

## In brief

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### Woman in fatal crash identified by police

A 77-year-old woman killed in a two-car crash on Ann Arbor's north side Monday afternoon was identified as Barbara Stockton of Ann Arbor Township.

Stockton was driving east on Hubbard Road near Green Road at 4 p.m. when her vehicle failed to yield and was struck broadside, Officer William Clock said. A woman and three children in an SUV that was headed south when it hit Stockton's vehicle had minor injuries, police said.

Clock said police are still trying to determine why Stockton failed to yield and how fast the vehicles were traveling.

### Police question man about behavior

Saline Police are investigating a second report of a suspicious man with women's clothing in his car at a local park in the past week.

Detective Don Lupi said officers questioned a man who reportedly approached a woman in her car at Curtiss Park about 8 p.m. last Thursday. The man pulled his car next to the woman's and got out, wearing only shorts, Lupi said. He gestured toward his groin before walking toward a creek and splashing water onto himself.

The woman got the man's license plate number and called police, who stopped his vehicle a short time later. Inside, officers found bags of women's clothing, lingerie and a sex toy.

The man, 55, from Ontario, Canada, denied gesturing toward his groin. Lupi said the man was released because he didn't do anything illegal.

On June 27, Saline police arrested Stephen Ott, 42, of Tecumseh, on charges of drunken driving and possessing a knife after he allegedly drove into a light pole in Curtiss Park about 9:30 p.m. Police also found a duffle bag with women's lingerie and binoculars in the vehicle. The case is pending.

Lupi said it was unclear if the incidents are related, but investigators suspect they could be because of the set of similar circumstances. Anyone with information is asked to call the Saline Police at (734) 429-7911.

### Greenbelt panel sets first meeting

The Ann Arbor Greenbelt Advisory Commission will have its first meeting Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Gallup Park conference room near the canoe livery.

The commission is expected to vote on a day and time for regularly scheduled meetings. Members are also expected to go over application procedures.

City Council Member Bob Johnson, one of the nine commission members, said the first meeting will not be televised, but all future meetings will be.

### Council delays OK of ballot wording

The Ann Arbor City Council postponed until its next meeting approving the ballot language of the medical marijuana initiative.

Council Member Joan Lowenstein, D-2nd Ward, said the matter was delayed because there were questions about how the proposed measure could be enforced and its compatibility with state and federal laws.

Charles Ream, a Scio Township trustee, led the initiative to collect 7,000 signatures to get it on the November ballot. The petition was certified by the city clerk's office on June 11.

Though federal law still bans it, nine states and a few municipalities nationwide have laws permitting the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

Ann Arbor decriminalized the use of marijuana in 1974, making it a civil infraction, now carrying a \$25 fine. The November ballot initiative

would amend the city charter to instruct local law enforcement not to arrest or charge those with a health care provider's recommendation to use the drug.

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