

Council OKs 'gold party' ordinance

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

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

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

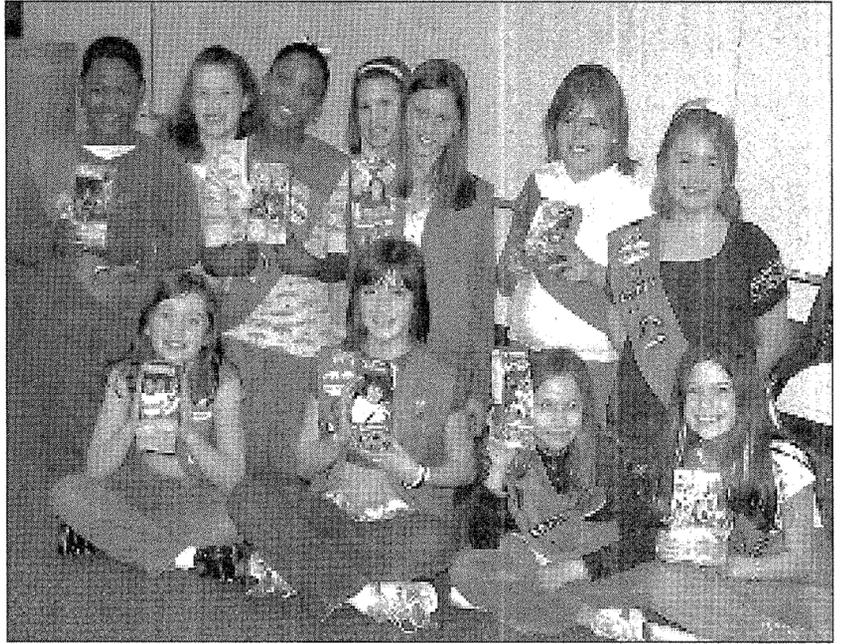
\$50 fee and provide a name, address and thumbprint, as well as the names, addresses and thumbprints of all agents and employees, in order to meet all state licensing requirements.

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

other fees for a timely renewal.

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

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



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

Scouts plan to go camping by selling lots of cookies

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

The troop, which meets at Madison Elementary School in Westland, is taking pre-orders through Jan. 19 and setting up spots for its booth sales Feb. 27 to March 22. The latter is prov-

ing to be a hard task, according to Carol Gramlich, who is co-leader with Erica Tenant.

"Our goal is to have eight booth sales and we only have two booked," she said. "It's hard this year because of the construction at Kroger (in Westland) and Wal-Mart (in Canton)."

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

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

The scouts of Troop 20271

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **January 29, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

Recycling Curb-cart Supply and Management Services

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from Resource Recycling Systems at (734) 996-1361 or at www.CityofWestland.com. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jade M. Smith
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ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-62

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248, BY AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.4.1g, DELETING ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 9.4.2f AND 9.5.2f, AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.6.2f, ARTICLE XII, SECTION 12.4.9, AND ADDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.9, AND ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 16.2.II(11)

Section 1. That Article VI, Section 6.9 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby added to provide as follows:

Solar Energy System

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

- Roof mounted systems on the principal building shall not be more than three (3) feet higher than the finished roof to which it is mounted. In no instance shall any part of the system extend beyond the edge of the roof.
- Ground mounted systems and systems attached to accessory buildings shall be not less than ten (10) feet from any side or rear property line. Solar energy systems are prohibited in front yards, and shall not be located past the front wall of the principal building.
- There is no limit to the number of modules and arrays installed on each property that comprise a solar energy system. The number of solar panels and supporting equipment shall be considered as one system.
- Solar energy commercial operations are prohibited as a principal use. These are systems whose main purpose is to generate energy for sale back into the energy grid system, rather than being consumed on site.
- Ground mounted solar energy systems shall be categorized as accessory buildings.
- If solar energy systems are attached to accessory buildings, the number of accessory buildings allowed shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions set forth in Zoning Ordinance 248.
- The height of ground mounted solar energy systems and systems included on accessory buildings shall not exceed 12 feet in height.
- Construction permits are required.

Section 2. That Article XII, Section 9.4.1g of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby added to provide as follows:

- Clothing stores

Section 3. That Article IX, Section 9.4.2f of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby deleted.

Section 4. That Article IX, Section 9.5.2f of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby deleted.

Section 5. That Article IX, Section 9.6.2f of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

- Body art studios

Section 6. That Article XII, Section 12.4.9 of Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

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

Section 7. That Article XVI, Section 16.2.II(11) of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby added to provide as follows:

(11) Provisions for bicycle racks, and motorcycle and scooter parking may be provided.

Section 8. That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning Ordinance #248 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Section 11. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

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

Adopted: 1-5-09
 Effective: 1-15-09

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AROUND WESTLAND

Open House

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

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

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner is back at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert for \$6 as well as entertainment. Dinner is being served 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020. The center also has bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

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

Adam Hammons, Chairman
 WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Oraneco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 20700 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, MI 48237 (248) 968-4021 1/30/09 at 1:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due

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Maria Wells	2029	Sofa, Boxes, Mattress
Shanee Twitty	2038	Boxes, Totes, Mattress
Juanaye Deloach	2052	Mattress, Boxes, Bags
Kevin Wilburn	3041	Boxes, Bags, Mattress
Juanita Balcom	3056	Luggage, Boxes, Bags
Taklyah Wilson	4020	Boxes, Bags, Sofa
Ceola Agee	4025	Chairs, Bags, Boxes
Patrick Thomas	4029	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Shawn Malone	4035	Sofa, Bed, Dresser
Kenneth Byron	4049	TV, Boxes, Bags
Andrew Thomas	4058	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Alphonse Maddin	5010	Bags, Chairs, Fan
Derrick Pickett	5039	Table, Mattress, Lamp
Katherine Evans	6004	Mattress, Toys, Totes
Yolette Union	6019	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Joy Gaines	6027	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Cheryl Jackson	6031	Dresser, Boxes, Totes
Donna Payne	6046	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Demika Birden	6058	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Ann Strong	6060	Boxes, Bags, Totes
Tracy Thomas	6082	Totes, TV, Bags
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John Steanhouse	B020	Boxes, Bags, Totes
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projects on Westland's list would be a \$10.2 million plan to pave gravel roads throughout the city, a move that officials predict would create 292 jobs. Moreover, a plan to fix sanitary sewer system problems comes with a combined \$14 million price tag that could mean 400 jobs.

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

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

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

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

robberies, as they emerge in certain areas.

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

Other wish-list projects include reconstructing

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

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

ing drainage problems along Florence Street; repaving Avondale between Wayne and Henry Ruff; reconstructing Flamingo Street; doing preventative maintenance on Newburgh between Joy and Palmer; reconstructing Norma Street; and replacing the Warren-Newburgh intersection.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Conference of Mayors also

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

The mayoral group is a non-partisan organization with members from cities across the nation with populations of 30,000 or more.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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

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5032412	1990	CADILLAC	BROUGHAM	1G6DW54Y0LR700441
5040302	2000	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	1G2NF52EXYM787865

Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. Terms and Conditions will be applicable to any item sold. Registration fees apply.

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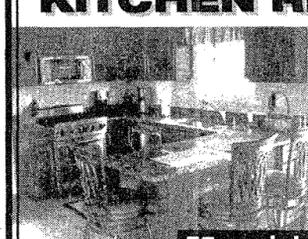


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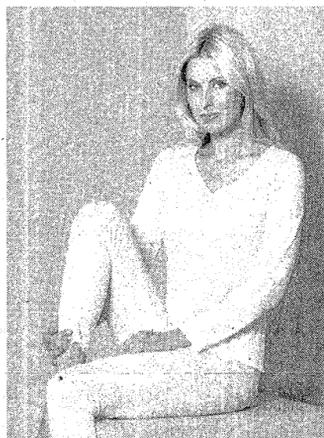
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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Do you have a family member currently serving time in prison, a subject that you can't easily discuss with just anyone? Now, there's a place for help - for conversation - for understanding of what you are going through. Hope-4-Healing is a free on-going support group for those who have loved ones in prison, providing a safe place to talk about it, share with and learn from others. The group meets the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, in Westland. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope4healing@rocketmail.com.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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

1. visit www.aiccanton.com
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3. in the right column, click on the "Click here for live auctions!"

The following items can then be viewed and are offered for sale to the highest bidder:
PS3 game system, Bose iPod dock, Fossil watch, Whistler radar detector, Darren McCarty autograph pictured, Scarface picture, HP photosmart camera, Timberline boots, watches, collector coins, Denon stereo equipment, Panasonic cameras, Sansui TV, cell phones, RCA stereo equipment, DVD players, VCR, Home Theater Master, Mohammed Ali picture, classic 1966 Mustang parts, El Camino car frame.

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1994	LINCOLN	2DR	RED	1LNLM91VXRY764044
1995	FORD	CONTOUR/4DR	RED	1FALP65L4SK236789
2002	DODGE	NEON/4DR	BLUE	1B3ES46C72D549412
1992	FORD	CLUB WAGON	GRAY	1FMEE11H1NHA42442
1991	MERCURY	TOPAZ/4DR	WHITE	2MEPM36X2MB808937
1994	FORD	EXPLORER/	WHITE	1FMDU34X6RUC79793
1998	CHEVROLET	LUMINA	GOLD	2G1WL52M5W9208655
2001	PONTIAC	GRANDAM/4DR	WHITE	1G2NF52E31M628742
1997	PONTIAC	SUNFIRE/2DR	BLACK	1G2JB1242V7613275
1998	FORD	CONTOUR/4DR	TAN	1FAPP6535WK201245
2008	FORD	ECONOLINE/	WHITE	1FTNE14LX8DA56047
2000	FORD	TAURUS/4DR	GRAY	1FAPP53U7YG164128
1992	FORD	EXPLORER/	WHITE	1FMDU34X5NUE05071
1990	FORD	RANGER/PKUPRED		1FTCR10T7LPB03107
1993	MERCURY	TRACER/4DR	BLUE	3MAPM15J4PR612917
2001	FORD	TAURUS/4DR	BLUE	1FAPP55UX1G217021

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

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

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

Personal property described below in the matter of:

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 255

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

THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

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

Definitions.

As used in this ordinance:

- (a) "Agent or employee" means a person who, for compensation or valuable consideration, is employed either directly or indirectly by a dealer.
- (b) "Dealer" means any person, corporation, partnership, or association, which, in whole or in part, engages in the ordinary course of repeated and recurrent transactions of buying or receiving precious items from the public within this state.
- (c) "Gold" means elemental gold having an atomic weight of 196.967 and the chemical element symbol of Au, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other metal.
- (d) "Internet drop-off store" means a person, corporation, or firm that contracts with other persons, corporations, or firms to offer its precious items for sale, purchase, consignment, or trade through means of an internet website and meets the conditions described in MCL 445.483(3).
- (e) "Jewelry" means an ornamental item made of a material that includes a precious gem.
- (f) "Platinum" means elemental platinum having an atomic weight of 195.09 and the chemical element symbol of Pt, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other metal.
- (g) "Precious gem" means a diamond, alexandrite, ruby, sapphire, opal, amethyst, emerald, aquamarine, morganite, garnet, jadeite, topaz, tourmaline, turquoise, or pearl.
- (h) "Precious item" means jewelry, a precious gem, or an item containing gold, silver, or platinum. Precious item does not include the following:

- (i) Coins, commemorative medals, and tokens struck by, or in behalf of, a government or private mint.
- (ii) Bullion bars and discs of the type traded by banks and commodity exchanges.
- (iii) Items at the time they are purchased directly from a dealer registered under this ordinance, a manufacturer, or a wholesaler who purchased them directly from a manufacturer.
- (iv) Industrial machinery or equipment.
- (v) An item being returned to or exchanged at the dealer where the item was purchased and that is accompanied by a valid sales receipt.
- (vi) An item which is received for alteration, redesign, or repair in a manner that does not substantially change its use and returned directly to the customer.
- (vii) An item which does not have a jeweler's identifying mark or a serial mark and which the dealer purchases for less than \$5.00.
- (viii) Scrap metal which contains incidental traces of gold, silver, or platinum that are recoverable as a by-product.
- (ix) Jewelry which a customer trades for other jewelry having a greater value, and which difference in value is paid by the customer.

- (j) "Silver" means elemental silver having an atomic weight of 107.869 and the chemical element symbol of Ag, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other metal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

retention period; size of form; definition.

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

Retaining previous item for 9 calendar days; alteration.

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

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

Prohibited conduct.

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

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

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

Misdemeanor

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

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

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

Section 9. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 10. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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OUR VIEWS

W-W school board deserves thanks

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

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

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

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

Despite the country's dire economic state, the day-to-day work of educating students that goes on in Wayne-Westland and other school districts, and school board members deserve a good deal of the credit for that. Each and every decision the school board has made has been done with one thing in mind — preserving and improving the educational program for the district's more than 13,000 students.

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

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

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

King would be proud of Obama's election

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

It has been a long, violent and often bitter struggle for African Americans to assert their place in America, moving from slavery, to Jim Crow laws in the South to widespread de facto discrimination in the North. It's a story of hardship that still afflicts the black community, where grinding poverty, limited opportunity and crime still separate many African Americans from the white majority.

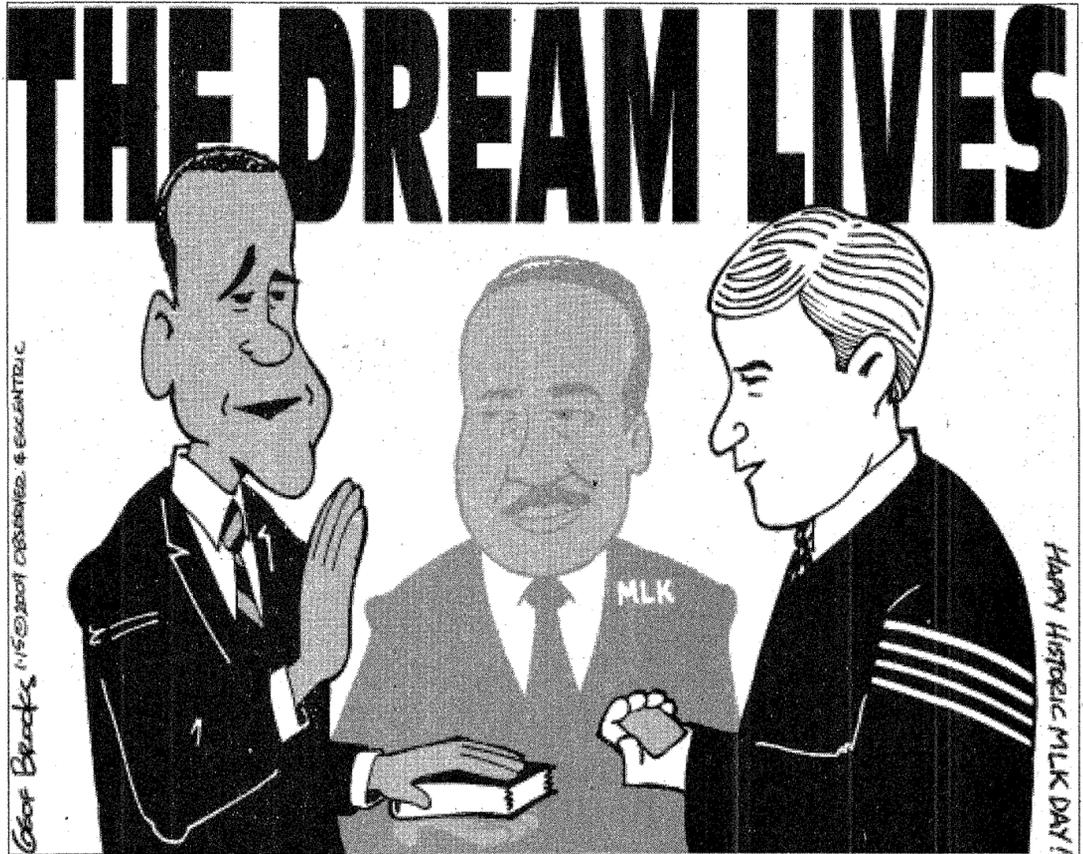
But each year, this nation moves closer to King's dream. In large ways and small, black Americans have taken their place as national, state and local leaders, prominent professionals and artists and prospering members of a growing black middle class.

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

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

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

Each year, this nation moves closer to King's dream. In large ways and small, black Americans have taken their place as national, state and local leaders, prominent professionals and artists and prospering members of a growing black middle class.



LETTERS

Time for change in U.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joe Colonka
Westland

Don't renew parks millage

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

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

Consider the following:

1. Special county-wide millages are bad public policy. They are typically vaguely written, widely interrupted and seldom deliver on their promises.
2. It is not unusual for 25 percent or more of the millage to be spent on non-county projects.
3. The parks millage provides the county's CEO with a taxpayer slush fund to "buy votes" or punish or reward commissioners or communities.
4. County park funds have been used on questionable projects, some may be contrary to the ballot language.
5. No legitimate county process exists to consider and grant community projects.
6. A significant portion of the parks millage is spent on operations not capital improvements.
7. The county has not increased general fund park funding in years.

Given all the facts I believe that the commission's actions were justified. I also believe that in 2010 taxpayers should reject renewing this millage.

Tom Yack
Canton

Give peace a chance

As a Vietnam veteran, I sometimes wonder why do we have war.

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

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

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

I realize the war in the Gaza Strip

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

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

Southern hostility

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

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

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

Frederick J. Libbing
Plymouth

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QUOTABLE

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

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

Cake shop 'sweetens' bad economy

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

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

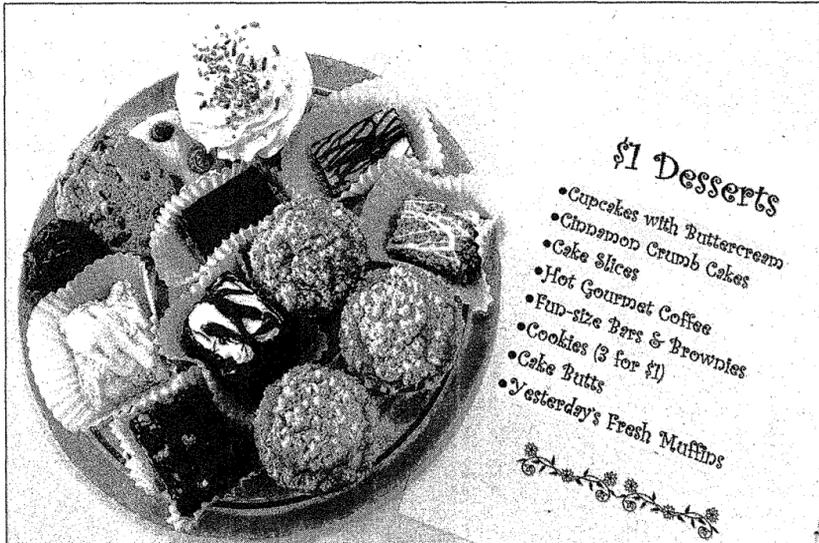
"I think it's a great idea. I'm hoping that dollar desserts are just what customers need in these tough times," Denning said.

It might not hurt her business, either.

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

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

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



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

be more apt to stop in and buy some treats."

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

cake deals.

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe has been part of the Westland community for more than 16 years. The business has accumulated numerous awards. Most recently, it was named one of the top five best bakeries in the

metro Detroit area by WDIV Channel 4's Click on Detroit Best Guide.

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

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A family affair

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

McConnell learns job at 'judge school'

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judge Mark McConnell of Westland's 18th District Court had good company last week at "judge school" in Lansing where new judges learn the ropes.



McConnell

McConnell, 40, of Westland sat with fellow new judges Jim Plakas of Plymouth-Canton-Northville's district court, and Chris Ninomiya, district judge for Dickinson and Iron counties in the Upper Peninsula. All three are 1986 Livonia Stevenson High School graduates.

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

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

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

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

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

His first case involved a

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

He previously worked as assistant city attorney with the Angelo Plakas firm.

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

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

McConnell noted that the

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

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

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

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

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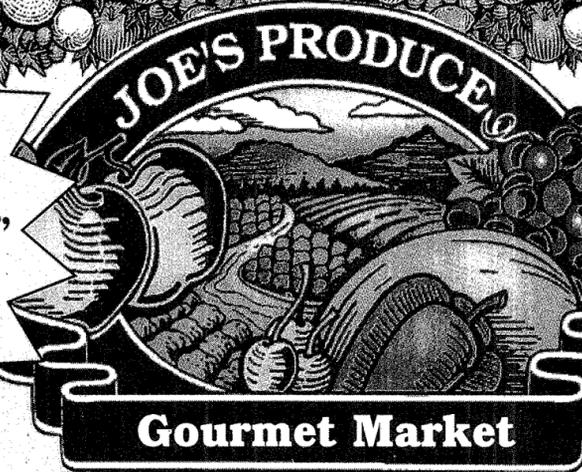
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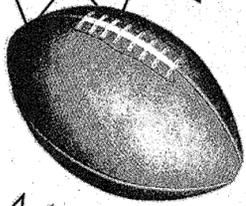
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Westland's other Star tries to stick in the NHL

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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



Conner

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

Modano has made countless trips to Joe Louis Arena.

born scorer. A future Hall of Famer for sure.

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

Homecomings are like old hat for No. 9, while the 25-year-old Conner admitted he had butterflies the first time he stepped out on the ice against the Wings.

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

"You could tell he was excited, there was nervous anxiety," the NHL veteran said.

Conner said the butterflies, however, subsided on the second go-around.

"It did the first time, but not much this time," he said.

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

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

Conner was recalled from

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

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

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

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Churchill scales Rocks to victory

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

The host Chargers improved to 4-3 overall with a surprising 35-32 triumph over Salem, a preseason top 25-ranked team which was coming off its first win of the season last Friday against previously unbeaten and state-ranked Livonia Franklin (26-23).

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

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

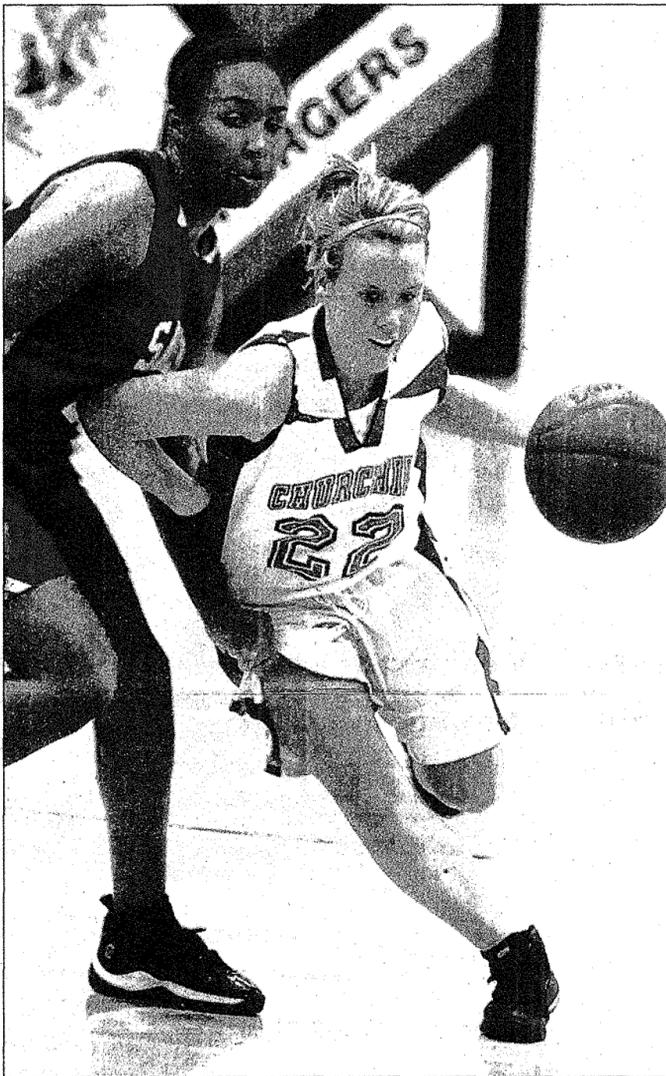
"It was our patience on offense and defensively we were able to take away the middle because of their size," Churchill coach Chad Jenkins said. "We wanted to take away the paint and force them into perimeter shots. We did an excellent job of rotating defensively and not giving them easy looks. We limited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

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

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

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

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



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Churchill senior point-guard Lindsey Graciak attempts to keep the ball from Salem's Sara Stone during the closing minutes in Tuesday's clash.

Coming around

Crusaders earn 75-68 WHAC triumph

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

COLLEGE BASKETBALL added 14 points

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

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

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

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

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

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Madonna adds All-State volleyball player



Nalez

Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced his second signing for the 2009 season Monday with the addition first-team All-Observer pick Kristen Nalez of Livonia Churchill.

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

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

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

The 5-foot-10 Nalez will graduate this spring

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

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

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

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

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Prep hockey action

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

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

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

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

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

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

Julia King, who made 16 saves, earned the shutout in goal for Northville. Jessica Pavela had 23 saves in net for the Blazers (6-3, 4-3).

■ In a game Friday at Compuware Arena's Olympic Rink, the host Wildcats evened their KLA South Division record at 3-3-1 with a 9-1 mercy-rule win over Livonia Franklin, which falls to 0-8 and 0-6.

Demolition tryouts

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

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

MADONNA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lady Ocelots romp to another win

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

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

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

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

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

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

MU women fall at buzzer

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

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

The loss drops MU to 6-12 overall and 1-1 in the WHAC.

Jenna Plewes led Cornerstone with 21 points and nine rebounds.

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

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 15

Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16

S. Lyon East at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Northville, 7 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 15

Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16

Churchill at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.

South Lyon at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Ladywood at Saginaw Nouvel, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 16

Churchill vs. Novi

at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Franklin vs. Salem

at Ply. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Ladywood vs. G.P. South

at Grosse Pointe Civic Arena, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Southgate, 7:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 15

Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Wayne Memorial Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Warren Woods Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

Spartan Classic at Stevenson, 9 a.m.

G.P. North Norsemans Classic, 9 a.m.

Napoleon Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Luth. Westland Tournament, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Thursday, Jan. 15

Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Trenton at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Jan. 15

Livonia Blue at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Farmington Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING

Friday, Jan. 16

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

PREP SKIING

Thursday, Jan. 15

Ladywood vs. Walled Lake Central

at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Jan. 17

Wyandotte Invitational, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 17

Aquinas College at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 17

Aquinas College at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at OCC-Orchard Ridge, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 16

Barrie Colts vs. Plymouth Whalers

at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

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BOYS SWIM RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL BOYS SWIM INVITATION
Jan. 9-10 at Wayne H.S.

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

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Chet Jankowski, Adam Oxner, Ryan Keeney, Jaryd Kimm), 1:45.16; 4. Garden City, 1:58.74; 5. John Glenn, 2:07.27.

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

200 individual medley: 1. Jankowski (SL), 2:11.63; 3. Steven Ogg (WM), 2:15.1.

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

1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (WJG), 317.95 points (11 dives); 4. John McNally (GC), 251.55; 5. Connor Monroe (WJG), 235.80.

100 butterfly: 1. Rice (GC), 56.41; 5. Scott Hinken (GC), 1:04.9.

100 freestyle: 1. Jankowski (SL), 52.1; 3. Watkins (GC), 54.74.

500 freestyle: 1. Papp (DEF), 5:13.91.

200 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Andy Stone, Kimm, Evan Bischoff, Jankowski), 1:36.89; 3. Garden City, 1:39.5; 4. John Glenn, 1:42.81.

100 backstroke: 1. Kevin Cislo (DEF), 58.46; 2. Ogg (WM), 1:04.01; 3. Barnes (WM), 1:04.98.

100 breaststroke: 1. Oxner (SL), 1:03.47; 6. Adam Karson (WM), 1:14.76.

400 freestyle: 1. South Lyon (Stone, Bischoff, Oxner, Keeney), 3:34.83; 3.

Garden City, 3:41.24; 4. Wayne, 3:44.07; 5. John Glenn, 3:56.44.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

BELLEVILLE 102, WAYNE MEMORIAL 81
Jan. 13 at Wayne

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

Wayne's dual meet record: 0-3 overall.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 105, WAYNE MEMORIAL 76
Jan. 8 at Churchill

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

PREP BOWLING

BOYS BOWLING RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 28
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2

Wayne individual scorers: Elliott Arnold, 264-255-519; Josh Vojtkofsky, 246-243-489; Ryan Gabriel, 244-202-446; T.J. Lave-Mark Shiemke, 177-199-376; Jesse English-Kellen Collison, 179-184-354. **Team totals:** 1,108-1,083-2,191 (18 points).

Glenn individual scorers: Kyle Hamlin, 198-225-423; Derrick Ammons, 152-245-397; Chris Harper, 194-193-387; Josh Herzig, 166-189-355; Brian Monty-Thomas Brusseau, 218-170-388. **Team totals:** 928-1,022-1,950 (2 points).

Baker games: Wayne, 266-210-386 (10 points); John Glenn, 199-170-369 (0 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 6-1 overall, 1-0 KLA Central Division; John Glenn, 3-4-1 overall, 0-1 KLA Central.

BRIGHTON 18, WAYNE MEMORIAL 12

Wayne individual scorers: Josh Vojtkofsky, 222-197-419; Kellen Collison, 194-217-411; Ryan Gabriel, 177-203-380; Elliott Arnold, 173-191-364; T.J. Lave, 164-157-341 (4 points).

Baker games: Wayne, 217-190-407 (8 points); Brighton, 169-190-359 (2 points).

Dual match records: Brighton, 4-3; Wayne, 5-1.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 1 1/5/09**

Presiding: President Godbout

Present: Graunstadt, Johnson, Kehrer, Pickering, Reeves, Stottlemeyer

01 - Appr. of 12/15/08 minutes
- Adopt. Budg. Amend. 2009-07 - Major Road \$48,088
- Adopt. Ord. 248-A-62 to amend the Zoning Ord.

02 - Adopt. Ord. 255 as amended to regulate the sale of precious metals and gems

06 - Appr. trans. of Class C @ 8631 Newburgh

07 - Appr. rev. site plan for Olympic Coney Isl. 7011 N. Wayne

08 - Appr. rev. site plan to Meijer Pharmacy Drive-thru, 37201 Warren

09 - Appr. rev. site plan for 35000 Ford Rd.

10 - Appr. 100% salary for new MIS Director

11 - Appr. Checklist: \$914,802.73 & Prepaid: \$3,734,870.46. Minutes available in the Clerk's office.

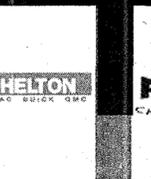
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WEEK #20 GAMES CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

Philadelphia at Arizona

Baltimore at Pittsburgh

Zebras stymie Brighton tandem in non-league triumph

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

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

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

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

BOYS BASKETBALL

including just five in the opening half as Wayne led 33-23. Junior guard Jackson Armstrong, the Bulldogs' other top scorer, also was limited to eight.

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

Brighton sliced Wayne's 10-point halftime lead in half during the third

quarter, only to have Strickland respond with a couple three-pointers as the Zebras stretched their lead to 54-38.

Wayne made 9-of-13 free throws on the night (69 percent), while Brighton hit 17-of-26 (65.3 percent).

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 60, INTER-CITY 45: Consistently efficient play at both ends of the floor helped Lutheran Westland (5-1) earn this Tuesday night non-conference matchup with Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (2-4).

Sam Ahlersmeyer led the Warriors with 14 points, with Josh Kruger and Gage Flanery adding 14 and 13 points, respectively.

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

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

"They picked up the pressure, forced us to turn the ball over and take a couple quick shots resulting in easy baskets on the other end," Warriors coach Brandon Bekius said. "But it's encouraging because we did not panic and responded with a run of our own."

TRUMAN 83, CLARENCEVILLE 62: Senior guard

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

Clarenceville senior forward Jamie Stewart led all scorers with 28 points to go along with 11 rebounds. Nathan Clark chipped in with 11 points.

Truman led 28-25 at halftime before going on a 32-18 third-period run.

"We played pretty well the first half, but in the third quarter they (Truman) made some contested shots," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said. "We just have to keep working hard and try to keep improving."

Franklin matmen gain third

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

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

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

PREP WRESTLING

"There were some

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

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

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

Stevenson places 3rd

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

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

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

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

Patriot 'B' team 4th

Matt Roos captured the 160-pound individual title Saturday as Livonia Franklin's varsity 'B' squad placed fourth at the Dearborn Fordson Invitational.

Gabriel Martinez was runner-up at 112, while Erik Czech (119), Josh Hatfield (135), Alex O'Connor (152) and Zach Leuenberger (189) each finished third.

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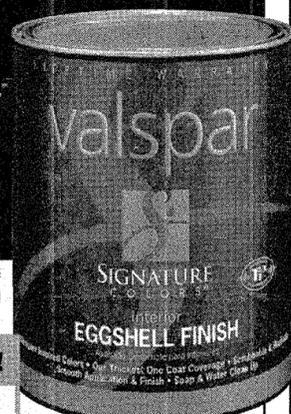
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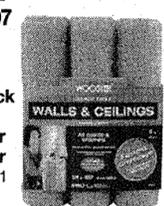
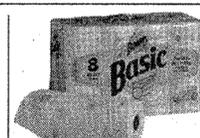
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Patriots back on winning track after defeating Novi

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

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

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

KLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

Jessica Cingel paced the Wildcats (4-3) with 12 points. WAYNE 39, S. LYON EAST 35: Senior forward Jalisa Simmons scored 12 points and pulled

down nine rebounds to propel Wayne Memorial (2-5) to a victory Tuesday over visiting South Lyon East (1-6).

Junior guard Allie Coleman chipped in with nine points, while freshman guard Holland Boertje added eight points and 10 assists for the victorious Zebras.

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

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

Stevenson (3-4).

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

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

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

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

two were 6-of-8 and 6-of-6, respectively, from the line.

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

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

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

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

Warrior girls earn first cage triumph of year

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

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

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

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

Inter-City Baptist dropped to 6-2 overall.

MACOMB CHRISTIAN 44, HURON VALLEY 33: On Tuesday, Kara Tucker's 17 points carried Warren Macomb Christian (2-4, 2-0) to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory over visiting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-6, 0-1).

Senior Samantha Barber and sophomore Katie Nell each tallied 11 for the Hawks, who trailed 26-21 at half and 32-25 after three quarters.

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

CONNER FROM PAGE B1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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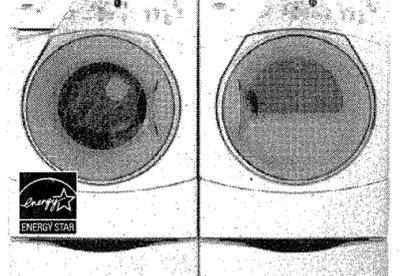
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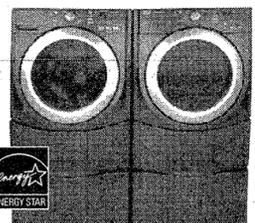
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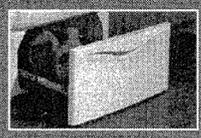
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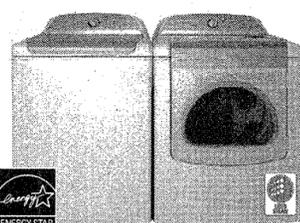
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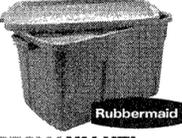


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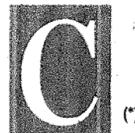
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MSU biz prof offers views on finance woes

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

The biggest bailout in U.S. history, which is now unfolding, was expected to stabilize the markets. Instead, the markets have lost nearly 20 percent of their value since the bailout was signed into law, leaving many experts and the government perplexed. In spite of injection of huge amounts of funds into the markets, why are the credit markets still frozen and businesses still starved for funds? In spite of the bailout's direct intention of helping banks become healthier, why are bank stocks swooning?



Naveen Khanna

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

Let us not forget that originally the subprime loans amounted to only about 12 percent of the banks' assets. Since not all of these mortgages were likely to go bad, this should have been a manageable problem for the banks without government 'help.'

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

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

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

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

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HELPING HAND VS. MORAL HAZARD

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

THE INVISIBLE HAND

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

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

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

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

San Diego has some bargains

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

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



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on the Bay. Some developers with new construction are utilizing the option as a process for marketing but based upon my discussions with a

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

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

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

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46291 Briargate Dr	\$255,000
4180 Brighton Ln	\$168,000
7239 Camelia Ct	\$145,000
47995 Candace Ln	\$298,000
50509 Coolidge St	\$219,000
41495 Copper Creek Dr	\$114,000
49789 Courtyard Ln	\$165,000
1421 Delancy Cir	\$415,000
48761 Fifth Ave	\$233,000
6231 Guilford Dr	\$165,000
48240 Gyde Rd	\$290,000
45125 Horseshoe Cir	\$143,000
1224 Kennebec	\$285,000
1535 Manton Blvd	\$184,000
44680 Meadowcreek Ln	\$144,000
2041 N Arbor Way Dr	\$83,000
207 Pinehurst Dr	\$310,000
2494 Premier Ln	\$76,000
2102 Preserve Cir W	\$175,000
233 Princeton St	\$195,000
299 Queens Way	\$182,000
47657 River Woods Dr	\$260,000
40036 Rolling Green Ct	\$188,000
4678 S Sheldon Rd	\$197,000
44029 S Umberland Cir	\$95,000
51041 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$200,000
42943 Versailles Rd	\$222,000
1801 Vine Way Dr	\$105,000

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34199 State St	\$220,000	19948 Myron Dr	\$215,000
Farmington Hills		29683 Nottingham Cir	\$125,000
21423 Archwood Cir	\$170,000	19458 Parker St	\$139,000
32847 Ardwick Rd	\$126,000	8924 Perrin St	\$136,000
37788 Baywood Dr	\$160,000	35137 Pinetree St	\$120,000
23554 Canfield Ave	\$195,000	36698 Richland St	\$121,000
21610 Collingham Ave	\$175,000	14437 Ronnie Ln	\$145,000
29537 Foxgrove Rd	\$168,000	33159 Scone St	\$193,000
38160 Lowell Rd	\$260,000	38974 Stacey Dr	\$209,000
21524 Orchard Lake Rd	\$100,000	36852 Sunnydale St	\$170,000
26405 Pleasant Valley Rd	\$238,000	15421 Sunset St	\$157,000
24875 Power Rd	\$198,000	20230 Sunset St	\$170,000
22885 Walsingham Dr	\$393,000	28736 Westfield St	\$100,000
Garden City		Millford	
30951 Balmoral St	\$133,000	1961 Gary Sue Ln	\$240,000
28427 Hennequin St	\$125,000	3145 Harmony Ln	\$195,000
33215 Hennequin St	\$57,000	392 Stone Wood Ct	\$278,000
31755 John Hawk St	\$105,000	136 Turnbull Cir	\$238,000
28750 Kathryn St	\$119,000	Northville	
29594 Maplewood St	\$122,000	50880 Applebrooke Dr	\$420,000
6612 Sharon St	\$106,000	40582 Coachwood Cir	\$370,000
28981 Sheridan St	\$80,000	45824 Hickory Ridge Dr	\$280,000
Livonia		50104 Hidden Point Dr	\$872,000
28700 Seven Mile Rd	\$103,000	19458 Meadowbrook Rd	\$336,000
33027 Allen St	\$161,000	16076 Morningside	\$140,000
31514 Arizona St	\$138,000	48265 Nine Mile Rd	\$375,000
19001 Aspen Dr	\$360,000	42282 Norwood Ct	\$93,000
34483 Bretton Dr	\$248,000	40918 Rayburn Dr	\$245,000
34647 Bristol St	\$185,000	16760 Yellowstone Dr	\$282,000
37177 Bristol St	\$190,000	Novi	
9909 Brookfield St	\$133,000	40601 Brenda	\$82,000
15580 Fitzgerald St	\$240,000	30488 Bristol Circle Ct	\$304,000
29069 Grandon St	\$115,000	44684 Ford Way Dr	\$268,000
29724 Hillbrook St	\$127,000	24224 Hampton Hill St	\$171,000
9724 Horton St	\$117,000	45752 Irvine Dr	\$285,000
29626 Jacquelyn Dr	\$157,000	41024 Mooringside	\$103,000
35658 Joy Rd	\$135,000	27483 Sloan St	\$265,000
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42762 Wimbleton Way	\$290,000		
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40245 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$200,000		
41218 Greenbriar Ln	\$153,000		
42449 Lakeland Ct	\$134,000		
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94601 McClumpha Rd	\$240,000		
188 N Harvey St	\$145,000		
1062 Palmer St	\$160,000		
9167 Redbud Ave	\$155,000		
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- 13 Firearms lobby
- 14 Govt. dept.
- 15 Concerning
- 16 Egyptian god
- 17 Hard to please
- 19 Prince Valiant's son
- 21 Realized, as profits
- 23 Adroit
- 25 ER personnel
- 26 Ms. Bombeck
- 30 Nomad dwelling
- 32 Town official
- 33 Frightens
- 36 Make a choice
- 37 Postgame discussion
- 38 Aim
- 39 Department
- 40 — -de-sac
- 41 Fish-tails

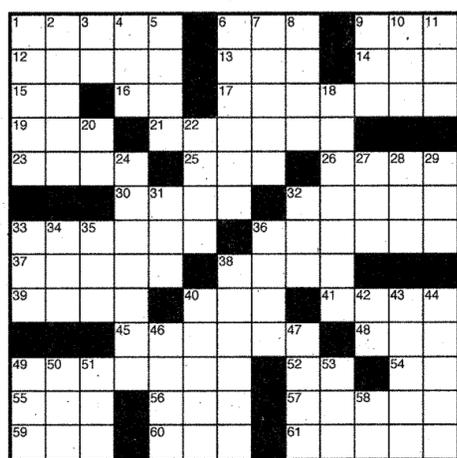
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- 45 Strenuous
- 48 Energy
- 49 Bulb cover
- 52 Uh cousin
- 54 Daphne
- Maurier
- 55 By way of
- 56 Get spliced
- 57 Bran provides it
- 59 Cunning
- 60 — Gratia Artis (MGM motto)
- 61 Weather system
- 1 Famed violin
- 2 Yonder
- 3 Argon, in the lab
- 4 Mal de —
- 5 Orchard product
- 6 Neonate
- 7 Game-show prizes
- 8 Swede's neighbor

Answer to Previous Puzzle

NTH EKE BIRD
AWAY LIT IDEA
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- 9 Peacock network
- 10 Seabird
- 11 Apply a jimmy
- 18 In a perfect world
- 20 Labrador prov.
- 22 Makes a typo
- 23 Cruel Rings
- 27 Blended whiskey
- 28 Comfy shoe
- 29 Painter's work
- 31 Ballpark figure
- 32 Give — — break
- 33 Starfish part
- 34 Oahu welcome
- 35 Outstanding
- 36 Ans.
- 38 Medieval trade unions
- 40 Town —
- 42 Desert st.
- 43 Improve the highway
- 44 Gush forth
- 46 Hawkeye state
- 47 Back talk
- 49 HBO receivers
- 50 Mideast export
- 51 Ante up
- 53 Cosmonaut space lab
- 58 A famous Derek

SUDOKU

			8	7	3	6		
		8						
5	7	3		1	6	4		
	8		9		1		7	
			4	2			5	6
4					8		1	
			6	3	5	7		9
7	9			2				
		5	8	2				

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1	9	2	7	8	7	5	3	4	5	3
8	8	9	1	4	2	7	6	9	7	7
6	7	7	5	9	9	2	1	8		
2	1	6	7	3	4	7	1	5	7	8
9	3	1	8	2	7	7	7	4	5	6
8	3	1	8	2	7	7	7	4	5	6
4	7	3	1	9	6	9	8	2	2	2
8	6	7	9	1	2	3	7	5	7	5
7	3	1	8	2	7	7	7	4	5	6
2	9	2	9	7	8	7	4	6	1	8

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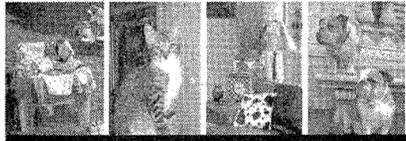
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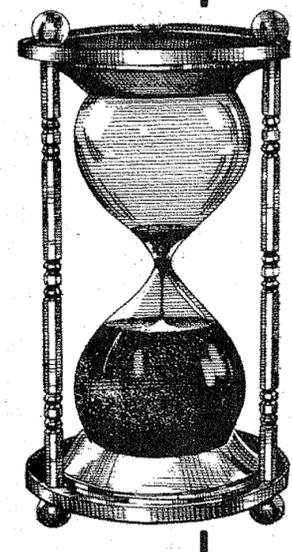
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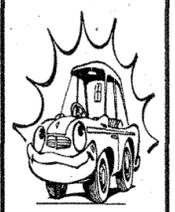
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New Models, Green Technology Put Shine On NAIAs

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By Dale Buss

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

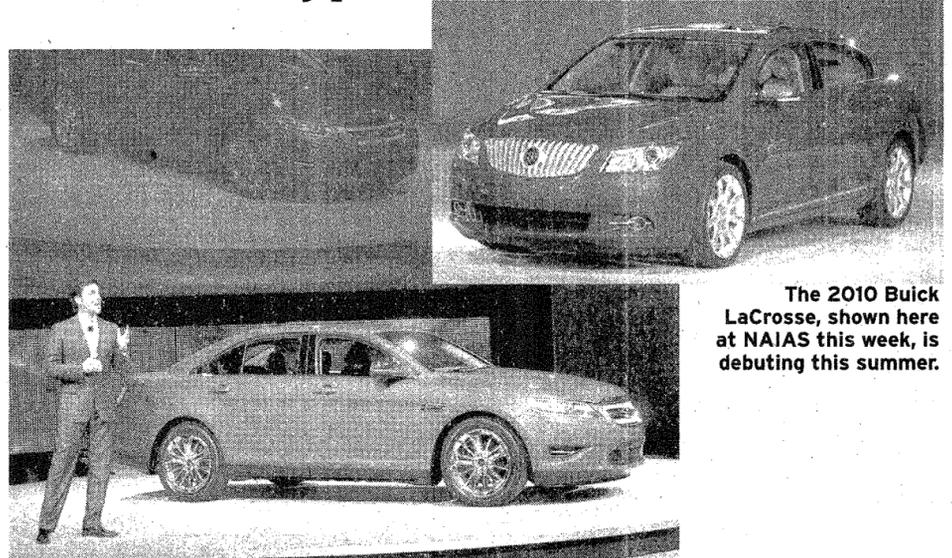
Things are so bad in the industry that some car manufacturers aren't even bothering to announce or highlight any of their products or other advances this year at the annual blowout in downtown Detroit, including Nissan. But the most beleaguered companies - General Motors and Chrysler - were attempting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

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

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

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

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



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

Clarke said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

and plug-in hybrids.

Ford will sell in North America a new battery-electric commercial van in 2010, a new battery-electric small car in 2011 that will be jointly developed with Toronto-based auto supplier Magna International, and next-generation hybrid vehicles including a plug-in version, in 2012.

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

The 200C EV features organic materials in the interior design and a host of new electronic features including "audio tagging" for the purchase of digital music from the vehicle and features that comprise a "virtual chaperone" for teen drivers, including speed-limiting and notification of parents if their kids are driving erratically in the car.

Among other interesting new vehicles at NAIAs, BMW launched its all-new Z4 roadster to world-wide debut at the show. It is the company's first roadster to employ a retractable hardtop, a feature increasingly common for luxury-sport convertibles. The two-piece hardtop retracts in 20 seconds. The Z4 will offer a choice of two versions of BMW's famous inline six-cylinder engine, a 255-horsepower variant and a twin-turbocharged unit that generates about 300 horsepower.

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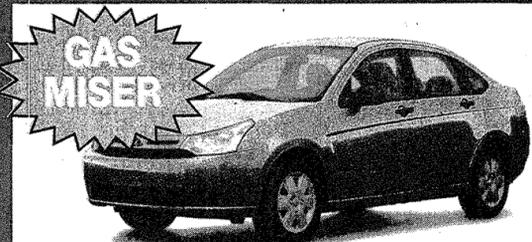
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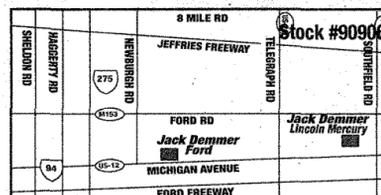
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