free Stuff Giveaway. Lackie said the ticketing system ensures that everyone gets something and no one single person takes more than they need. He said the church this year will increase the number of clothing items each participant can take.

Kenwood Church of Christ reaches out to the community "on a regular basis," Lackie said. It will begin collecting classroom supplies this month for teachers at Webster school in Livonia. The congregation is about a third of the way through a project designed to feed 5,000 Haitians.

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# Festival organizers offer tips for enjoying art fair

BY SHARON DARGAY OSE STAFF WRITER

Old is new and recycled is cool at the Plymouth Art in the Park this year.

"We're seeing a lot of recycling, repurposing in all of our shows," said Raychel Rork, who together with her mom, Dianne Quinn, founded and manages the annual art show.

"There's a guy who makes handbags completely out of recycled record album covers. They're the coolest thing you've ever seen. He's from Chicago and he travels all over with these amazing handbags. They basically are pieces of

"We have someone who is making jewelry out of typewriter keys. You can get a bracelet that makes a statement.

If Rork were wearing a statement bracelet it might just say "authentic" or "original" because contrary to rumors that the art fair juries in artists with manufactured items, it's just not so, Rork

"No, there is not stuff that is not handmade. What does go on is there are people who own private property that rent spaces to anyone. There is a huge mix — someone may sell stuff from China - surrounding the event. There is all kinds of stuff out of our control. People assume it's a part of Art in the Park.'

The only businesses allowed to set up a booth within the fair are corporate sponsors.

"We're grateful we have sponsors to help us cover costs." Rork said. "We're a pri-



Zamar Jazz Band is scheduled to play Saturday and Sunday at Plymouth's Art in the Park

vate entity. Those corporate sponsorships help cover the cost of chairs, on site EMS, paying police overtime. We take all the trash and haul it away. There are things people take for granted, and we want

Plymouth's Art in the Park runs II a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 10. Keep these suggestions in mind as you head to downtown Plymouth for the festival this weekend:

 Shuttle — If you're reluctant to take the shuttle because this year you might just buy that hand-chiseled coffee table by your favorite sculptor, you worry in vain. The free shuttles are more on the order of a tour bus than a commuter van. They're not only air-conditioned, but have plenty of storage space.

"The buses are big, professional motor coaches" Rork

The shuttle runs 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 8; 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9; and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 10, between the ACH Plant, 14425 Sheldon, just off M-14, and Plymouth City Hall in the heart of downtown.

• Parking — Skip it and take the shuttle. If you're determined to park in town, realize that free parking "is basically nonexistent in an event this size anymore," Rork said. "There are a lot of great organizations that charge a small fee to park. You know that your dollars are going to something worthwhile.

• Write it down  $\,-\,$  "Take note of where you park, what street and lot. Pretend you're at Disney World," Rork said. 'We've driven people around for 30 minutes because they couldn't remember where they parked or because they



Purses by Karen Hoetscher of Chicago, III., will be on display at Plymouth's Art in the Park.



Jewelry is among the artistic accessories and wearable items sold at Plymouth's Art in the Park. This piece is by Cathy Davis of Trenton.

missed the last shuttle."

• So many questions — Yes, Rork's information booth crew will try to answer questions like "Where is the lady with the purple earring thingys?" If you can't remember your favorite artist's name, you can ask for help.

"Usually there are a few more questions we need to ask, like where are they from? And we can whittle it down from there," Rork said.

• Art-loving dogs — Don't take your dog to the fair if it's prone to fight with other dogs or doesn't like crowds. "We recommend you don't walk them around the blacktop for too long. They can burn their feet," Rork added.

• Art-loving kids — About 20 youngsters will sell their handmade art at the fair. Just like the adult artists, kids are juried into the event and must pay a small fee to participate.

"Parents thank us because they are learning about the business aspect as well," Rork said. "The kids are proud of what they make. It's a great place to take kids to buy from other kids."

 Toys on tour — Lego toys will be on hand with its new Ninjago series of spinning, ninja-fighting characters.

"It's a national tour. We're honored because we were chosen as one of eight stops in the country," Rork noted. "They'll have interactive things going on. It's a perfect fit."

• Music — The intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Fourth is the place to be for live music. One Love Reggae Band will perform Friday and Zamar Jazz Band plans Saturday and Sunday.

• Art in action - Watch professional artists chalk Vincent van Gogh masterpieces at Main and Penniman and paint a "living mural" at Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

# Disney casting for filming in Michigan

Disney Studios is seeking Little People to play "Munchkins" in its film, Oz: The Great and Powerful that will begin production in September and continue through early November.

Extras must be 4'7" or shorter, any ethnicity, 18 years old and older.

Submit photos, measure-

ments and contact information to ozextras@yahoo.com.

Simple snapshots, including face and body, are acceptable Measurements should include height, weight, coat, neck/ sleeve, waist/inseam and shoe size for males; height, weight, bust, waist, hips and shoes for females. Submissions should include age, phone number,

place of residence and availability - even if it's just one

ome talent may work one day or up to four weeks.

The movie will be filmed in

Submissions also may be mailed to Oz Extras Casting, P.O. Box 729, Bloomfield Hills,

# Take a chance on summer 'Zoomance'

The Detroit Zoo will offer an adult-only, over age 21, after-hours event, Summer Zoomance, Thursday, July 14.

Summer Zoomance will run 6-9 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is \$8 for all guests and parking is \$5. Parking is free for Detroit Zoological Society members as well as for members of Detroit Young Professionals and After 5 Detroit who buy tickets in advance.

Summer Zoomance allows grown-ups to relive their fond memories of the Detroit Zoo while creating new ones during a twilight stroll among the award-winning animal habitats. The Sun Messengers will perform at Rackham Fountain, and food and adult beverages will be available for purchase from Zoo conces-

Summer Zoomance guests can take a prehistoric journey through Dinosauria, the Zoo's blockbuster summer attraction featuring 30 animatronic dinosaurs. Visitors also can ride the DinoSimulator at the Wild Adventure Ride and experience the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater,

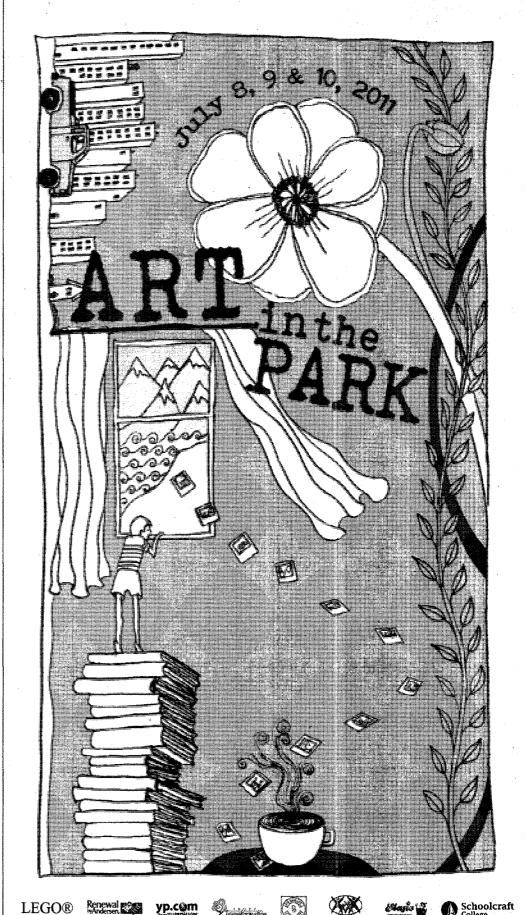
featuring "Planet Earth: Shallow Seas 4-D Experience" and "Dora & Diego's 4-D Adventure." Tickets for each experience are an additional

\$4 per person. July 14 is the first of two Summer Zoomance dates this year. A second event will be held Thursday, Aug. 25. Buy tickets online at www.detroitzoo.org or at the admission gates the night of the event.

The Detroit Zoo is located at 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) and Woodward in Royal Oak. For more information, call

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# Raise a toast to Master Brewer Pierre Celis



Beer Tracker

Nate Parsons

he beer community lost a pioneer earlier this year in one Pierre Celis. If you've ever relished a Hoegaarden, Blanche De Chambly, or even a Blue Moon, you have Master Brewer Pierre Celis to thank.

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Once considered the lost style of brewing, "Wit" or "Witbier" has enjoyed a renaissance in recent years mostly due to Celis. As a younger man, Celis spent time sampling hazy wheat-flavored beer from dozens of breweries in the Flanders region of Belgium. The last traditional Wit was brewed in 1955, shortly after brewers either shuttered their doors or gave into mass market lagers with lucrative contracts. Celis successfully resurrected the style in 1966 with his flagship offering Hoegaarden.

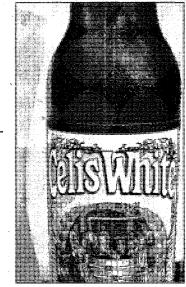
After years of legal wrangling with corporate beer mongers, Celis headed to the U.S. in 1990 only to have similar circumstances lead to a corporate takeover of his beloved brewery. Teetering on the

edge of extinction, The Michigan Brewing Company (MBC) rescued Celis Brewing by purchasing it from Miller Brewing in 2002. Understanding the heritage, tradition, and responsibly MBC enlisted Celis to transport the Wit style legend back to prominence. A happy ending was delivered when Celis White, brewed by Michigan Brewery Company took home the gold medal from the Great American Beer Festival in 2003. Celis will be missed but his influ-

ence on the beer community will be enjoyed for many generations.

Traditional Wits are wonderful refreshing wheat based beer with light to medium body, slight sweetness and a zesty finish. The body is slightly cloudy due to the use of unmalted wheat, and pale to light gold in color. It has a clean crisp profile, low hop bitterness, and a sizeable white head.

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# Healthy makeover

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accepting entries into its Retro Recipe Redo contest through July 31.

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As the Happy Together
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The Retro Recipe Redo.

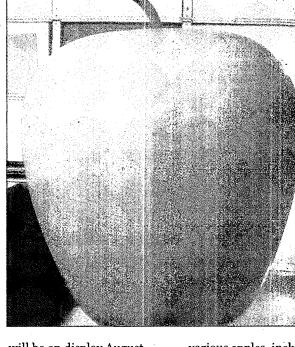
The Retro Recipe Redo contest challenges foodies and home cooks to cut the fat, calories and/or salt from favorite family recipes without compromising taste or ease of preparation. The contest is open to adults from Genesee, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties and surrounding areas. There is no cost to enter. The contest guidelines, recommendations and entry form can be found at hap.org/50th. A panel of judges will pick the best dishes during Happy **Together Summer Fest events** in West Bloomfield, Flint, Detroit and Warren. Prizes include a private dinner prepared by a professional chef, fitness discounts, cooking classes and more.

# CITY BITES

Beer, wine available Canton - Olga's Kitchen opened a new restaurant recently at 41725 Ford Road, Canton that serves wine and beer, featuring smaller vineyards. A select variety of domestic and imported beers will be available with special local micro-brew options. The menu includes favorites and new items. Bread making takes center stage in an open kitchen that allows guests to watch. The restaurant is open 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. The Canton Olga's Kitchen also offers carside delivery. Place orders to the new Canton Olga's Kitchen by calling the restaurant at (734) 983-9200. A full menu is available at www.olgas.com.

## Big apples

Garden City - Farmer's markets in Garden City, Farmington, Novi and 17 other communities will get creative with apples this summer. Each market has signed up to get a 4-foot-tall fiberglass structure in the shape of an apple and will hire a local artist to decorate it. The project, meant to raise awareness of the state's largest fruit crop, is coordinated by the Michigan Apple Committee and the Detroit Eastern Market. The apples



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will be on display August-September at the participating farmers markets. Apple Trail Passports will be distributed to encourage people to visit the farm markets and see the art on display. For each of the markets they visit between Aug. 1-Sept. 17, they'll receive a stamp on their passport. Those earning at least five stamps will be entered into a random drawing for several prizes. An online vote also will be taken for the public's favorite apple. Prizes will be given in multiple categories for the

various apples, including a People's Choice Award, at the Eastern Market's Apple Gala and Auction on Oct. 14

## **Book signing**

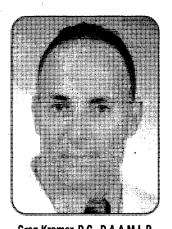
West Bloomfield - Dave
Wodnicki, the author of Coffee
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# Add fresh, frozen or dried cherries to your meal for antioxidants, flavor

The National Cherry Festival is in full swing this week in Traverse City.

If you're heading north this weekend there's still time to catch pie-eating challenges, pit-spitting contests and grand cherry buffet, among dozens of events, before fireworks bring it all to a close on Saturday, July 9.

You can enjoy cherries at home every day by adding them to salads, beverages, breakfast foods, snacks, couscous, rice, risotto and pasta. Tart cherries have among the highest levels of diseasefighting antioxidants, when compared to other fruits. They also contain 19 times more beta carotene than blueberries or strawberries, vitamin C, potassium, magnesium, iron, fiber and folate.

Here are a few cherry tips, followed by recipes, from the Cherry Marketing Institute:

1. Fruit Fizz - Make a refreshing cherry spritzer by adding cherry juice concentrate to ice cold seltzer water.

2. Be Smooth — Blend frozen cherries with cherry juice concentrate and lowfat yogurt. Add a straw and you have a sensational smoothie for breakfast or a snack.

3. A Perfect Parfait - Keep a bag of frozen cherries in the freezer and grab a handful when hunger strikes. Thaw them for a few minutes and then layer with lowfat vanilla yogurt and granola.

4. Brighten up Breakfast — Swap your typical berries for dried cherries and add them to your

cereal, oatmeal, yogurt or pancakes. 5. Grab and Go — Get your antioxidants on-

the-go with an easy "do-it-yourself" trail mix using dried cherries, almonds and whole-grain cereal. Or add dried cherries to ready-made gra-

# CHERRY AND LAMB TAGINE

From Paige Adams of Chicago, Ill.

Ingredients: 2 tablespoons olive oil

1 red onion, thinly sliced

1 pound boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 1½-inch pieces 2 garlic cloves, minced

2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces (about 1

Tred pepper, cut into 1-inch strips

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon paprika

1 teaspoon ground coriander

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon black pepper

1 can chopped tomatoes (15 ounces)

1 cup water

1 can chickpeas (15 ounces)

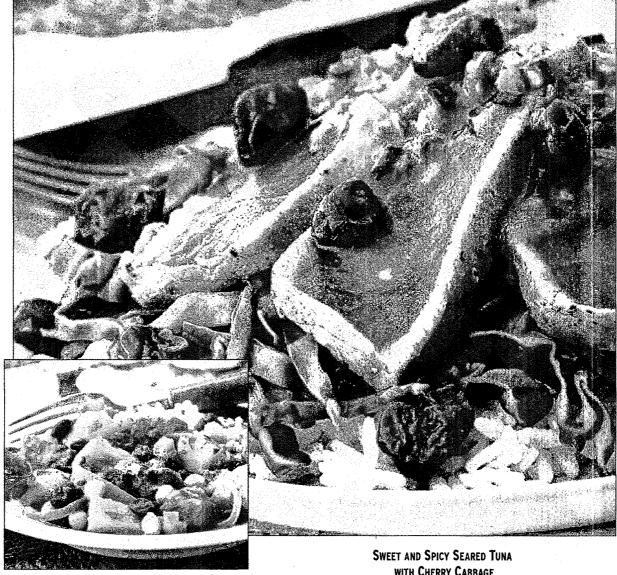
<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup dried cherries

2 tablespoons cilantro, roughly chopped

Directions:

Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven or 5-quart heavy pot over moderately high heat. Add the onion and lamb, and brown the lamb. Stir in the garlic, sweet potatoes, red pepper, cumin, paprika, coriander, cinnamon, salt and black pepper. Add the chopped tomatoes and 1 cup of water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer covered for 15 minutes. Add the chickpeas and cherries and continue simmering until the lamb and sweet potatoes are tender and the sauce has thickened.

Sprinkle the tagine with cilantro and serve with couscous.



Cherry and Lamb Tagine

# SPICED CHERRY POPCORN MIX

For an antioxidant boost, toss a handful of dried cherries into your favorite purchased snack mix.

Ingredients:

1½ teaspoons sugar

½ teaspoon apple pie spice blend

1 package 100-calorie microwave popcorn % cup dried tart cherries

Butter-flavored non-stick cooking spray

Directions:

Stir together sugar and apple pie spice in small bowl; set aside. Pop popcorn according to the package directions. Carefully open the package and pour into medium bowl. Add cherries. Lightly spray with no-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with sugar mixture; toss until coated.

Makes about 2 (2 cup) servings. Cherry Cinnamon-Spiced Popcorn: Prepare Cherry Spiced Popcorn as directed, except substitute ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon for the

apple pie spice blend. Red Hot Cherry Spiced Popcorn: Prepare Cherry Spiced Popcorn as directed, except substitute 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice for the 1/2 teaspoon apple pie spice blend and season to taste with ground (cayenne) red pepper.

WITH CHERRY CABBAGE

From Paige Adams, Kendall College, Chicago, III.

Ingredients:

Tuna:

1/4 cup tart cherry juice 1 tablespoon sesame oil

2 tablespoons chili paste (sirracha)

4 cloves garlic, crushed 1 tablesnoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard ¼ cup green onions, chopped

4 tuna fillets (ahi, albacore or simi-

Salt and pepper to taste Cooking spray

Cabbage:

1 cup dried tart cherries 1 tablespoon honey

2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar

2 cups shredded red cabbage

2 cups whole grain rice 2 tablespoons flat leaf parsley, Directions:

In a medium bowl, whisk together the sesame oil, chili sauce, garlic, soy sauce, mustard, tart cherry juice and green onions. Heat a large skillet to high heat. Sprinkle the tuna with salt and pepper, spray with cooking spray, then sear for 90 seconds per side for rare (or until desired doneness). Remove from heat, cool slightly, and slice. In a medium bowl, whisk together the honey and rice wine vinegar. Toss with the dried tart cherries and cabbage. Prepare rice according to package directions.

To assemble, place equal amounts of rice onto the center of four plates. Push down the center of each mound to create a well and fill each well with equal amounts of dressed cabbage. Add slices of tuna, drizzle with sauce and sprinkle with parsley. Serve.



## CHERRY CHOCOLATE RECOVERY DRINK

Ingredients:

4 ounces chocolate milk 2 tablespoons tart cherry juice con-

2 tablespoons plain yogurt

½ ounce dark chocolate, melted 1-2 teaspoons maple syrup (optional)

Melt chocolate in saucepan over low heat or in the microwave for a few seconds. Add chocolate milk, tart cherry juice concentrate, yogurt, melted chocolate and maple syrup together and blend or mix well.

## **CHERRY TIRAMISU**

Ingredients:

Chill and serve.

7 ounces lady finger cookies (Flavor options: 10 large basil leaves, chopped or 2 ounces shaved chocolate or 6 tablespoons dark rum)

Cherry Syrup:

<sup>2</sup>/₃ cup cherries

¼ cup sugar 1 cup water

Boil for 8 minutes. Let sit until it

reaches room temperature. Mascarpone Filling:

1 cup mascarpone

🖔 cup whipping cream

¼ cup sweetened condensed milk Mix the cream, milk, and mascarpone

Directions:

Dip the cookies in the syrup for a few seconds each side. Place a layer of cookies in a 9by 9-inch-square dish. Top the cookies with a layer of the mascarpone cream, followed by the cherries taken from the syrup. Add a layer of one of the flavour options, if desired (add the rum directly to the syrup). Continue with another layer of dipped cookies and finish by topping with the remaining mascarpone cream.

# Chill out with no-bake treats

ummer has arrived and that means sizzling temperatures won't be far behind. In summer heat, forget about turning on the oven. Yet even when the temperature climbs, my delight in making desserts for family and friends doesn't wilt. That's when I turn to my

file of favorite no-bake sweets. Creamy Lemon Raspberry Pie is a dreamy dessert: A delicious shortbread crust is lined with raspberry jam and fresh raspberries, topped with

a creamy lemon filling and garnished with more fresh

berries. This classy pie always Mix it up impresses. Frozen Hot Chocolate is rich With Jenny and frothy - thick enough to eat Jenny Harper with a spoon or enjoy through a \*straw. Hot cocoa mix and evapo-

rated milk make this chocolate concoction an irresistible cooler. Top tall glasses of this treat with whipped cream for kids of

Check out more chilling ideas at www. VeryBestBaking.com.

# CREAMY LEMON RASPBERRY PIE

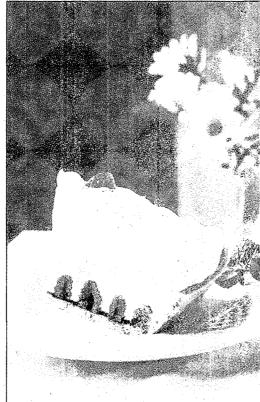
Makes 8 servings

¼ cup seedless red raspberry jam

1 prepared 9-inch (6 ounces) shortbread crumb crust ½ pint (about 1 cup) fresh red raspberries, divided

4 ounces cream cheese, softened

1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk 2 packages (about 3.4 ounces each) lemon instant pudding and pie filling mix



Creamy Lemon Raspberry Pie

Grated peel of 1 lemon 1 container (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed,

Additional grated lemon peel (optional)

Spread raspberry jam over bottom of crust.



Frozen Hot Chocolate

Sprinkle 3/4 cup raspberries over jam. Beat cream cheese in large mixer bowl until creamy. Gradually add evaporated milk, pudding mix and lemon peel. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in half of whipped topping. Spoon into crust; top

with remaining whipped topping.
Refrigerate 2 hours or until set. Garnish with remaining raspberries and additional lemon zest, if desired, just before serving.

Nutrition Information per serving: 420 calories; 160 calories from fat; 18g total fat; 11g saturated fat; Og trans fat; 30mg cholesterol;

510mg sodium; 57g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 20g sugars; 5g protein; 4 percent DV vitamin A; 8 percent DV vitamin C; 15 percent DV calcium; 2 percent DV iron.

# FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE

Makes 4 servings

3 tablespoons superfine granulated sugar (or baking

1 envelope (2 to 3 tablespoons) double chocolate, rich chocolate or milk chocolate flavor hot cocoa mix

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

¼ cup each Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels and Nestlé Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Carnation Evaporated Milk,

4 cups ice cubes

divided

Place sugar, cocoa mix and butter in top of double boiler set over gently boiling water. Stir frequently until melted and smooth paste forms. Add morsels; stir. When morsels begin to melt, slowly stir in ½ cup evaporated milk. Stir until

smooth and velvety. Cool to room temperature. Place chocolate mixture, remaining evaporated milk and ice in blender (in batches, if necessary); cover. Blend until smooth. Pour into individual glasses or bowls. Top each serving with dollop of whipped cream. Sprinkle with additional chopped morsels, if desired. Serve with straw and/or spoon.

Nutrition Information per serving: 390 calories; 200 calories from fat; 23g total fat; 15g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 60mg cholesterol; 170mg sodium; 40g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 36g sugars; 9g protein; 6 percent DV vitamin A; 0 percent DV vitamin C; 45 percent DV calcium; 0 percent DV iron.

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# Parade of Homes winners highlight lifestyles

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 22nd annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 36 new model, under construction and preconstruction homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase took place June 1-30, 2011. All 36 homes are featured at www.biaparadeofhomes.com. BIA, Bank of America Home Loans and DTE Energy sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in seven categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price.

The blue ribbon homes are:
• Attached Condominiums —
Colonial at Tribute in Wixom built by
Robertson Brothers

Homes Base Priced Under
 \$200,000 — Grandview in Oxford
 Township built by Parkhurst Homes
 Homes Base Priced Over

• Homes Base Priced Over \$200,000 and Under \$250,000 — The Craftsman in Milford built by Sandhill Associates

• Homes Base Priced Over \$250,000 and Under \$310,000 — Stratford II in Lyon Township built by Healy Homes

Lyon Township built by Healy Homes
• Homes Base Priced Over \$310,000
and Under \$340,000 — Muirfield in
Commerce Township built by Pinnacle
Homes

Homes Base Priced Over
\$340,000 and Under \$450,000
Tuscan in Plymouth Township built
by Tuscan Ridge Homes

by Tuscan Ridge Homes
• Homes Base Priced Over
\$500,000 — The Cambridge in
Oakland Township built by Cranbrook
Custom Homes by Lombardo.

A panel of local architects and

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Ben Tiseo, A.I.A., Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Lonny Zimmerman, A.I.A., Siegal/Tuomaala Associates - Architects and Planners and Michael Gordon, RA, Moiseev/Gordon Associates, Inc. The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills,



For homes with a base price over \$250,000 and under \$310,000, the Stratford II in Lyon Township built by Healy Homes was the winner.

BIA is a trade association representing nearly 600 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

For homes with a base price over \$200,000 and under \$250,000, The Craftsman in Milford built by Sandhill Associates was judged tops.



# HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 28 to April 1, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

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Canton	
43510 Bannockburn Dr	\$113,000
45959 Baywood Blvd	\$200,000
41852 Coventry Way	\$141,000
46271 Hanford Rd	\$185,000
4439 Hunters Cir W	\$60,000
42594 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$53,000
2584 Mistwood Ct	\$335,000
246 N Village Way	\$75,000
41176 Northwind Dr	\$52,000
1506 Oakview Dr	\$155,000
384 Pinehurst Dr	\$325,000
47014 Sherstone Dr	\$174,000

551 Sutten Dr	04014	\$204,000
	Garden City	
32137 Alvin St		\$42,000
30248 Florence St		\$24,000
6530 Hawthorne St		\$80,000
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28820 Krauter St		\$20,000
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29571 Maplewood St		\$63,000
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19296 Bainbridge Ave	θ ,	\$120,000
18918 Comstock St		\$205,000
17231 Deering St		\$50,000
14467 Fairway St.		\$150,000
20520 Gill Rd		\$165,000
30257 Grandon St		\$98,000
20015 Hubbard St		\$55,000
27705 Lyndon St		\$95,000
37912 Margareta Dr		\$65,000
14233 Melvin St		\$109,000
8905 Norwich St		\$123,000

15830 Oakhill Ct		\$247,000	205
29448 Oakley St		\$85,000	269
33789 Pondview Cir		\$20,000	157
31365 Rayburn St		\$88,000	996
18241 Sunset St		\$145,000	931
	Northville		197
46871 Seven Mile Rd		\$485,000	200
48240 Binghampton Ct		\$410,000	1513
16623 Highland Ln		\$425,000	187
16512 Lincoln Dr		\$263,000	984
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9119 Countrywood Dr		\$305,000	352
370 Joy St		\$280,000	334
11532 Parkview Dr		\$149,000	280
9356 Village Manor Dr		\$276,000	343
	Redford		332
14706 Beech Daly Rd		\$76,000	960
24957 Dover		\$40,000	1140
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20506 Garfield		\$68,000
26953 Glendale		\$42,000
15718 Lola Dr		\$8,000
9968 Marion		\$41,000
9314 Nathaline		\$38,000
19769 Negaunee		\$22,000
20061 Negaunee		\$17,000
15136 Seminole		\$92,000
18711 Seminole		\$21,000
9848 Tecumseh		\$42,000
19957 Wakenden		\$25,000
	Westland	
7325 Affeldt St		\$51,000
2112 Alanson St		\$20,000
2220 Delton Ct		\$14,000
35210 Hazelwood St		\$17,000
33455 Hiveley St		\$85,000
28044 Mackenzie Dr	į.	\$80,000
34350 Marguette St	,	\$44,000
33244 Melton St		\$59,000
960 Mitchell Dr		\$135,000
1140 N Wildwood St		\$75,000

# **HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND**

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 21-25, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

orices.	
Beverly Hills	
16973 Wetherby St	\$120,000
Birmingham	
956 Forest Ave	\$299,000
1875 Stanley Blvd	\$499,000
1878 Stanley Blvd	\$235,000
1331 Villa Rd	\$127,000
1909 W Melton Rd	\$145,000
Bloomfield Hills	
126 E Hickory Grove Rd	\$71,000
237 E Square Lake Rd # 7	\$44,000
341 Keswick Rd	\$675,000
1275 Robson Ln	\$190,000
578 Rudgate Rd	\$1,425,000
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٠	Bloomfield Township				
	275 Applewood Ln	\$190,000			
	6529 Cathedral Dr	\$252,000			
	1168 Hillpointe Cir	\$165,000			
	1543 Island Ln	\$500,000			
	2021 Klingensmith Rd	\$50,000			
	4636 Mc Ewen Dr	\$590,000			
	5906 Miller Way E	\$300,000			
	189 N Glenhurst Dr	\$501,000			
	707 Oakleigh Dr	\$247,000			
	832 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$234,000			
	Commerce Township				
	1995 Applebrook Dr	\$220,000			
	2781 Greenlawn Ave	\$230,000			
	1840 Wexport Ln	\$262,000			
Farmington					
	22842 Lakeway St	\$59,000			
	22741 Mayfield Ave	\$115,000			
	Farmington Hills				
	22729 Camille Ct	\$145,000			
	35225 Caryn St	\$90,000			
	37650 Dorchester Dr	\$165,000			

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# Action best to facilitate sale

Q: I read in your column
the need for attached
condominiums to get FHA
certification if they do not
already have it to provide for
FHA financing to help sell their
units. Our board says we do
not have the money; what can I
do to convince the board to do
something?



Robert Meisner

A: For nearly 40 years I have heard the protestation that boards do not have the money to take the necessary action and

my frequent answer is that they "choose" not to have the money because generally association boards have the right to levy additional assessments without coowner approval depending upon their documents. It is imperative, in my opinion, that the board takes whatever action necessary to facilitate the sale of units particularly in this type of economy. If they do not have the money they should raise it by way of additional assessments with the advice of legal counsel.

Q: Do you have any information on the forecast for national home prices or for 2010 levels as we are thinking about buying a home?

A: I would not necessarily rely on national home prices as a gauge for what is likely to occur in your locality. However, some private research firms have projected 6 to 11 percent declines in major home price indices from the quarter for 2010 levels. The belief is that distressed home prices are outperforming nondistress prices and will continue to do so. The research indicated that distressed vs. nondistressed properties refers to the type of sale, not a particular location or region. In any event, you are best advised to get a seasoned real estate professional to assist you in your market analysis and decision to purchase as well as a knowledgeable real estate lawyer to assist you before you sign any purchase agreement.

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. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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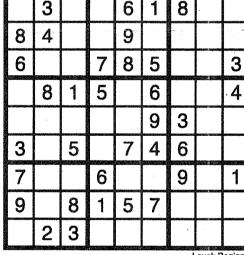
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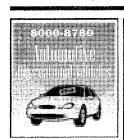
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