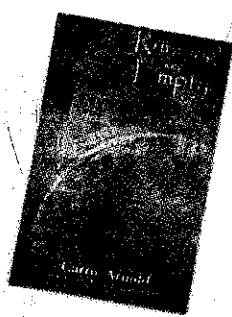


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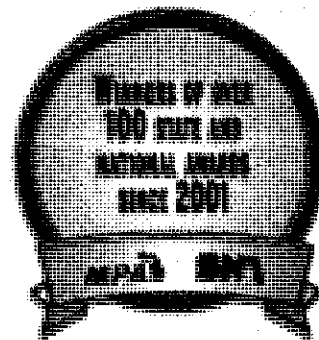
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'He was lucky, I was lucky.'

Mark Goosby
 Wayne Memorial security team member



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Mark Goosby has been described as having great rapport with the students at Wayne Memorial High School, but he's also won accolades for saving the life of a young man who was choking on a piece of food.

Staffer has right move to save student's life

BY SUE MASON
 STAFF WRITER

Principal Lorri MacDonald describes Mark Goosby as the "eyes and ears" of Wayne Memorial High School. A member of the school's security team, he "has his finger on the pulse of the school." Known as Seven - his call name on the portable radio he carries - Goosby is even more now ... he's a lifesaver. On Dec. 9, the Westland resident used the skills learned in a first-aid course to save the life of a student who was choking on a piece of hamburger. "They usually say you get five minutes of fame and I think I've got my 10 minutes' worth," said the Westland resident who has been honored by the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, the city of Wayne and the Wayne Police

Department where he's a reserve officer. "We notice things like this, things like this are hard to ignore," said MacDonald. "Mark is one of those people who's quiet about it, but we couldn't do it without him. All day long, it's Seven." Goosby was walking in the cafeteria's B lobby when heard someone say a student was choking. The school's athletic director and a physical education teacher had been unsuccessful in doing the Heimlich maneuver. Goosby took over and after three-four times dislodged the chunk of food. "His lips were black, he was going under," said Goosby. "When I got there he was limp. When the food came out, it was like thank you, Lord. The color came back to his face all of sudden and that was pretty cool. He was lucky, I was lucky."

The luck was his recently completing a first aid course at Schoolcraft College so he could graduate his Wayne Police reserve officers training. Goosby knew basic first aid from his 24 years in the U.S. Army, but in the class, he learned something - how to do the Heimlich maneuver. According to MacDonald, the school has staff trained as first responders, and the average everyday teacher, coach or physical education instructor may have had the training for something like what happened early on in their careers. "All the right circumstances came together, probably because his training was so recent, he was able to save his life," said MacDonald. "We are careful, but this is something that doesn't hap-

PLEASE SEE **SAVE, A7**

Majority of council favors pay increase

BY DARRELL CLEM
 STAFF WRITER

A majority of Westland City Council members confirmed Friday that they will not vote to overturn pay raises approved for them, City Clerk Eileen DeHart and Mayor Sandra Cicirelli.

Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt has asked her colleagues for a formal vote to reject or accept pay raises ratified Monday by the Local Officials Compensation Commission, which sets salaries for elected officials.

Even if Graunstadt musters the three council members necessary to get the issue placed on a council agenda, it appears almost certain that the raises won't be rejected.

Five of seven council members would have to vote against the pay increases to block them, but an informal poll by the *Observer* indicated Friday that a council majority actually supports the raises.

"Personally, I think the LOCC did its job, and I think we just need to move on," Councilman James Godbout said.

Graunstadt has suggested that council members should vote to reject an LOCC decision to give 3 percent pay raises this year and next to the council and the mayor.

"This is not about people deserving an increase. This is about a tough, difficult, unfortunate economic time that we live in, and we should not be accepting salary increases," she said. "I really feel strongly about that."

Cicirelli, with a \$90,465 salary, hasn't had a pay raise since she took office in January 2002. Her predecessor, former Mayor Robert Thomas, also had accepted salary freezes.

Pay levels haven't changed in five years for the council president (\$12,970), the second-in-line president pro tem (\$12,383) and the other five

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council members (\$11,796). Although she opposes pay hikes for the council and mayor, Graunstadt said she supports a 68 percent salary increase that boosted DeHart's salary from \$50,000 to \$84,035. She said the LOCC merely reversed a decision made two years ago, when it slashed the clerk's pay by more than \$32,000 after voters approved a ballot measure making the job an elected post rather than council-appointed.

Graunstadt called on council members to decide the pay raises so that residents will know where their elected officials stand on the issue.

"I think we owe it to them to say where we stand," she said. Other council members indicated that, by not voting and by allowing the raises to take effect, they are making their positions known.

Council raises would range between \$350 and \$400 a year. Cicirelli's salary would climb from \$90,465 to nearly \$96,000 within two years.

"I'm not going to vote against it," Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer said of the LOCC's decision. "I'm going to take the money that comes to me and give it to charities."

PLEASE SEE **PAY, A7**

Patients say chiropractor 'can't be matched'



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chiropractor James O'Dell, who's been in business 35 years in Westland, enjoys playing his guitar.

BY DARRELL CLEM
 STAFF WRITER

He's a guitar-picking chiropractor who worked his way through college playing in a rock band called The Subluxations - named after problem areas of the spine. His patients have included Michigan's former Miss America Kaye Lani Rae Rafko, who visited his office during her reign, and local disc jockey Arthur Penhallow, famous for shouting "Baby!" on WRIF-FM. His extended family includes 35 chiropractors, including his 88-year-old father, who still practices in Southgate. And even though he flies his own plane, a Cessna 182, James W. O'Dell has been

grounded for 35 years in his same Westland chiropractic office, on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Drywall company owner Robert Warfield, 45, drives an hour each way from his Jackson home to see O'Dell. He has made the trip since he left Westland 17 years ago. "I've tried other chiropractors," Warfield said, "but he can't be matched." Warfield's job leaves him tense, sore - and he said he needs a good chiropractor like O'Dell. "I wouldn't be able to keep working without him," Warfield said. "He knows the body, and he's a second-generation chiropractor. A lot of

PLEASE SEE **CHIROPRACTOR, A7**

Hearing continued in embezzlement case

A Livonia woman will have to wait until Feb. 8 to learn whether she will face trial amid allegations she embezzled money while managing a Westland apartment complex. Mary Adele Olson, 35, appeared Thursday in Westland District Court for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether she should stand trial on charges of embezzling more than \$20,000. An accountant and residents of the apartment complex - Warris Farms at Newburgh and Joy roads - testified Thursday. But police Sgt. Steve Borisch said the testimony didn't conclude and will continue Feb. 8.

Olson, former Warris Farms manager, could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison, if convicted. A not-guilty plea has been entered in her court file. Borisch has said that at least \$76,000 was embezzled at Warris Farms. Olson is accused of renting to new tenants and pocketing their rent - sometimes paid in cash. Most of the incidents apparently happened last year, Borisch said. Charges surfaced after the management company learned that apartments that should have been clean, for lack of tenants, had actually been used.

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City, schools skeptical of state tax plan

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to build support for the governor's plans for Single Business Tax restructuring and economic stimulus plans, Lt. Gov. John Cherry spent much of his visit to the Garden City Democratic Club Wednesday talking about protecting educational funding — a fact not lost on the city officials.

"Without saying so, he told us they are cutting our state shared revenues. They are acting like they can just cut our state shared revenues," said Garden City City Manager David Harvey, following the meeting.

Some present at the meeting like teacher and Garden City Education Association president Michael Riley were skeptical of promises that K-12 funding won't be reduced and in fact increased under the governor's proposals.

"I'd like to know what an acceptable body count is, if next year we have 150 school districts in trouble," said Riley.

Changing the SBT and reducing the taxes for most business are part of the governor's plan to encourage growth in the economy and jobs, according to Cherry.

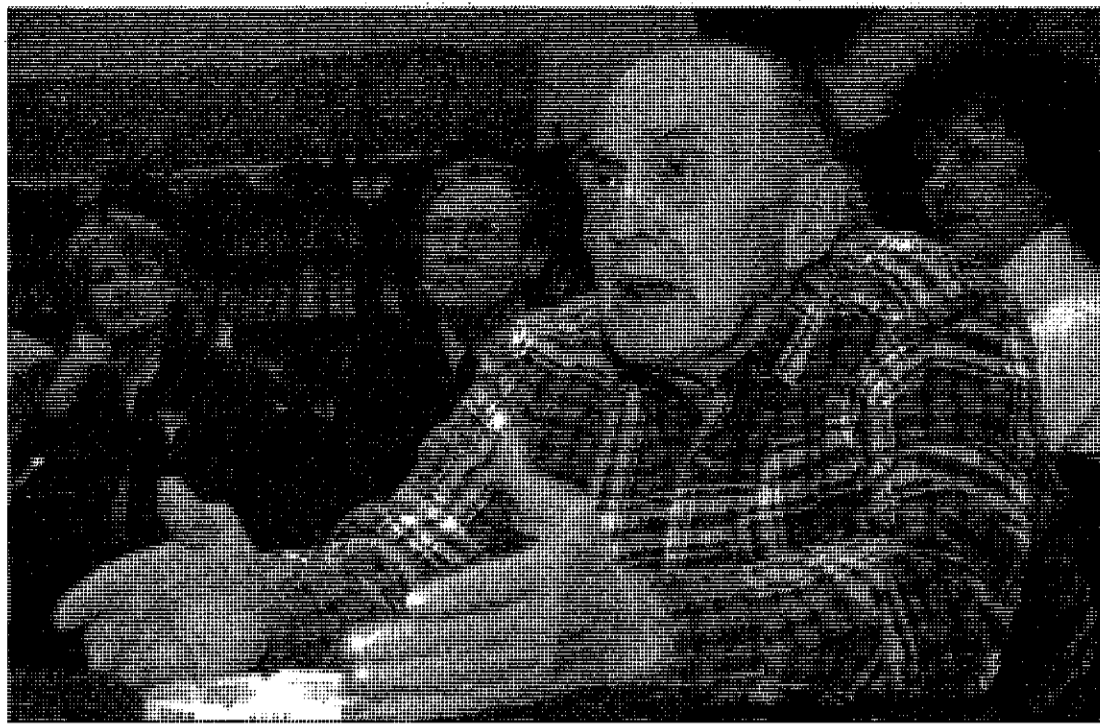
"Jobs flee Michigan because we tax companies when they make an investment here. We need to tax them when they make a profit," said Cherry.

Another important component of the economic growth plan is making sure there is an educated population to fill jobs, he said.

"We need to double the number of college graduates. We need to invest more in K-12 education, colleges and universities," said Cherry. "They are the engine to drive the state."

With continuing difficult financial conditions, Cherry said the state needs to invest in priorities, such as education and infrastructure to stimulate economic growth.

"As a school principal, I'm pleased to hear you say you and the governor are working hard to protect the most



Cliff Johnson, president of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club, asks Lt. Gov. John Cherry about funding during Cherry's visit to the Garden City Democrat Club.



Lt. Gov. John Cherry spoke and had a question and answer session at the Garden City Democratic Club meeting Wednesday night.

important things like K-12 education," said Garden City Mayor Jaylee Lynch. "One thing I was waiting to hear you say is how you are going to

protect the cities." With state-shared revenue cuts totaling nearly \$3 million over the last three years, Lynch said the state is crippling the city.

"I'd like to hear that police, fire and other services the city provides are as important to the state as they are to us," she said.

There has been a lot speculation about state shared revenue cuts, Cherry said, but added he wasn't aware of any proposed cuts.

"The state's constitutional responsibility is education — it's the only one," Cherry said. "We do understand that revenue sharing is to pay for first responders and cuts in revenue sharing make that difficult. It all becomes a balancing act."

While the city has eliminated staff positions, reorganized and made other changes to work with less funding, Harvey questioned what kind similar measures the state had taken to provide some short-term financial relief.

"We've robbed other funds to balance the budget and that option is gone. More cuts will

put me in the position of going back to council to close something," he said.

Cherry offered to personally send Harvey a letter outlining cost reduction steps taken by the state.

"You can't write revenue sharing checks, if the account is empty. You have to understand how dire the situation is," said Cherry. "We saved millions on our fleet by downsizing it and restricting cell phones. We negotiated significant concessions from employees and reduced staffing levels below the 1974 levels."

Garden City resident Billy Pate commented that he considered his community one of the best run in the state.

"I certainly hope you will listen carefully to what people have to say. This local unit of government is the most important part of government in my view," he said.

"We'll listen, but I won't make foolish promises. We have empathy with the plight of the cities," Cherry responded.

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Rec programs available for mid-winter recess

Mid-winter recess in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools is only a few weeks away, and for parents looking for things to do to keep their kids busy, the Westland Parks and Recreation Department has the answer.

The department is offering a variety of activities beginning with golf on Monday, Feb. 13. Don't worry about the cold weather, kids in first-sixth-grades can enjoy an hour of golf instruction on the golf simulators at the Westland Municipal Golf Course on Merriman, south of Cherry Hill.

The class will be at 10 a.m. and costs \$5 per student. Pre-register at the golf course or Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, Young Champions/Cheer America will be offering 1 1/2-hour clinics at the Bailey Center. The clinics are for kids of all skill levels and ages 6-14. Cost is \$10 per clinic or \$30 for the entire day.

Kids should bring a water bottle with their name on it, and those signing up for the whole day should bring a sack lunch. Sign up at the Bailey Center.

The lineup is:
■ Beginner tumbling 9:30-11 a.m. Participants will learn such skills as forward and backward rolls, hand and head stands, back bends and cartwheels.

■ Cheerleading 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Participants will learn cheers, chants, basic arm movements, jumps, basic dance movements and more.

■ Baton 1:45-3:15 p.m. Participants will learn basic baton, tosses and various tricks along with dance moves and marching movements.

■ Self defense 3:30-5 p.m. Both boys and girls will learn essential skills, including stranger danger, safety awareness, punch, kicks, blocks and other basic moves.

The Detroit Rockers come to the Bailey Center on Thursday, Feb. 17, for a soccer clinic for kids in first-eighth-grades. The clinic is 2-4 p.m. and cost \$15

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per person. Sign up at the Bailey Center.

Clinic players will learn how to reach the next level with individual attention and game situation drills. For more information, call the Rockers at (734) 427-6017 or by e-mail at rockersoccer02@aol.com.

■ The Detroit Pistons will have a youth basketball clinic 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, for kids in first-eighth-grades. Cost is \$20 per person, and register at the Bailey Center. For more information, call the Detroit Pistons at (248) 377-8653.

There will be five skill stations — ball handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding, as well as prizes, contests, games and a Pistons Souvenir.

Preregistration is required for all four programs and must be done two days in advance of the activity. For more information, call the Bailey Center at (734) 722-7620.

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department also is offering Take-a-Break Days! Day Camp during mid-winter recess Feb. 14-18, and during spring recess, March 28-April 1.

The day camp is for kids ages five-13 and is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The cost is \$30 per day, with the fifth day free, if you register for the full week. There's also a 25 percent discount for each additional child in the same household.

Activities include swimming, ice skating, arts and crafts, wallyball and more. Kids should bring a swimsuit and towel and sack lunch. Snacks will be provided.

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Husham al-Husainy, director of the Karbala Islamic Education Center in Dearborn, cast his vote with supporters at his side Friday.

Local Iraqi-Americans thrilled to cast votes

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Until this weekend, local Iraqis didn't have a choice in their homeland.

"People had to choose between Saddam and Saddam," said Joseph Kassab of Farmington Hills, while preparing Friday afternoon to take friends and family to Southgate to participate in their first true democratic Iraqi election.

"Now, there are 111 slates and more than 6,000 candidates," added Kassab, with amazement in his voice. "I never thought, in my mind, this was ever going to happen."

President of the Chaldean National Congress of the United States, Kassab was born in the predominantly Christian village of Telkif, in the northern province of Mosul. Christian Iraqis have historically been the minority in the mainly Islamic country.

Kassab's friends and family planned Friday to cast their votes for a Christian party.

"Iraqi Christians have been oppressed for so long, now this is their time to make a choice and decide on the candidates," said Kassab. "It is a very exciting day for all Iraqis. This is an experience they haven't had for 66 years."

Thousands of Iraqi-Americans were expected to vote Friday, Saturday and Sunday at a former big box store in the Downriver community of Southgate. It was one of five U.S. voting sites for the historic election that will seat a new governing assembly for Iraq.

To be eligible to vote outside of Iraq, voters had to be at least 18 years old, born in Iraq or be the son or daughter of an Iraqi-born male.

It's the first time Jacob Bacall, of West Bloomfield and his father, Jamil Bacall, 78, of Southfield are able to vote for an Iraqi government.

"We have 17 people going to vote on Sunday," said Jacob Bacall, who is past president of the Chaldean Iraqi American Association of Michigan.



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Thinking about the life she had in Iraq is 91-year-old Merriam Kano of Troy. The purple tip of her finger shows she has just cast her vote in the country's first election since Saddam Hussein was removed from power. Kano's husband was in an Iraqi prison for 10 years before she and her husband came to the U.S.

While they were still pouring over the 167 pages of information on the parties and candidates on Friday morning, Bacall said his friends and family had it narrowed to two or three secular parties.

"I'm not going to vote for an Islamic government," he said. "I would like to see a secular regime, a government that meets the needs of the people and serves the best interests of the country."

Bacall noted Iraq is suffering after many years of war.

"They need to recover what they have lost and they need to build bridges with the West," he said.

Bacall was also born in the Mosul village of Telkif and came to the United States on Dec. 10, 1977. He said local Iraqi-Americans in the tri-county area are actively supporting the election. He was surprised to see so many parties on the ballot.

"I said, 'Let me check, I think there's something wrong here,'" he laughed, describing the ballot he printed off the Internet. "That just tells you how much interest they have in this election. This is a great indication that something great is going to happen."

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Salvation Army and clubs have long worked together

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Lt. Col. Clarence Harvey often finds people think his organization is American and not international.

"The Salvation Army has been in Asia for 125 years," said Harvey, retired Eastern Michigan divisional commander. The Detroit community has been overwhelmingly generous, he said, donating more than \$2 million to assist victims of the late December tsunami crisis.

"We stand here to say thank you to each one of you," Harvey told members and guests at the Jan. 27 Westland Rotary Club meeting.

Harvey, a Canton resident, described his 38 years in the Salvation Army service, and his last assignment in charge of public relations based in Washington, D.C. He met people he never thought he would as a boy in Detroit.

He grew up on the west side, in the Livernois-Joy area, and went to a Salvation Army gym as a child to play.

"I had what I had and made the best of what I had," he said.

One day, Harvey was asked to come in and pose for a publicity photo of him hoisting a food basket surrounded by prominent businessmen. He took the basket home and never saw that photo.

Years later, he was assigned by the Salvation Army to a small town in Missouri, and joined Kiwanis. Club members there also needed a needy child for a publicity photo.

"Life was repeating itself. I never knew what it all meant," he said.

He learned years later that the photo he was in as a boy included Tigers greats Hal Newhouser and Harry Heilmann, along with business leaders of that era.

Lt. Col. Clarence Harvey grew up on the west side, in the Livernois-Joy area.

Those people were committed to bettering their community, Harvey said, praising Westland Rotary for its efforts to establish a Salvation Army facility in Westland. Harvey retired as a Rotarian and has been a member of other service clubs such as Kiwanis and the Lions.

"Service clubs have been a major part of my life," he said of his involvement at clubs around the United States.

After retirement, Harvey was asked by a wealthy man who was ill to put together a charitable trust.

"He had a dream of helping people, needy people," Harvey said.

Harvey found it challenging to give money where it was truly needed and would be well-spent, more difficult than his years of raising money for the Salvation Army.

He praised Rotarians for their polio eradication efforts, which he has observed in foreign countries.

"I was able to say I was a part of that," he said.

Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Capt. Matt O'Neil introduced Harvey, noting he was commander when O'Neil's wife, Mindie, was growing up in a Salvation Army family. The Harveys' son is a Salvation Army officer and taught the O'Neils during training college in Chicago.

"He's more like a role model," Matt O'Neil said of Clarence Harvey. "He's a powerful man."

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Catherine Maxine Arnold, 80, of
Clarkston, died Jan. 25.

B
Martha M. Brown, 87, of Bloomfield
Hills, died Dec. 31.
Wallace H. Brown, 92, of Auburn
Hills, died Jan. 6.

C
James Smith Clark III, 42, of
Canton, died Jan. 24.
Muriel Clayton died Jan. 24.

F
Donald G. Ferguson, 84, of Auburn
Hills, died Jan. 14.

G
Patricia Ann Gibbs, 79, of Lake
Orion, formerly of Rochester Hills,
died Jan. 22.
James A. Gilmore, 91, of Bloomfield
Township, died Jan. 19.
Eldon Gregory, 90, of Livonia, for-
merly of Plymouth and Northville,
died Jan. 23.

H
Donna J. Harless, 75, of Rochester
Hills, died Jan. 23.
Edna L. Harp, 75, of Auburn Hills,
died Jan. 15.
Doug L. Humer, 57, of Auburn Hills,
died Dec. 28.

J
Jerry D. Johnson, 65, of Winter
Haven, Fla., died Dec. 28.

L
Grace R. Lemerise, 83, of
Rochester Hills, died Jan. 3.
Kay W. Libke, 69, of Plymouth, died
Jan. 27.

M
Ronald L. McCandless, 66, of
Livonia, died Jan. 21.
Helen D. MacDonald, 78, of
Farmington Hills, died Jan. 25.

N
Robert Thomas Nichols died Jan.
15.

P
Harold E. Paulus, 90, of Troy, died
Jan. 11.

R
Floyd E. Ramsey, 81, of Rochester
Hills, died Jan. 6.
Frederick Rozich died Jan. 23.
King Ruhly, 86, of Birmingham,
died Jan. 22.

S
John R. Schettenhelm, 85, of
Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23.
Margaret E. Stallard, 79, of
Rochester Hills, died Jan. 18.
Donald E. Stapleton, 77, of
Rochester Hills, died Jan. 10.
Alice M. Story, 86, of Livonia, died
Jan. 26.

V
Mable Vincent, 93, of Rochester
Hills, died Jan. 5.

W
Madlyne R. Walter, 91, of Rochester
Hills, died Jan. 14.
James H. Woodall, 82, of
Rochester, died Jan. 2.

Z
Walter B. Zetterlund, 75, of West
Bloomfield, died Jan. 15.
Atsuko Zmich, 59, of Rochester
Hills, died Jan. 23.

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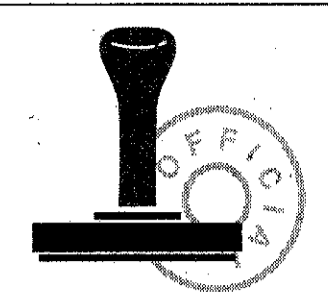
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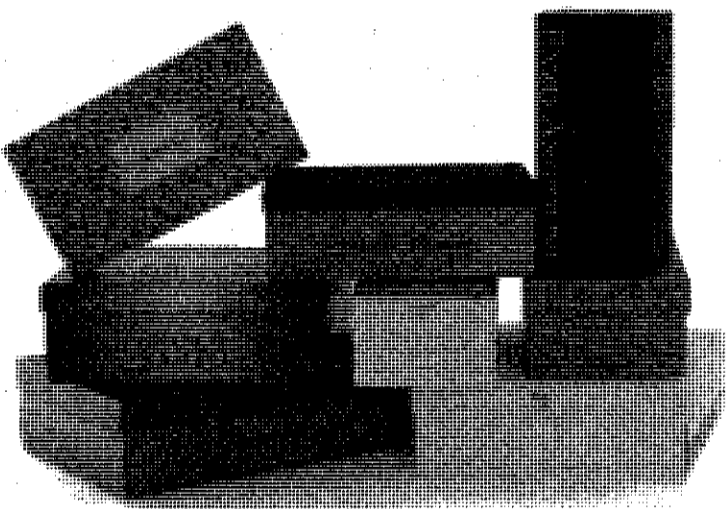
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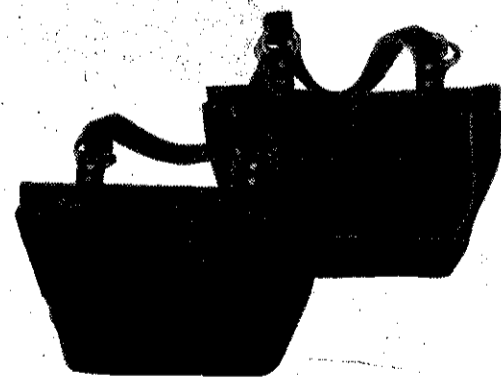
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Apathy about Detroit's crisis can't last forever

The one thing on which virtually everyone in Michigan agrees is that the state's largest and most famous city is in an appalling mess.

But what they disagree violently on is who is to blame. They argue over who can fix it, how to fix it or even whether the city can be saved at all.

For many, the state of Detroit was symbolized perfectly by what happened last weekend when Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a very large 34-year-old man with a large diamond in his left ear, appeared before the cameras to confirm what he had been denying for days. Yes, the luxury Lincoln Navigator the city had leased for \$24,995 a year had been meant for his wife and children.

However, he claimed he decided it was too extravagant and had intended to send it back. He had never lied about it, he said, even though he had spent several days lying about it, as had other city officials. When one TV reporter followed the mayor to Washington to ask about it, a security guard acted like a thug and smashed his face into the wall, live on television.

Washington police then said they would no longer protect the mayor on his visits because of his incessant nonstop nightclub hopping into the wee hours, something the mayor denied, saying he never went "clubbing" at all.

All that would have been embarrassing had it happened to the mayor of Palm Beach during an economic boom. But Detroit is in dreadful shape, with unemployment rising past 14 percent and a budget deficit spiraling out of control.

Earlier this month, the mayor had announced that nearly a thousand jobs were being eliminated, and the already inadequate bus service was being cut back.

Now, those who need to a bus to get to work in the wee hours are out of luck. That's no minor inconvenience in the once-mighty Motor City, where, ironically, something like a third of the residents have no access to cars.

And that's just the tip of the rusting ruin. Fifty years ago, Detroit was a bustling industrial metropolis with two million people. Now, it has barely 910,000, and is shrinking fast.

The public schools are in even more appalling shape - the mayor himself refuses to put his kids in them - and they are likely to get worse now that further reform efforts have been rejected by the voters.

Legally, the city has to balance its budget.

But with this year's deficit running anywhere from \$230 million to \$380 million, even the draconian cuts he announced may not be enough. Legislators and others are beginning to whisper the dreaded word receivership. Some think the state could end up having to take over the city within the next few years, and send in a special master to run it.

Highland Park, a desperately impoverished enclave city surrounded by Detroit, lost control of its own affairs years ago.

Even more startling, many - perhaps millions - of Michiganders don't care. That includes many who live in Hillsdale or Traverse City, but also well-off suburbanites who live a short hop from the city's famous border, Eight Mile Road.

Many say the city brought its problems on itself (by which they usually mean, the blacks destroyed it after the whites moved out) and actually believe that what happens in Detroit is totally irrelevant to them and their lives.

For many, Detroit's problems are easy to ignore. Fewer people live in the city than at any time since World War I. Detroit is now home to only 9 percent of the state's population. Most of those who live there are black; most who don't are white. The state and the city exist in almost separate worlds.

But those who say the city doesn't matter, or who think they can get by ignoring it, are dead wrong, said Freman Hendrix, who is attempting to unseat Mayor Kilpatrick in this fall's election. "How can the rest of the state feel secure if their major city isn't functioning?" said Hendrix, a financial expert and a former deputy mayor under the business-oriented Dennis Archer.

It is hard to see how anyone can think Michigan can continue to be economically competitive if its main city, its sports and entertainment capital, looks like something out of the Third World, with desperate poverty and services and gated communities only for the rich.

Sooner or later, Michigan - and Detroiters themselves - will have to face some tough decisions about what kind of state, city and society they want to be. Urban experts like David Rusk think the solution for Detroit is obvious: some form of metropolitan government with the surrounding suburbs it gave birth to.

So far, neither the city nor the suburbs have been willing to consider that, preferring to bash each other instead. It would be nice if a statesman with a vision emerged sometime soon. There may not be that much time left.

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Jack Lessenberry

State needs to look at school financing, educational reform

I was very pleased to read Philip Power's column in the Farmington Observer on Jan. 13. I'm encouraged to see that people outside the educational community are finally catching on to the need to reform school financing.

As a parent of two kids in Farmington Public Schools, I have become acutely aware of the lack of funding in a very well-run district. Late last summer, the district and a few parents formed the Parent

Legislative Advocacy Network (PLAN). We had not even had our first meeting when the state Legislature announced that they would be cutting the 20J funding to our district and

others. We wrote letters, spread the word, and went to Lansing. As you know, the Legislature decided not to take away 20J funding.

Since that time, our core group has met on a regular basis and on Jan. 12 we hosted a forum in conjunction with Farmington Public Schools. The theme was making it through the maze of school funding, to educate the citizens on school funding and its terminology.

As I have become much more informed about how schools are funded, I have come to realize that most people in this area do not realize that they are living in a donor district in a donor county. People think that their taxes stay locally and do not realize that, aside from our hold harmless funds, our property taxes go to Lansing and into the School Aid Fund.

People also do not realize that the Headlee Amendment, in conjunction with Proposal A, limits the total amount of funds that can be collected from property taxes. People assume that as property is sold and the cap comes off the taxable value, the

district or city is collecting more taxes. This is not the case. While I do believe that living in Oakland County we have the responsibility to help fund other districts in the state, I do not think that it should come at the expense of our kids' education.

When Proposal A was passed 11 years ago, most people only looked at it as property tax relief and did not realize the extent it would change the way schools are funded. Now, the state controls the revenue and the local districts can only control the expenditures. And, to some extent, the districts do not even have control of all their expenditures. They must fund the ever growing and out of control pension and health care costs.

I read Tom Watkins' "Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21st Century" in December. While it does raise a number of good questions with hard answers, I have to ask: do fewer, but larger, districts make sense?

Detroit is an example of a district that is too large with too many layers of administrators. Educators there can "pass the buck" up or down the ladder and not take responsibility. It would make more sense to me to break this district apart into several districts with 15,000 students per district. You could still keep several of the district services consolidated, such as transportation, purchasing or payroll, to save on costs. They could also keep services like special education and vocational programs consolidated that other current intermediate school districts provide.

I do agree with you that there are probably too many small districts with less than 2,000 kids that have too much administrative overhead.

But those districts do not have the many layers of administrators that larger districts have. Consolidating a small district into another could add additional layers of administrators, and this would certainly bring out parents in opposition that want to keep their local control. People do not like change, and

sometimes smaller is better. It would be interesting to see how small, well-funded districts compare to others with No Child Left Behind and Education, Yes.

I hope that the state Board of Education does ask the governor and Legislature to do a thorough adequacy and equity study. Proposal A has closed the gap in school funding, but we have to remember that, due to factors unique to each district, it does not cost the same amount of money to educate students in different areas of the state. I think that the state has to look at what exactly an "adequate education" is. Districts have an ever-expanding curriculum. Fifty years ago, most students did not go on to college. Now the expectation is that all students should continue their education with at least a two- or four-year degree.

If parents in a district want more than what the state deems as adequate, they should have the ability to raise these additional funds to cover the costs, especially at a time when funding has not kept pace with inflation for at least three years.

I became interested and involved with these issues as I realized that my school board has so little control with school funding.

I thought that class sizes in my elementary school were too big. Now to keep class sizes where they are (which is too big), many districts have to cut programs, add fees to play sports and find alternative ways to bring more funds into schools. The more I have learned about the issues, the bigger I realize the problem is.

I have only touched upon some of the issues that surround school funding. Issues such as unfunded mandates just add to the mess. I am not convinced that raising taxes is the right answer but, at the same time, not having an increase in school funding for the last three years has put even well-funded districts in peril.

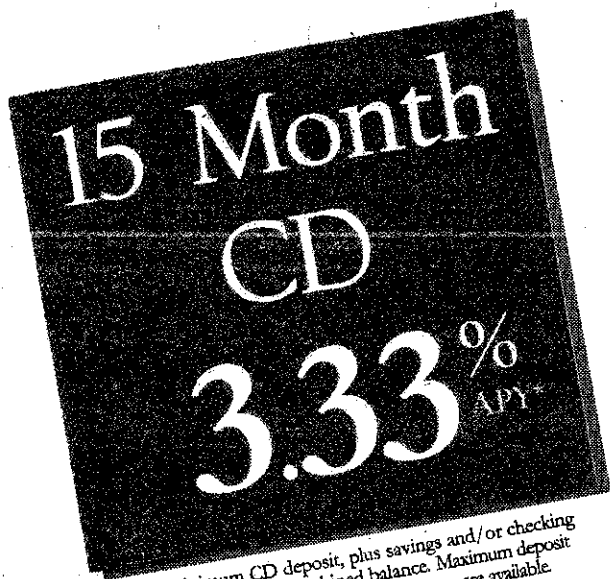
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Schools and Parisian stores to combine for fund-raiser

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Laurel Park's Parisian will team up with area schools next month to raise money and support education.

The semi-annual Celebrate Education event will run 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at both the Livonia and Rochester Hills store locations. Organizers call the fund-raising opportunity a win-win for schools and the surrounding communities.

For the cost of a \$5 ticket, participants receive 20 percent off anything they purchase during the Celebrate Education event. The school or school group that sells tickets retains the entire profit from those sales.

In addition, anyone wishing to volunteer from a participating school can raise money based on the hours they spend at the store, assisting with on-site ticket sales or putting away merchandise. Volunteers shift last about two to three hours. The more volunteers who sign up, the more money a group can raise, organizers explained.

Jill Engel, special events coordinator, said she loves to see the

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students come in and volunteer on event day.

"They are so excited," she said. "They have so much fun."

Randy Dell, store manager at Laurel Park's Parisian, compared Celebrate Education to a busy Saturday during the holiday shopping rush. The store is packed with volunteers to assist the Parisian staff, and packed with shoppers taking advantage of the 20 percent merchandise discount. An unofficial goal for the Laurel Park Parisian is to include all Livonia Public Schools in its Celebrate Education event this year.

Dell said the event, which began about six years ago, continues to grow.

According to Engel, last fall 25 schools participated in the

program. About 36 schools have already signed on for the February event.

"We raise a lot of money for schools," she said.

Between the two Parisian store locations, more than \$30,000 was raised during the last Celebrate Education private sale event.

"I think it's the easiest form of fund raising," said Dell, adding that the store itself provides the forms and tickets and coordinates all aspects of the daylong shopping event.

Currently schools and groups from the following communities have signed up to participate on Feb. 26: Livonia, Southfield, Farmington, Westland, Northville, Plymouth and Canton. But it's not too late to sign up. Engel said sports teams, musical groups, PTO's and entire school buildings are welcome to join the effort to raise money for their needs.

The event draws shoppers into the entire mall. Dell said Laurel Park Place has been "very supportive" of Parisian's community outreach efforts.

For more information, or to sign up, call (734) 953-7500 or send e-mail to Jill_Engel@parisian.com.

Madonna students named to Dean's List

Named to the Dean's list in recognition for superior academic achievement during the Fall 2004 term at Madonna University were Westland residents:

Lisa Abela-Tesner, Jennifer Anderson, Mitchell Andries, Kathleen Andrus, Amanda Andrysiak, Renee Armour, Courtney Arnold, Heather Arnold, Maureen Asmat, Stephanie Baker, Scott Balko, Jacki Belcher, Jacqueline Bonett, Anthony Borowski, Erin Brockert, Patrick Carpeni, Marianne Carter, Linsay Cecil, Sarah Cole, Stephen Conn, Melissa Coscia, Christopher Cosselman,

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Renea Wotus, Jennene Wright, Luvenia Wright, Elona Xhermali, Tiffany Zaremba and Lori Zielinski.

PAY

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"I'm not going to turn it down," he said. "I'm not going to make this a political thing." Councilman Richard LeBlanc said he wouldn't mind voting on the pay raises, but he said he supports them. He said he has favored pay increases for city employees and that he will be consistent in support-

ing them for elected officials.

LeBlanc accused the LOCC of erring two years ago when it slashed the clerk's pay.

"The decision to reduce the salary was politics," he said. "It was based on potentially who might run for that position."

LeBlanc, himself, was considering a bid for the clerk's office until the LOCC gutted the pay. On Friday, he said he would support moves to abolish the LOCC and place the

issue of pay raises in the hands of council members.

Council members William Wild and Michael Kehrer couldn't be reached Friday, but council President Charles Pickering - like Stottlemeyer, Kehrer and LeBlanc - said he will not vote to reject the pay raises. Referring to the LOCC's decision, he said, "I am fully in support of it."

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O'Dell's extended family includes 35 chiropractors. His father was the first.

With his quick wit, it's hard

to tell whether O'Dell, 58, is joking when he says he might just work another 30 years.

"I have to keep up with my father," he said.

While playing guitar with The Subluxations, O'Dell studied at the Logan Basic College of Chiropractic in St. Louis.

Over the years, he believes that the chiropractic business has deservedly gained respect since it originated in 1895. His practice has allowed him to provide for his wife and high school sweetheart Bobbie, and their four children.

O'Dell believes that everyone's spine and nervous system can benefit from twice-monthly visits to a chiropractor.

"It allows the body to function the way it was designed to function - healthy," he said. "It's hard to get people to

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Patients who visit O'Dell for the first time will receive an X-ray spinograph.

"That's our blueprint that tells us what kind of care we need to put that patient on," O'Dell said.

Warfield, who still drives from Jackson to visit O'Dell, has no plans to change chiropractors.

"I've been in the drywall business for 27 years, and I need a good chiropractor," Warfield said. "He's the best."

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pen all the time. We're more likely to have falls and sprained ankles. This isn't your everyday type of thing."

Goosby has come full circle with his job at Wayne Memorial. Growing up he lived across the street from the school. It was his playground. He played in the school yard and played hockey on the flat land behind the school.

He graduated from there and at age 18, enlisted in the

Army where he was a paratrooper and in rapid deployment. He retired in 1997 and worked as an area manager for Wal-Mart, but left to be with his daughter for her final year of school.

"I'd give her a ride to school everyday," he said. "I bought a Harley to goof around with and put in an application for a (police) dispatcher in Westland and put in an application here. I got hired here."

MacDonald can't say enough about his work with the students.

"Mark is humble, he has

great rapport with the students," she said.

"You can't hide from these kids," he said, adding, "I'm a hyperactive fireball, that's one reason I get along with the kids."

Goosby hasn't talked to the student whose life he saved, but that's OK. He's just glad he was able to help him.

"I guess I was just lucky that day," he said. "I didn't want to be in school that day, but I learned something and was able to save a life."

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Judge Kelly wants tougher bond recovery plan

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Third Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly says the court needs to do a better job collecting forfeited bonds when defendants skip out on their court dates.

"The court will enforce bonds," Kelly said. "The court hasn't been very strict enforcing this in the past."

Implementation of a criminal bond forfeiture program is one of several objectives for 2005 outlined in an interview with Kelly. The chief judge also wants to see action on the Court Tower initiative for a new courthouse, an upgrade for the court's computer software, better service by the Friend of Court and pay increases for court employees.

Kelly, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Notre Dame Law School, oversees the largest and busiest court in the State of Michigan. The 3rd Circuit has nearly 800 employees, including 66 judges. She has been a judge for six years and is entering her fourth year as chief judge.

Also known as Wayne County Circuit Court, the 3rd Circuit handles all criminal, civil and family court cases for the county. In 1997, the state legislature combined the Recorder's Court with the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court to create the current court.

The court is divided into three separate divisions, all in Detroit: The Family Division, the Criminal Division and the Civil Division.

The Family Division handles all matters involving juveniles,

as well as all cases pertaining to domestic relationships. The Criminal Division handles felony cases, high misdemeanor crimes and all criminal appeals from district courts throughout Wayne County. The Civil Division hears civil cases where the dollar amount of the controversy exceeds \$25,000, the largest and busiest court in the State of Michigan.

Kelly said that the county needs an effective plan to collect forfeited money.

When a defendant is released on bond, they are expected to show up for their court date. Unfortunately, some people never come back for their court appearance. This automatically forfeits the defendants bail and the money is supposed to be turned over to the court. The 3rd Judicial Circuit Court has not kept up in collecting forfeited bonds.

Kelly said that the county needs an effective plan to collect forfeited money. The plan that Wayne County will be using was modeled after a program used in Oakland County. She said that Wayne County officials have worked very closely with Oakland County to create the bond forfeiture program.

In Oakland County, the prosecutor's office maintains a weekly computer list of those who didn't show for court dates. They allow no-shows three weeks and then issue an order for forfeiture of bond. Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Edward Cibor said the program has netted the county hundreds of the thousands of dollars for the county general fund over the years.



Third Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly

She added that the implementation of the plan, which began in the Criminal Division at the end of this month, will increase court revenue by an estimated \$2 million per year.

"We need to be proactive in collecting money," Kelly said. Another matter that Kelly feels strongly about is the Court Tower initiative that is under a feasibility study by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. The study, which started nine months ago, examines the possibility of a new courthouse that would contain all divisions of the court under one roof.

Ficano's office said the county is looking at the plans, specs, financials, and the intergovernmental agreement between the county and the 3rd Circuit Court that was considered in 2001 for a location near the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

But at present Ficano is studying a different approach — a correctional facility that would include facilities for the

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Third Circuit Court chief judge

court and the prosecutor's office.

The objective is to provide a single location for detention, the courts, and prosecutors, alleviating the pressure on local outcounty lockups. A regional complex would eliminate early detention due to overcrowding and provide one location for processing. Ficano's study committee is assessing the feasibility of the plan with no new taxes.

Additionally, the site considered in 2001 is owned by the Greektown Casino and would be utilized as their permanent site.

Currently, the three divisions of the court are in three separate buildings. Only two are in downtown Detroit and are within walking distance of one another.

The Criminal Division is at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on St. Antoine and the Civil Division is in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building on Woodward Avenue. The Family Division court is split, the domestic relationship cases are heard at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building and the juvenile cases are heard at the Lincoln Hall of Justice on East Forest and the I-75 freeway.

Kelly would prefer that all of her divisions be under one roof instead of being spread through three different buildings.

"Mr. Ficano is looking into the feasibility of this," Kelly said. "This study has been done before — on and off over the last 10 years."

Along with a new courthouse, Kelly said another objective for 2005 is new software for the court's computer system. The current software does not allow the three divisions to communicate with one another.

Kelly said that the cost for the software was \$1.2 million. But she adds, "Our request is supported. There's hope."

Friend of the Court, which is the child support wing of the

Family Division, is another area that Kelly looks to improve upon. Friend of the Court handles cases involving child custody, divorce, child and spousal support and parental visitation scheduling. Recently, they opened a new call center to handle the nearly 1,200 phone calls a day that they receive.

Kelly also wants to develop a program for Friend of the Court that would establish paternity sooner. This, in turn, would speed up the child support process.

This year, Kelly would like to provide a pay hike of three percent to court employees. She said that it has been five years since the employees have received a raise in pay.

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