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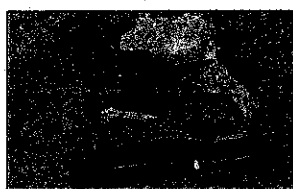
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Man charged in fatal accident at Meijer

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An 88-year-old Livonia man has been charged with negligent homicide for an accident that killed an 82-year-old woman in the Meijer parking lot in Westland.

George Gerald Kosmyna faces a Sept. 1 court hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial for the death of Josephine Gregory, who died nine days after the June 2

accident.

Kosmyna lost control of his car, which police said spun around and struck Gregory of Westland and another woman who survived.

In charging Kosmyna, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office had to consider the fallout from the accident, authorities said.

"I think we need to keep this in perspective," Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes said. "This isn't a man who just had one too many speeding

tickets. This is a man who disrupted the lives of two people and he, just as any other person, has to be subject to being accountable for his actions.

"He could be the nicest, kindest, gentlest person, but he, like everyone else, has to be held accountable for his actions," the chief added. "The court, the prosecutor's office and the police have an obligation to protect the public. We can't lose sight of the fact that this isn't just a driver's license sanctioning issue."

Kosmyna's defense attorney could not be reached for comment.

On Tuesday, Kosmyna appeared in front of Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight, who ordered Kosmyna to surrender his driver's license to police until it is officially revoked.

"The Secretary of State is to revoke his driver's license," said David Wiacek, court administrator.

A not guilty plea was entered for Kosmyna after he stood mute at his

arraignment. He could face penalties ranging up to two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine if convicted, although he also could receive probation.

Kosmyna has been ordered to reimburse the cost for the city's emergency response to the accident. He also has been ordered to pay prosecuting costs.

Gregory died from multiple injuries at the University of Michigan

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Cool it

Swimming pools and ice cream help beat the heat

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A blistering heat wave this week sent Westland and Garden City children on a mission to cool off.

What better way to beat oppressive temperatures than by diving into swimming pools and lining up outside of ice cream stands?



Alex White, 6 (front) and his 9-year-old sister, Emily, both of Canton, enjoy the Bailey Center pool in Westland. Their mother Theresa, who once was a lifeguard at the pool, is a schoolteacher at Edison and P.D. Graham elementaries in Westland.

"It's been a really hot summer," parent Lori Weier said Monday afternoon, waiting with 6-year-old daughter Cassidy for the Westland city pool to open behind the Bailey Recreation Center.

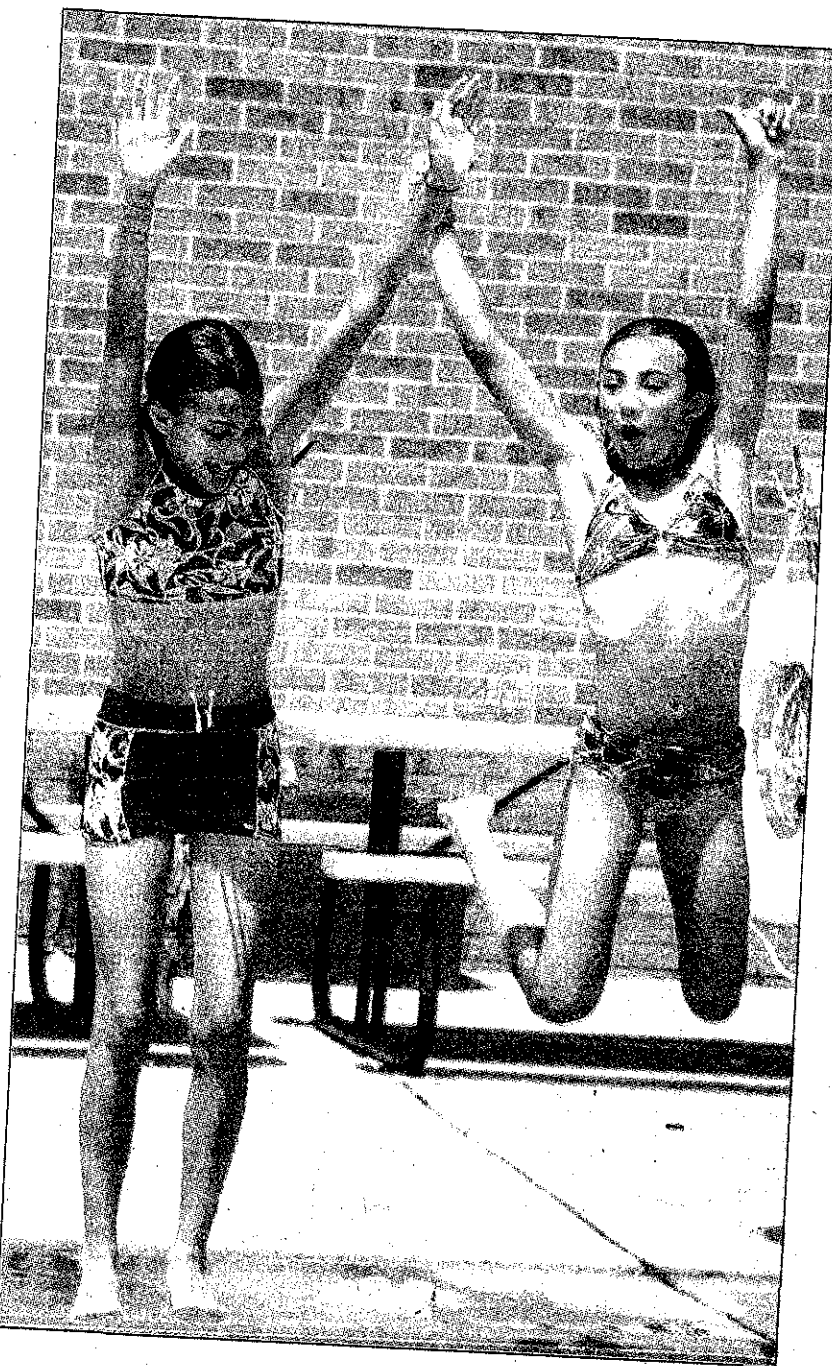
As temperatures soared past the 90-degree mark, Cassidy couldn't wait to make a splash.

"I like the water slide because you get to go in the deep end of the pool," she said.

Not to worry that the water was over her head. "She swims like a fish," her mother said. "She started when she was real young."

Weier brought her daughter and other children from the Lincoln Elementary School area for a second day of water play. "It's just so hot out,

PLEASE SEE HEAT, A2



Jasmine Sanchez (left) and Ciara Segó, both 12 and of Westland, enjoy leaping into the Bailey Center pool. They visit the pool often, particularly with temperatures topping 90 degrees.

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Accident seriously injures pedestrian

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne teenager who was struck by a car while crossing Wayne Road at Cherry Hill remained in critical condition Wednesday at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Myron Maddox, 17, received multiple broken bones and a closed head injury during the accident that happened about 10:40 p.m. July 7.

Maddox will likely never fully recover from the injuries, police Officer Jack McIntosh said.

The teenager was walking westbound across Wayne Road, on the north side of Cherry Hill, when he was hit by a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by a 37-year-old Belleville resident, police Officer Mark Cholak said.

Witnesses told police that the driver had a green light while heading southbound on Wayne Road.

The driver isn't expected to face any criminal charges, Cholak said. Neither drugs nor alcohol was a factor in the accident, he said.

Westland paramedics rushed Maddox to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center in Wayne, then he was airlifted to U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor.

On Wednesday, McIntosh said Maddox was in an intensive care unit of the pediatric unit.

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Make mine mud

Jaidin Brooks, 3, of Farmington Hills plays in the mud during Mud Day held Tuesday at Hines Park. For more, see Page A4.

Man charged with switching gems at jewelry store

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Dearborn Heights man is accused of going into a Westland jewelry store and swapping a fake gem for a \$5,000 diamond.

Tracy Johnson, who uses an alias of Tracy Beavers, was arraigned Sunday on a charge of first-degree retail fraud for an incident that happened Friday at Discount Jewelers, 8339 N. Wayne.

Store personnel told police that a man came into the store Friday afternoon and asked to look at a 1.26-karat diamond.

"The jeweler placed it on the counter for viewing, and the (suspect) intentionally

knocked the diamond onto the floor and then retrieved it," according to a police report.

Store workers told police that the man then placed a 2.5-karat cubic zirconium gem on the counter and started to walk away.

"The jeweler immediately recognized the scam because he was alerted about a similar incident that occurred in Novi," the police report said.

Police spotted a suspected getaway vehicle on northbound Newburgh, near Warren. After making a stop, officers said that the driver began to yell, "I didn't do nothing."

Police searched the vehicle and found nothing. The man admitted that he had been shopping for a diamond for his girlfriend.

Johnson has been accused by store personnel as the man who took the diamond, although he has denied it. The diamond still hasn't been found, police Sgt. James Dexter said.

Arraigned Sunday, Johnson was released after he posted \$1,000, or 10 percent of a \$10,000 bond. He has been ordered to appear in Westland 18th District Court for a July 21 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial.

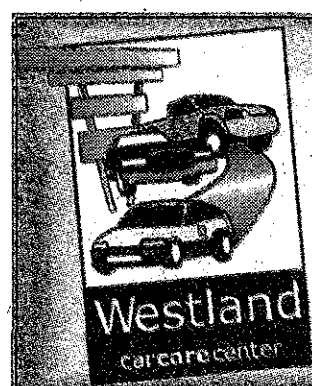
A not guilty plea has been entered for him. He could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted. Johnson is facing similar charges for an incident in Novi, Dexter said.

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Two men sought in armed robbery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman told police that she was robbed at gunpoint July 8 while walking out of the Speedway gas station at Cherry Hill and Newburgh.

The 19-year-old victim, accompanied by a 9-year-old girl she was babysitting, told police that two white males drove up in a car about 11:45 a.m. and ordered her to give up her money.

The driver pointed a blue steel, snub-nosed revolver at her and warned her that he had just been released from jail, according to police reports.

The victim confirmed for police that the man was wearing a white jail bracelet that had his picture on it.

The woman told police that she gave the robber several dollars that she had, fearing she would be shot and killed unless she complied with his demands.

The bandit didn't fire any shots and fled southbound on Newburgh after taking the money, police said.

Anybody who has information about the robbery is urged to call the Westland Police Department at (734) 722-9600.

The woman described the driver as a white male, about

20 years old, about 5-foot-6 with an average build and a shaved head. She said he had a tattoo under his right eye that started with the words "I am."

The driver also wore a baseball cap, a blue shirt and white shorts, the victim told police.

She described the passenger as a white male, about 17 years old with a shaved head and wearing a red shirt and blue shorts.

The two men were in an older-model, bluish-gray Ford Taurus that was described as being in a dilapidated condition.

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and this pool is nice and convenient," she said.

Nodding his head in agreement, 8-year-old Nick Szankin spoke with authority about his reasons for visiting the pool.

"It's big, it's deep, and it's got just enough room," he said. "The water slide is cool, and I like to dive in and swim around. It's a pretty fun pool. I've been coming here since I was 4 years old."

East down Ford in Garden City, Brittany Bejma, 11, and sister Taylor, 8, stood with their grandmother, Brenda Menendez, in a line that had formed outside the Dairy Queen. The girls, students at St. Raphael School, ordered cookie-dough Blizzards while taking a break from swimming at home.

"They taste so refreshing when it's hot outside," Brittany said.

The summer heat gave Menendez an excuse to indulge — not in ice cream, but something closer to her heart.

"This is what grandmothers do — bring them out for ice cream and spoil them rotten," she said.



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Stephanie Williams, 12, of Westland swings her 2-year-old cousin, Hayley Grant, around in the baby pool at the Bailey Center.

Strike up the band at Sunday series

Popular music will be on the program as the Novi Concert Band performs 6 p.m. Sunday at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion.

"We will do a popular music show — music for the audience," said first clarinet and assistant band director Diran Kochyan, whose full-time job is Garden City High School band director.

The 60-member band includes people in a variety of professions such as teachers, engineers, doctors and a children's author.

Audience members should bring their own chairs or blankets to the free concert at the pavilion, which is located behind the Westland Library on Central City Parkway north of Ford.

The 2005 Summer Concert Series continues at 6 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 21. Upcoming programs will include country music with the Waco Country Band on July 24, Dixieland music with the Birmingham Straw Hat Band on July 31 and Bluegrass music Aug. 7 with Roy Cobb and the Coachmen.

Westland's McGaw is Rotarian of the Year

Westland Rotarian Mary McGaw is known for rolling up her sleeves and going to work.

"I'm honored and pleased," the Westland resident said of her selection as this year's Rotarian of the Year. "I thank everybody."

She was recognized for her efforts in coordinating the twice-yearly toy show, which raises money for club scholarships and other service projects.

"It was nice of you to step up and take that project on," outgoing club President Margaret Harlow said of the toy show.

Also recognized was Rotarian Richard Strausbaugh for 25 years of perfect attendance. Erin Jackson of North Brothers Ford, who isn't a club member, was lauded for her work on Rotary's behalf.

Westland Rotary meets 12:15 p.m. each Thursday at Joy Manor, on Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland.

Todd Blevins recently took over as club president. He will serve a one-year term.

By Julie Brown

ACCIDENT

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Hospital nine days after the accident.

Her daughter, Anita Gillman of Long Island, N.Y., has said she hopes that Michigan state legislators will consider tight-

ening the tests that drivers, particularly the elderly, have to take to continue to drive.

"My mother didn't deserve to die like she died," Gillman told the *Observer*.

Gillman described her mother as a senior citizen Friendship Center volunteer whose projects included making medical pads for cancer

patients and clipping coupons to send to families of soldiers stationed overseas.

Gregory was politically involved in local elections, her daughter said, and she liked to visit casinos to play slot machines.

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Reading help on way in Wayne County

Reading and beyond

After 34 years of teaching reading, Livonia's Thomas R. Kroeger decided to retire and use his expertise to begin a new business venture. He called it Optimum Reading.

Anyone interested in improving their reading skills and comprehension can use the service.

"I wanted to provide reading improvement options for older students and adults who wanted to develop their skills to allow them greater success at school, college or the work place," said Kroeger. "After the initial meeting, users do all improvement work online, allowing for flexible scheduling and user privacy."

"Online monitoring and support is provided."

Kroeger said a significant benefit of this online reading program is an emphasis on improving the visual processing of a reader. It can result in "greater reading fluency and speed."

He uses a device to assess a reader's eye



movements. The 10-minute reading test shows whether a person's effectiveness is impacted by a visual processing problem. This exam generally costs \$75.

Programs are then designed to redirect eye movements if necessary, while also honing vocabulary and comprehension skills.

"I have used this program with at-risk adolescents, and I know it works," said Kroeger. "I see it benefiting educated foreign-born adults who want to increase their fluent reading of English. It also will improve the levels of adolescents who want to do better in school or prepare for college."

Optimum Reading is located at 34020 Seven Mile, suite 101, in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 471-8630, or check the Web at www.optimumreading.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@oe.homecomm.net or call (734) 953-2054.

Science equipment comes to high schools

Stevenson and Franklin High School students will receive some new science equipment, sensors and probes for collecting data, in the coming school year.

Churchill students already have access to the PASCO Explorer Datalogger and related software. On Tuesday, Livonia Public School trustees approved the purchase of \$22,318 worth of equipment, to be paid for with Building and Site Technology fund money. The equipment works with recently purchased wireless notebook computers and can be used in the classroom and outdoors for various areas of scientific research.

The data collected by these devices is downloaded into the computers for graphing and to be analyzed.

"I work for a company in Southfield," said Tom Bailey, trustee. "All these pieces of equipment, we use (them) everyday. I think it's absolutely wonderful we're able to afford our students state-of-the-art technology at their fingertips. It will save them hours of inputting and graph collecting."

Trustee Rob Freeman agreed and said such technology will allow students to spend more time on "true learning."

By Stephanie A. Casola



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Garden tea party goes back in time

Tuesday night turned out to be a perfect time for tea in Livonia.

Greenmead Historical Village welcomed about 80 women - some sporting those signature red hats - for A Midsummer's Night Tea party.

"We set it in the gardens on the south lawn of Hill House," said Linda Wiacek, recreation supervisor for Greenmead.

The tranquil location provided a backdrop as visitors enjoyed hot or iced tea, tea sandwiches, scones and a variety of desserts. This week's event marked only the third outdoor tea hosted at Greenmead.

"The event is a fund-raiser for

Greenmead, but it is also a time for people to do something nice for themselves," said Wiacek. "It's a very relaxing way to spend time with friends and family."

The event is arranged outdoors under tents and follows a formal standard for tea. From the linen tablecloths draped in flowery overlay, to white china, shining silver and candlelight, organizers paid close attention to detail when preparing the grounds.

"We were able to sell out the evening," said Wiacek. And to handle the group, about 20 Greenmead volunteers served as waitstaff, sporting white pinafores.

Organizers raised more than

\$1,700 which will be reinvested into Greenmead's historical projects, such as the ongoing restoration and reconstruction of the Alexander Blue House.

"Any funds we raise do stay with the property," said Wiacek. "We're a jewel within the city of Livonia. What we have is to be enjoyed by the public."

Events at Greenmead include:

■ The Highland Games, a Scottish-themed family festival set for Saturday, Aug. 6.

■ The 14th annual Mustang Memories Car Show, new this year to Greenmead's campus, will be Sunday, Aug. 14.

■ The AMC Car Show will be hosted on the grounds on Sunday, Aug. 21.



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Members of The Red Hat Society Mary Brick of Garden City (left) and Pat Waterstradt of Livonia (right) swap stories during A Midsummer Night's Tea Party at Greenmead.

RECREATION CAMPS

Dance Camp

Join Ms. Helen's Westland Dance Summer Day Camp, learning tap, jazz, hip hop, pom-pom and ballet. Youngsters will participate in three dance classes each day, swimming every day and do a craft each day. Snacks and drinks will be provided each day, but participants should bring a sack lunch. On the last day, there will be a pizza party.

The program is for ages 7-12 years. Session 1 is 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, July 12-15, preregister by July 1, and Session 2 will be 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Aug. 9-12, preregister by July 29. Cost is \$180 per student. Enrollment is limited, and each student will receive a camp shirt. Call (734) 261-3744.

Lacrosse Camp

An all pro and college Division I, II and III coach and player staff will teach introductory lacrosse sessions 9 a.m.-noon July 25-July 28 at Central City Park soccer area behind Bailey Recreation Center.

The camp is for kids in grades 1-4. It is non-contact with loaner sticks available. For sessions for grades 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, all players must be fully equipped. Grades 11-12, call (248) 788-7020 for private lessons.

The cost is \$225 per student, which includes a camp jersey.

Basketball Camp

Kids will spend the week learning fundamentals of basketball, such as dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. There will be a variety of fun and challenging games and drills, at least two full-court games, three-on-three tournaments, free throw contests and beat the counselor events.

The camp is for kids ages 7-15. It will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 18-22 and Aug. 1-5. The cost is \$125 for one week or \$210 for both weeks. Bring a bag lunch or money to purchase pizza and chips, a water bottle, and gym shoes. Each camper will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call (248) 496-3268.

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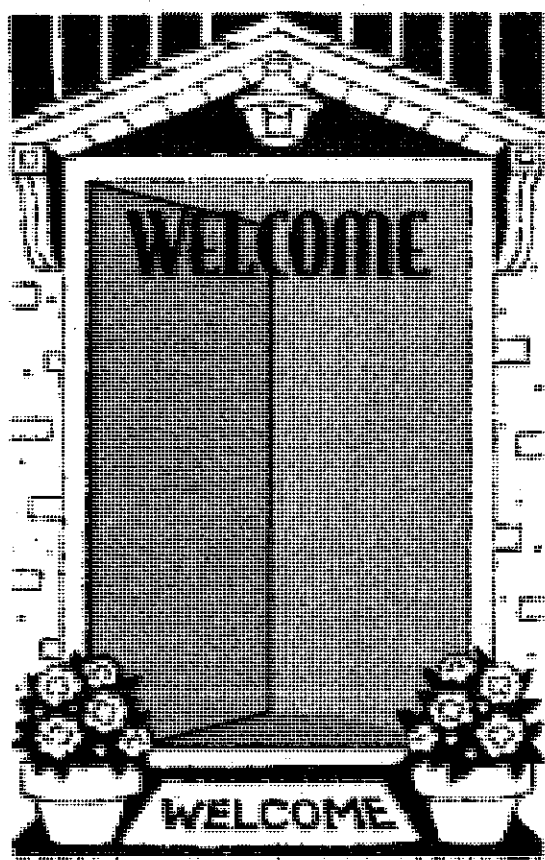
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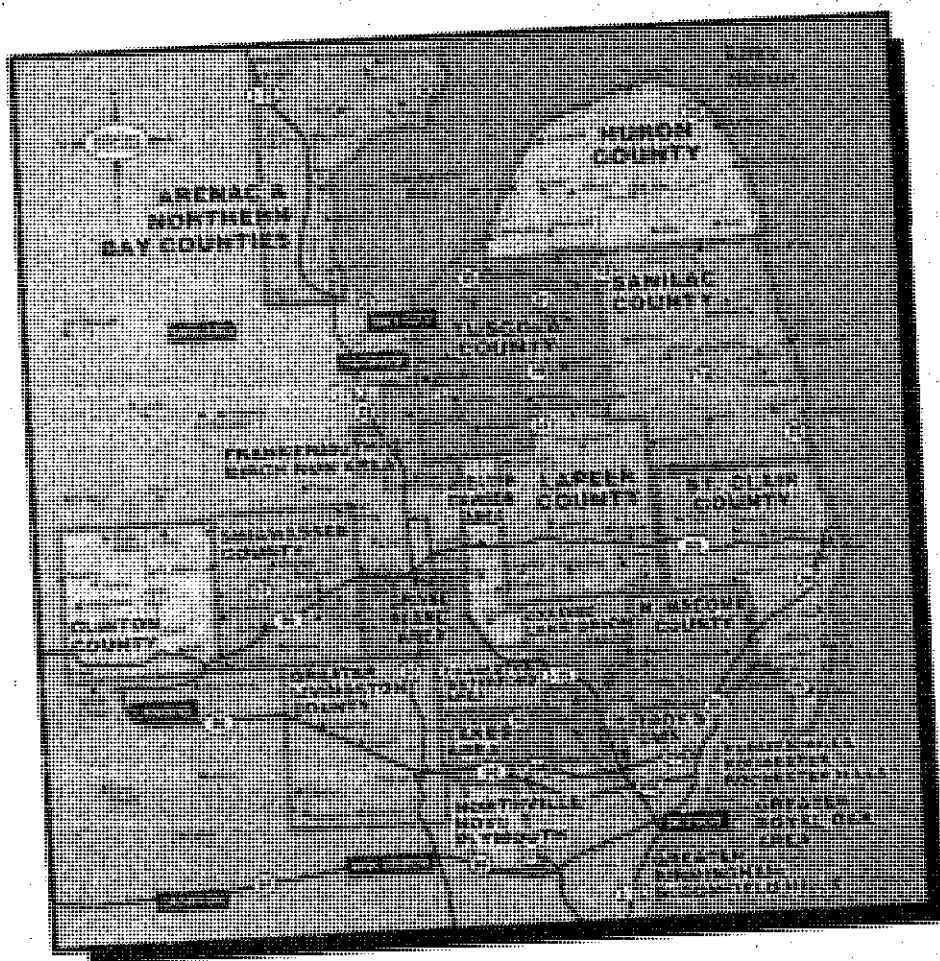
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Craig F. Herbst, 58, died July 8.
Leona Ariene (Morgan) Hughes, 76, of Troy died July 5.

K
Margie J. Kuckelman, died July 9.

S
Gayla D. Schier, 69, Bloomfield Hills, died July 5.
Eugene B. Steininger, 79, of Bloomfield Hills, died July 10.



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Children race into the mud pit during the start of Mud Day.

For the love of Mud

Annual Mud Day lets kids frolic in the ooze

For a kid it just doesn't get any better than this.

Tuesday was a day for getting down and dirty. It was a day to celebrate being really, really yucky.

It was Wayne County's annual Mud Day at Nankin Mills.

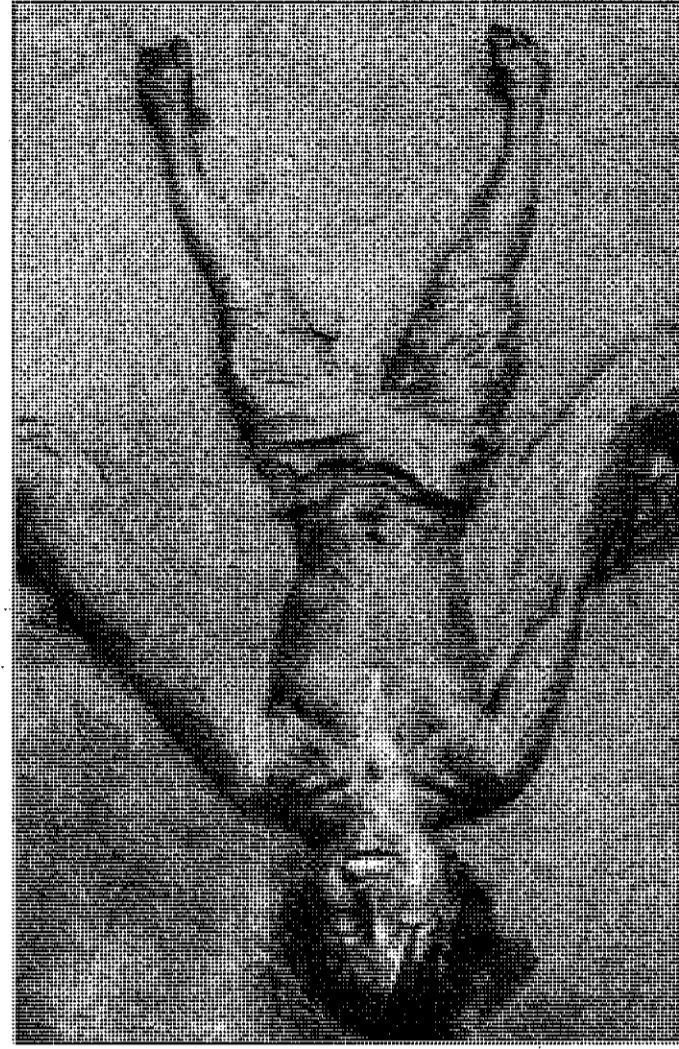
The county did its part by dumping 200 tons of topsoil and then mixing it with 20,000 gallons of water to create just the right amount of muddiness. Then it was time for the kids to take over. They dashed eagerly into the swirling pool of muck, covering themselves from head to toe with the wonderful liquidified dirt.

They danced Mud Limbo. They tossed mud balls. They slid. They splashed. They coated themselves in the bronze ooze.

And it was OK with Mom



Brennan Gleason of Farmington Hills swims through mud.



7-year-old Austin Horner of Livonia swims the backstroke in the mud during Mud Day.

and Dad. Perfect!
After the mud bath, a fire truck gave everyone a cool shower to "clean" them off.

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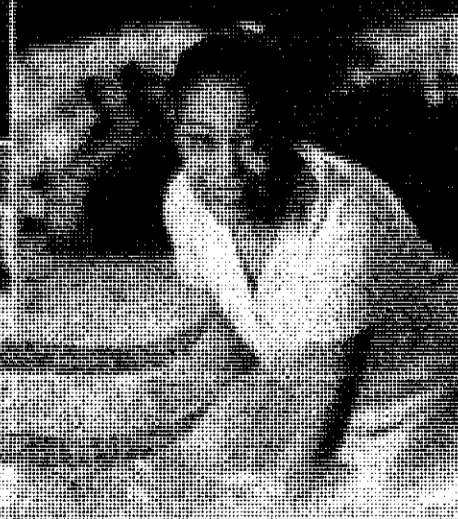
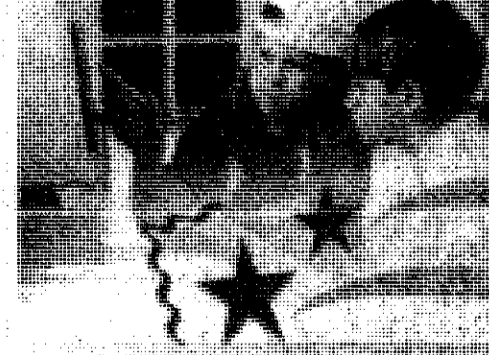
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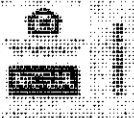
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Brittany Cobb, Jared Coleman, Shelbi Coniam, Ashleigh Cornell, Robert Costello, Chelsea Craig, Mona Darwish, Vincent Davidson, Jeffrey Dean, Hayden Derr, Charity Dillard, Marques Dismuke, Eda Djelli, Zachary Donbrock, Carolyn Doyle, James Dutchak, Samantha Dye, Jessica Eaves, Victoria Elsey, Michael England, Zachary Erenat, Alysia Escobar, Janette Evans.

Tyler Femat, Shayne Fitzgerald, Audra Flores, David Ford, Zachary Ford, Ardale Foster, Dominique France, Alex Fucik, Jennifer Galunas, Hina Gandher, Felicia Garza, Allyson Gibbs, Kevin Glass, Magen Glass, Ashley Graham, Brooke Graham, Lauren Green, Cameron Greig, Alissa Groth, Ashley Guldner, Emily Hall, Maria Hall, Christopher Hammel, Michael Haner.
Matthew Hansen, Meghan Hartman, Ashley Hassett, Joi Hearn, Shannon Hesch, Bailey Hessler, Joey Hickman, Brandon Hicks, Jamie Higgs, Corey Hinton, Brandi Holbrook, Robert Horton, Bryan Hubbs, Kelly Hudson, Jennifer Humbach, Ashley Hunt, David Hunter, Robert Hurst, Cody Iannetta, Kristina Iannicello, Christie Iller, Jacquelyn Isenhardt.
Inas Ismail, Rajah Ismail, Aaron Jackson, Shelby Jackson, Kyle Janes, Andrew Janos, Chelsea Jenkins, Paris Jones, Cassandra Jordan, Kory Kalnasy, Eun Ho Kang, Chelsea Kangas, Amber Karr, Adam Karson, Victoria Keelean, Alexander Kelly, Patrick Kemp, Nolan Kennedy, Catherine Khan, Corissa Kijek, Aubrey King, Tyler Kinloch, Richard Kleitch.

Cassondra Knaub, Jenna Kollar, Zachary Korona, Nicholas Kostora, Christopher Kovacs, Nicholas Koveleski, Stephen Kulikowski, Beth Kwiecinski, Timothy Lawler, Timothy Ledford, Samantha Lee, Tara Leleniewski, Ashley Lenczewski, Marissa Letellier, Michelle Levy, Ira Lindsey, Colton Lipinski, Kara Lipinski, Krystal Lowrey, Monika Lubas, Areanna Luckett.

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Leanna Miller, Megan Mizzi, Amanda Mominee-Curmi, Conner Monroe, Brian Monty, Destiny Moore, Tyler Murch, Allison Murphy, Steven Murphy, Andrew Mustunis, Andrew Myers, Paris Myrtolli, Asra Najam, Sidra Najam, Ashley Noeyack, Stephen Novak, Kevin O'Brien, Caitlin Orsette, Kristina Ostrowski, Sapan Patel, Anthony Pavlich, Marissa Pawlowski.
Danielle Peel, Rachel Peel, Michael Penhollow, Erin Perry, Casey Peterson, Montae Peterson, Brittany Pingle, Shane Potter, Gerald Powell, Justin Price, Amanda Prough, Addison Queen, Jessica Raymor, Ryan Raymor, Anthony Reakoff, Danielle Redden, Illisia Reddy, Taylor Riggs-Buford, Ryan Ritondale, Corey Robbins, Tabatha Roberts, Molly Robinett.

Ryan Robinson, Emily Rockafellow, Michael Rogers, Jordan Rohraff, Rachel Romanek, Anthony Rudd, Kyle Rudnicki, Emily Saavedra, Gerald Salter, Andee Samborski, Cassie Sanders, Robert Schurig, Olivia Senia, Ashley Shaloub, Joshua Shewmaker, Cara Sieczkowski, Sukhjit Singh, Monica Smarsh, Steven Smith, Tiffany Smith, Joseph Smyser, Steven Snyder.
Briana Southard, Cecily Sparks, Kellie Spehar, Ashley Sportsman, Shelley Sportsman, Kyle Stamper, Bryan Staples, Chelsea Stolker, Quentin Swasey, Ashlee Szabo, Kharla Pear Tanap, Amanda Tate, Alicia Taylor, Jordan Taylor, Melanie Teschke, Katelyn Thebeau, Dylan Thomas, Andrew Thorne, Jacob Toarmina, John Tufnell, Sommer Tuttle.

Taylor Tuttle, Jeremy Vandegriff, Kristine Vichinsky, Louisa Ann Villaroman, Miles Watson, Brittney Whited, Chelsey Whitt, Kristina Wiitanen, Dayra Williams, Nehemiah Williams, Tiffany Williams, Samatha Wilson, Anthony Wilton, Alaina Witt, Alexander Wojnar, Justine Woodard, Scott Woodruff, Evan Woody, Margaret Wright, Keila Wynn.

Kelsie Yax, Roxanne Young, Alejandra Zarate and Jillian Zemla.

Locals look to help rebuild Iraq

BY SARA CALLENDER STAFF WRITER

Rebuilding war-torn Iraq should begin abroad, but there are ways U.S. residents can help.

"One of our suggestions is that they try to put as many Iraqis to work as possible instead of foreigners, because that could cut down on the violence," said Martin Manna, spokesman for the Chaldean American Chamber of

Commerce. "But, there are many ways we can do business."

Establishing business relations is among the topics that will be discussed at the Rebuilding Iraq Conference, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 29, at the Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield. The conference is sponsored by USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development).

Conference participants will also have the opportunity to make contacts with current USAID contractors who have awarded more than \$4 billion in contracts and grants for reconstruction work in Iraq.

"Anyone can bid on these construction contracts," Manna said. "The public, and Iraqis especially, are really interested in helping out with the current situation in Iraq, and this conference will open

those doors."

Among the featured speakers are USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios. Other speakers at the conference are Joseph Fredericks, director of USAID public information and Ross Wherry, director of the USAID Iraq task force.

Salah, vice president of Iraqi government, Hachim al Hassani, chairman of Iraqi parliament, and Nasreen Barwari, Iraqi minister of pub-

lic works, have been invited to attend the conference.

There are about 150,000 Iraqis in southeast Michigan, about 80 percent of whom are Chaldean.

"Many Iraqis here have families still in Iraq," Manna said. "They know the lay of the land. They can offer us a lot of advice to help build business relations."

Tickets to the conference are \$50 for chamber members and \$100 for nonmembers. For more information, call (248) 538-3700 or log onto www.rebuildingiraqconference.com on the Internet.

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Christopher Bowie, Amanda Bowman, Jonathan Bryant, Samantha Buglione, Dominic Burnett, Christopher Burtraw, Alaina Butner, Aaron Byrd, Jonathan Cahill, William Cain, Samantha Calladine, Cody Campbell, Brittanie Candy, Danielle Capraro, Samantha Carrier, Amanda Chalmers, Denecia Charles, Brittney Coleman, Samantha Collins.

Megan Connolly, Heather Copeland, Nastika Cukali, Patrik Culey, Melissa Dabelstein, Alexander Dayton, Cierra Decraene, Staci Delezenne, Ann Demetriou, Jessica Denny, Felicia Desselles, Samantha Desselles,

Michael Dewulf, William Diem, Samantha Domeier, Elizabeth Dougias, Ashley Elliott, Shelby Erickson, Antwanetta Faulk, Heather Favazza, Pilar Felan.

Jessica Fielhauer, Joseph Figueroa, Aiyssa Fiorn, Katie Fogg, Mercedes Franke, Scott Franklin, Anita Freeman, Scot Fretwell, Shaunessee Fuchs, Michael Gallagher, Adrienne Gardner, Chelsea Gilbert, Joshua Gill, Thomas Goachee, Michelle Good, Elizabeth Gottlieb, Jenna Graham, Ian Green, Joshua Green, Kayla Greene, Heather Green Shields, Kevante Grimes.

Allison Hammond, Cassandra Hardy, Zakkary Hardyniec, Brandon Harnos, Kelsea Harris, Michelle Harris, Renee Hartert, Amber Hartford, Amanda Harvey, Anita Hatch, Unique Hayes, Christopher Henisse, Donald Herber, Cody Hilla, Davon Holt, Kelsie Honeycutt, Paris Horgrow, Pierre Horgrow, Jeffrey Horne, Stefanie Huffman, Briana Hunter.

Miles Hutchinson, Frances Jackson, Gabrielle Jackson, Shelby Jackson, Alicia Jacobs, Taylor Jacobs, Arooba Javed, Cody Johanesen, Cassie Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Jenna Johnson, Kaitlyn Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Alexis Jones,

Diane Jones, Kaitland Jones, Hope Kaminski, Kristen Kaminski, Jordyn Karpinski, Ishpreet Kaur, Hunter Kennedy.

Vivian Kennedy, Monica Kmet, Kayla Korinek, Kayla Korinek, Dylan Korzetki, Christopher Kouri, Henry Kozlowski, Mary Kreutzkamp, Kyle Kruckow, Courtney Kucharski, Jessica Kuder, Samantha Kull, Jessica Labeau, Jory Labert, Patrick Lafferty, Halee Lankton, Timothy Lauderbach, Tony Lave, Heather Laveque, Shayna Lenox, Kateri Little, Nicole Little.

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Pipe, Chelsea Pobur, Amanda Poirier, Trevor Pollard, Renaldo Powell.

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Camille Springer, Jessica Spytka, Ashley Stamper, Keiara Stevenson, Christopher Stewart, Taylor Stewart, Eric Story, Ashley Struppa, Rachel Sullivan, Brianna Swales, Sara Tackett, Nicholas Tarnowsky, Jacob Tenerovich, Jane Thayer, Brandon Thomas, Kristy Thomas, Matthew Thompson, Steven Thompson, William Toms, Alyssa Torres, Taylor Tucker.

Martin Urbaniak, Chloé Ursem, Shawn Van Dyke, Kneco Veres, Ashlee Vernon, Ashley Wasik, Shelby Watts, Jordan Weatherwax, Korie-Lynn Whitlark.

Edina Whittenberg, Candace Williams, Daniel Wilson, Krysta Wilson, Joanna Witte, Kellie Woodart, Katherine Yax, Torri York and Andrew Zimmerman.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The Westland Youth Assistance Program is at 36701 Ford Road in an addition to the Westland Police Department. The separate glass entrance facing City Hall and comfortable waiting area allows for private, professional, environment to assist families in Westland.

Westland youth ages 7 through 16 are referred to Youth Assistance by the police, courts, schools, parents and other agencies.

Once referred, an intake appointment is scheduled to explain the program's services to the youth and parents (guardians), and to offer them the opportunity to discuss their concerns and to ask questions. All information discussed is confidential. All services are free to Westland residents.

If the assessment determines that a youth is appropriate for Youth Assistance, the following services may be required for the youth:

- Life Choices classes.
- Drug screens.

- Supervised Community Work Service.
- Jail/prison tour.
- Team Adventure Challenge.
- Mentoring.
- Karate.
- Counseling.

Parents are required to participate in a Parenting Skills and Support Group.

The Westland Youth Assistance Program is funded by the City of Westland with additional funds from Wayne County, the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Target Corporation and North Bros. Ford.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Evening appointments are available by request.

You also can contact the WYAA via e-mail at wyaaw@wyaaw.org. For more information, contact Executive Director Ronael Bowman or Deputy Director Paul Motz at (734) 467-7904.

CLUBS IN ACTION

Listings for Clubs in Action should be submitted in writing. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.homecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile. Beginning genealogy and computer classes start at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Hospital retirees
The Oakwood-Annapolis Retirees meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Venoy at Howe in Wayne. All Oakwood Retirees are welcome to attend.

Silver Strings Dulcimer
Musicians and listeners are welcome to stop by and visit a traditional music jam 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Acoustic instruments include hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, concertina, autoharp, recorder, penny-whistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

Westland Rotary
The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland.

Spirit of Detroit
Spirit of Detroit Chorus rehearsals are 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster. The group is for women who love to sing. It is active in chorus competition. For information, call (734) 721-7742.

Sweet Adelines
The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style. Rehearsals are 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti. For more information, call (734) 480-8843 or visit www.sweetadelines.org

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Call (734) 721-5023. Call Rosalie at (734) 728-0299 for more information.

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 414-3401 noon to 8 p.m.

The Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman in Westland. For information, visit www.toastmasters.org.

Toastmasters International meets 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month at St. John Episcopal Church, on Sheldon in Plymouth. Guests are welcome, and there is no pressure to speak. Call (734) 459-0715 for information.

Genealogical society
The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of Ford. For more information, call (734) 722-7632 or (734) 722-7628.

- Alterations: The Friendship Center offers alterations for a nominal fee every Tuesday.
- Advisory Council: A group of elected individuals representing their various clubs within the city and Friendship Center. The Advisory Council discusses and determines various senior needs and deliberates which issues should be presented to the Commission on Aging. Meets the first Friday of the month.
- Angel Wings: 5 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Blood Pressure Check: Offered 9:30 a.m. every first and third Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Book Club: 1 p.m. Fridays.
- Canadian Prescription Drug Program: Call for information.
- Card Groups: Five groups of Pinochle, one Euchre and one Bridge

Club.

- Ceramics: 9:30 a.m. Thursdays.
- Commission on Aging: Appointed by the Mayor, the commission advises the department of the needs of older adults and studies recommendations made by the Advisory Council. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.
- Computer Classes: Offers beginning, intermediate and advanced classes at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays.
- Congregate Meal: Lunch is served daily at 11:30 a.m. It gives seniors a great opportunity to socialize with peers. Call 24 hours in advance and before 11 a.m. to make or cancel reservations.
- Cosmetologists: Every Wednesday and Friday by appointment only.
- Couponing Group: 3 p.m. every third Thursday.
- Couponing for Military: 9 a.m. Wednesdays.
- Creative Writing Group: 1 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fishing Derby

Co-sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation Department and the Westland Fire Department, youngsters 14 years old and under are invited to show off their fishing skills at the sixth annual Westland Fishing Derby 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Friendship Lake in Central City Park. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Space is limited, so preregister by Aug. 17.

The goal is to catch and release as many fish as you can in a two-hour period. Prizes will be awarded for the most fish caught for various age groups. Bring a fishing pole and bait. Those without fishing poles can reserve a pole in advance by contacting the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620.

Juice, coffee and doughnuts will be provided for breakfast. Hot dog lunch also provided.

Sponsored by the Westland Therapeutic Recreation Club, Kicks 4 Kids and the Youth Assistance Program, the next Community Garage Sale will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, in the parking lot west of City Hall. For information about reserving a space, pick up a flyer at the Bailey Center or call 734-722-7620.

Magic Monday Family Night
Meet the "WMOG" Magic Family while celebrating National Clown Week at the Magic Monday Family Night, 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, at the Bailey Center pool and gymnasium. There will be inflated games provided by Bobby's Bouncers, and a hot dog dinner special provided by Spotty Dogs Hot Dog Concession.

The cost is \$3 per adult and \$2 per child for swimming, pay at the door. No charge for adults in the wading area. A hot dog and chips cost \$1.05. All other activities are free.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
JULY 19, 2005 - BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to correct mutual mistakes of fact or clerical errors. PA74 of 1995 authorizes the July Board of Review to hear appeals for poverty exemptions, but not for poverty exemptions denied by the March Board of Review. This applies to current year only.

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PRESCHOOLS

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Willow Creek
Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, on Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne Road in Westland, is a non-profit co-op preschool for tots, 3 and 4 years old. It serves Westland, Canton and surrounding communities. The Moms and Tots program meets Friday mornings. Three-year-olds meet Tuesday and Thursday and four-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Morning and afternoon sessions available. For more information, call Lucy Arunachalam at (734) 453-5959.

Preschool program
The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has registration for preschool programs at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary impaired program and Sparky Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 419-2635.

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Looking for a great preschool? Choose McKinley Cooperative Preschool at 6500 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Nondiscriminatory and fully licensed, the program is open to youngsters ages 2-4. Morning and afternoon classes are offered. For information, call (734) 729-7222 or visit the Web site at www.mckinleypreschool.org.

YWCA Readiness
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

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Methodist

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool is now enrolling for the 2004-05 school year. Four-year-olds attend on Mondays and Wednesdays; three-year-olds attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the preschool office at (734) 728-3559. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9-11:30 a.m.

Garden City Co-op
Garden City Co-op Nursery, housed in the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt at John Hauk, has openings in its programs for children 18 months to 4 years. The tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, while the older youngsters meet on Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Parents can call (734) 261-2838 for more information.

United Christian
United Christian School on Florence near Middlebelt north of Cherry Hill offers classes two, three and five days a week. Classes meet mornings and afternoons for 3-5-year-olds, as well as flexible times for parents who need more than the scheduled preschool hours. There is a full curriculum in pre-reading, writing and early mathematics, including computer time. Call (734) 522-6487 for more information.

Little Peoples
Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. The preschool is at 8820 Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

Little Lambs
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia has classes Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

Garfield Co-op
Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 15 months to 5 years of age. It is in Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

Building Blocks
Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. A prekindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a parent/child toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359.

Find out how you can Train To End Stroke

The American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is recruiting local residents to join Train To End Stroke - a team marathon training and fundraising program sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Participants can choose to walk or run a full or half marathon in the P.F. Chang's® Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon on Jan. 15 or the Miami Tropical Marathon on Jan. 29.

For the five-month period leading up to the event, participants will be matched with a prominent professional coach. Coaches Alice Ahearn, Anne Demko, John Hazen and Antonia Vivian will develop a training plan for each individual and make themselves available once a week for those who want to train together as a team.

While training, team members will also raise funds for local stroke research and educational efforts in the area. For those who reach the training and fundraising goals, the American Stroke Association will provide airfare, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, the marathon entry fee and celebration dinners.

"Nearly every Train To End Stroke participant knows someone who has had a stroke," says Ryan Davis, director of the Train To End Stroke program. "It is that person, their 'stroke hero', who inspires them to reach the training, fundraising and marathon goals. Even more inspiring are the 'stroke heroes' who participate in

the marathon. Many of them walk with difficulty, but they are determined to beat the disease. When you participate with them, you constantly are reminded why you are doing it."

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of severe, long-term disability. About 700,000 Americans suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. On average, someone in this country suffers a stroke every 45 seconds.

Information sessions are free, informal meetings led by local Train To End Stroke staff and coaches to discuss the program that will run from August to January. The meetings include an overview of the program, from training to race day.

There is no obligation to join the team. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not necessary.

For more information call (248) 827-4214 or visit the American Stroke Association Web site at www.strokeassociation.org/ttes. Information sessions will be held:

- Monday, July 18, at 6 p.m. at Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth
- Tuesday, July 19, at 6 p.m. at Detroit Public Library, 3666 Grand River, Detroit
- Wednesday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at Macomb County Library, 16480 Hall Road, Clinton Township
- Thursday, July 21, at 6 p.m. at Baldwin District Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham

■ Saturday, July 23, at noon at Mallets Branch Library, 3090 Eisenhower Road, Ann Arbor

■ Monday, July 25, at 6 p.m. at St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 E. 11 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores

■ Tuesday, July 26, at 6 p.m. at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield

■ Wednesday, July 27, at 6 p.m. at Brighton District Library, 100 Library Drive, Brighton

■ Thursday, July 28, at 6 p.m. at North Oakland, YMCA, 3378 E. Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills

■ Saturday, July 30, at 4 p.m. at South Oakland YMCA, 1015 W. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak

■ Monday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m. at Holiday Inn, Troy, 2537 Rochester Court, Troy

■ Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. at Summit at the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

■ Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. at Macomb County Library, 16480 Hall Road, Clinton Township

■ Thursday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m. at Holiday Inn, Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Freeway, Dearborn

■ Monday, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m. at Farmington YMCA, 281000 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

■ Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m. at Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland

TRASH RULES

City officials have issued the following guidelines to help local residents:

Transfer site
The city of Westland's rubbish transfer site, 37137 Marquette, is open now through Saturday, Oct. 29. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Only Westland residents can use the transfer site. No commercial vehicles or contractors may use it. Proof of Westland residency must be shown. To cover disposal costs, the city will charge a fee at the site before dumping is allowed. It's \$13 for a car, sport utility vehicle or minivan; \$23 for a small pickup or van; \$31 for a standard pickup or a 4-by-6 trailer; \$46 for a trailer that's 4-by-8 or 5-by-8; and \$62 for large trailers 5-by-10 or 5-by-12. Car and truck parts and tires will not be accepted. Household furniture and appliances are to be removed at the residential premises by the city's waste disposal contractor. Call (734)

728-1770 prior to the regular trash pickup day. Tree branches, shrubs, stumps, dirt and roof shingles will not be accepted at the transfer site. Used motor oil will only be accepted on Friday and Saturday by an attendant on duty.

Recycling center
Now through Oct. 21, the city's recyclable drop-off center is open 7:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The site is closed Sundays and holidays.

- Here's what's accepted:
- Glass bottles and jars: They must be washed clean with lids and metal rings removed. No plate glass is accepted and no ceramics, Pyrex cookware, Mr. Coffee pots, dirty containers with food, and no mirrors.
 - Newspapers: They must be stacked neatly 6 to 15 inches high and tied with twine or packed into paper bags. They should be dry and have no mold. No junk mail, catalogs, magazines or

phone books are accepted, and no office paper, computer paper or cardboard.

■ Metal aluminum that won't stick to a magnet: This applies to cans only, no scrap metal. No foil or foil containers will be accepted.

■ Metal steel that will stick to a magnet: This includes tin cans, which should be rinsed clean with both ends removed and flattened to save room in the Dumpster. No paint, aerosol cans or scrap metal will be accepted.

■ Plastics: This includes plastic drink jugs and colored laundry detergent jugs, and they must be cleaned out. The following will not be accepted: lids, plastic bags, caustic material containers, such as drain cleaner, oil or antifreeze containers.

■ Batteries: Accepted will be flashlight type dry cell batteries, watch batteries, camera batteries, hearing aid batteries, NiCD batteries and automotive batteries.

■ Used motor oil: It will be accepted

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. No medical waste will be accepted. To dispose of hazardous waste, such as antifreeze, gasoline and paint, contact Painter & Rutenberg at (313) 561-0303 or the state Department of Environmental Quality at (800) 662-9278. They can provide suggestions for disposal.

Compost season
The city's compost season is now through Dec. 9. Compost will be picked up the same day as regular trash.

Compost must be in cans labeled yard waste or in Kraft-type brown paper bags specifically designed for yard waste. Leaves and other yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up. Compost must be separated from regular trash by at least 10 feet. All brush and limbs must be tied in bundles of 4-foot length and can't be more than 60 pounds. No stumps or roots will be accepted. Call (734) 728-1770.

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OUR VIEWS

K-overflow plan is workable alternative

Livonia Public Schools' plan for handling kindergarten overflow may not make every parent happy, but it does seem to make sense for the district as a whole, especially given the economic difficulties facing the district.

Nobody can blame parents for trying to get what they think is best for their youngsters, which means keeping their kids at their neighborhood school. At a recent school board meeting, some parents from Grant Elementary asked district officials to reconsider their plan to move extra students - kindergartners only - to other schools due to overcrowding.

School officials are correct to closely guard their class sizes. Because of that, they have moved any kindergarten students above that class size limit to other schools. The only exception is when there are enough extra students in kindergarten to add a teacher and a classroom at that school.

Moving those extra kindergartners to another school includes door-to-door transportation. And, school officials note, that move only lasts one year: Youngsters in first grade and beyond are put into combined classes if there are overflow numbers in older grades.

Parents who want the district to change its policy say that isn't enough. They note that the district is in competition for these students, as each one brings state funding with them. And they say preparing a youngster to go to school is enough without preparing them to go to a different place than their siblings or neighbors might be attending. Since this has only been a problem at Grant Elementary, it may be time for the district to consider shifting attendance boundaries for that building to try to limit future overflows.

School officials know that most children are resilient. They'll do better in the smaller classroom, even at a different school, than they'd do in a bigger classroom, so it's worth a temporary move, they say. That argument would be all the more effective if the district could show parents studies or surveys of academic and/or social progress of students who may have been moved in the past.

If school officials can find a way to make it work economically, they need to; keeping our neighborhood schools serving neighborhood children is the ideal situation. However, the district's kindergarten overflow solution seems to be a workable, temporary alternative.

Nonprofits can learn from new United Way

Earlier this year, the boards of United Way Community Services and United Way of Oakland County did something to strengthen and sustain the work of the United Way mission for years to come. Board members voted themselves out of a job in order to create a new United Way which serves all of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties (with the exception of Plymouth, which continues to have its own United Way).

It took leadership and commitment to develop the new model. It meant that many leaders of business, labor, government, education and human services had to look beyond their own small community and/or personal and professional interests and reach out to create a more focused, regional organization that will impact the region for years to come.

The new organization - United Way for Southeastern Michigan - is more than a fund-raising organization. The new United Way is committed to measurable, sustainable community change for years to come.

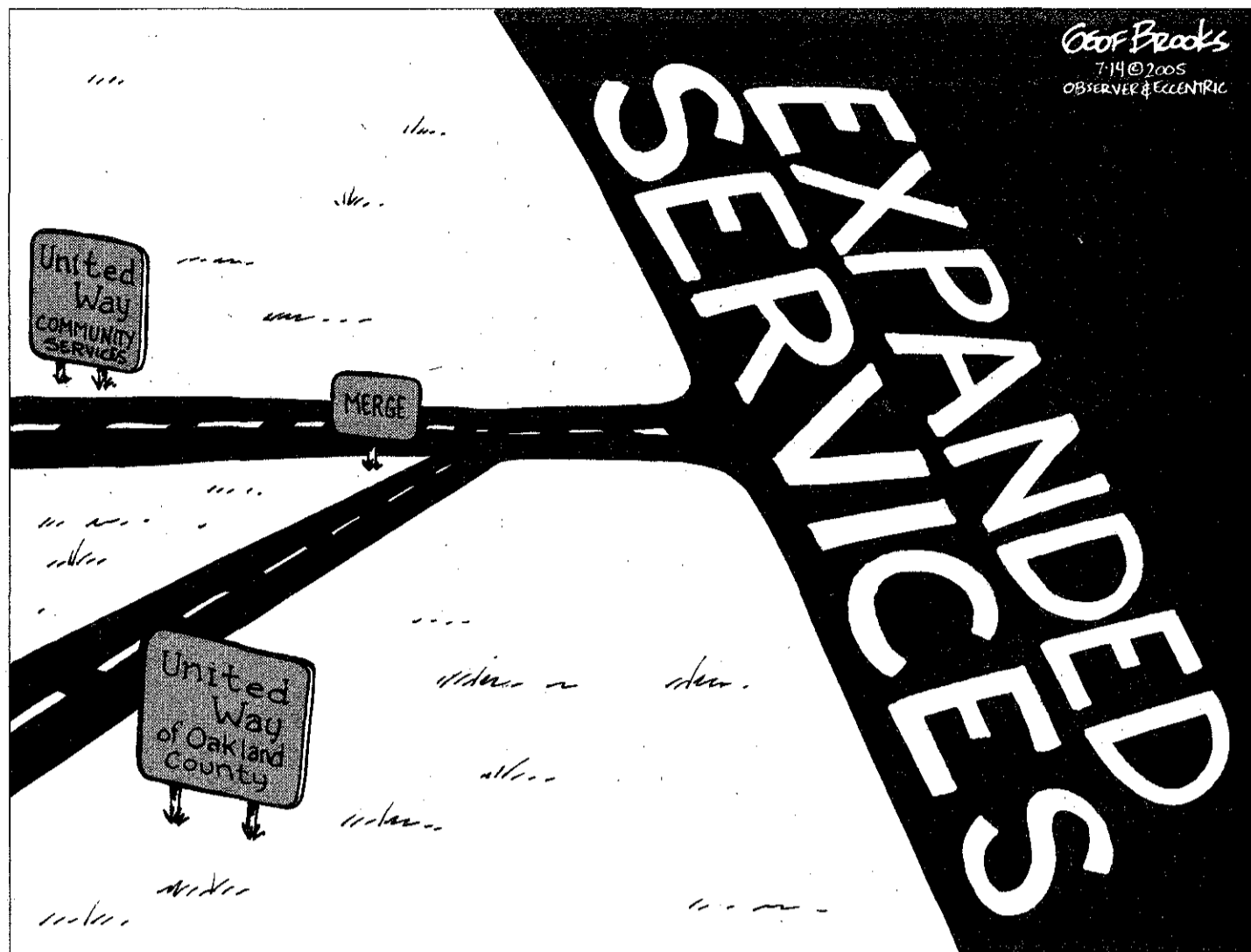
Bigger is not automatically better, but we believe the new organization has the focus, talent and organizational structure to effectively and efficiently serve southeast Michigan. The new leadership has taken the best of both and created a new organization that will strengthen some very practical services needed in the tri-county area.

One of those is a new 24/7 call center which will offer comprehensive information and referral services on health and human service needs. The center is expected to launch by the end of the year.

The new United Way is in the capable hands of Michael Brennan, CEO, and Rick David, vice president of strategic relations. The board is led by Tony Earley Jr., chairman and CEO of DTE Energy, and vice chair Reginald Turner, an attorney with Clark Hill.

We applaud the volunteers and the boards of both former organizations for their work over the last two years in putting the new organization together. And in the current climate of social, business and economic change, we encourage other nonprofits to look at their own mission and seek efficiencies and partnerships wherever possible.

The best is yet to come for the greater community and region as a result of the new United Way.



LETTERS

Flawed funding

I read with interest Phil Power's June 16 column, "University funding plan is flawed." I have great respect and gratitude for Mr. Power and his many contributions to the State of Michigan and higher education throughout the years.

In his column, Mr. Power questions the feasibility of, as well as the motivation behind, the House of Representatives' proposed higher education funding plan.

I, like Mr. Power, am not interested in taking away from universities like Northern Michigan University and Wayne State University, which would lose funding under the plan. However, public policy that directs new dollars first to institutions significantly lower in per-student funding, such as Central Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University and Grand Valley State University, is essential to correcting and leveling the imbalances of the past in which dollars have followed institutions rather than following students.

It is my belief that the manner in which universities have long been funded is actually the "flawed" method.

As president of a university whose students have long been underfunded, I applaud the leadership of Michigan's House and Senate for their efforts to establish a well-defined, quantitative policy for higher education funding.

It is my hope that the final state budget reflects this sort of funding measure, bringing to an end the years of inequity that have plagued many of Michigan's higher education institutions and their students.

Michael Rao
president
Central Michigan University

Crisis Helpline needed

The Michigan House has released their version of the state budget which allocates funds for programs in the Alzheimer's Information Network line item. Crisis Helpline and Referral services for Alzheimer's patients have been placed in the lower quarter of their priorities.

I am concerned about thousands of desperate family members taking care of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease who call us needing support groups, crisis intervention (three suicide calls this month alone), care consultation and other services.

Eighty percent of individuals with dementia live at home with a family member. Eliminating funding for a 24-hour helpline makes it very difficult, if not impossible to continue providing services to this very vulnerable population.

Almost 200,000 people are afflicted with Alzheimer's disease in Michigan. An estimated one of every 10 people over 65 and one in two over 85 are impacted by this disease.

It would seem appropriate that the allocation process be re-evaluated so that providing services to this extremely fragile population is continued.

Dian Wilkins
president
Alzheimer's Association
Greater Michigan Chapter

War still unjustified

Once more, the American public listened to George W. as he tried to make the connection between 9/11 and going to war in Iraq. That just won't wash with an informed American public. There was and there is no connection. Going after insurgents in Afghanistan was reasonable. Going into Iraq was not.

Now, of course, we are there. We cannot "pull out" and leave people who are depending on us for aid in establishing their new government. The problem for me is that I cannot erase the image of our president, standing on a carrier, with a well orchestrated banner behind him declaring, "Mission Accomplished." It would be refreshing to have those who led us into this war admit where the errors occurred and assure us that they have learned from these mistakes.

My heart is heavy when I see the faces of the relatives who are dealing with the loss of a loved one; young men and women who loved their country and have died believing they were fighting to make our world safer. I do not believe that through fighting and war we can achieve peace. Many of us profess to follow Christ's teachings. Jesus, the Christ, taught us to love our enemies. Being imperfect humans, loving our enemies may be too hard a task for us. However, bringing death and destruction to a country, even a country ruled by a tyrant but one that had no weapons of mass destruction, is unconscionable.

Doreen Lawton
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No free lunch

Capitalists are investors of all ages and incomes seeking profit from their savings instead of hiding cash under the mattress. Popular theory appears to be: "Greedy rich capitalists should pay for education, welfare, housing and health care - and stay out of politics." Without profit, there would be no rich to pay for anything.

The Ford Motor assembly line created an industrial center capable of producing low cost automobiles while paying high wages. Workers came for the big money, accompanied by labor organizers. Unions improved working conditions, and then rejected efficient work standards to require more employees than were needed; this strategy increased costs but reduced jobs because work was shipped to lower bidders, foreign and domestic. Ill-conceived emission controls crippled vehicle performance; instead of designing great cars, engineers focused on avoiding government penalties. Lawyers pursued flat tires and exploding gas tanks as NHTSA posted recalls. GM and Ford are on the ropes with no one holding the other end.

Teachers demonstrate in Lansing for more funding and smaller class size (requiring more teachers than are needed); they do not offer to improve reading, writing and arithmetic scores, and they oppose competing educators. Attorney General Frank Kelley destroyed a new Consumers Power nuclear facility, predicting Michigan would never need that much electricity; we need it now, but investors fear being burned again. Plentiful oil and natural gas reserves are off limits because

of possible environmental damage.

If Gov. Granholm can muster the political courage to recognize that profit is a necessary goal, the "Good old days" might return. Incentives to capitalists must include more favorable conditions for a return on investment. A government that is friendly to existing industry does not require inducements to entice new job-providers. Issuing bonds and increasing taxes will send more residents packing. There is no free lunch - someone always pays the tab.

Hank Borgman
Farmington

Why pad pockets?

Speeches, marches, conclaves to effect greater spending for Michigan schools abound. We might borrow with a bond issue. We could raise the amount of this tax or that tax. We could discover some untaxed area of social concern and levy taxes anew. Why we could place levies on toilets positioned on each street corner in cities, towns, and villages of 500 or more people, thus flushing previously untouched shekels from the pants pocket.

Hasn't it been true for decades that 80 percent or so of a district's money spent on education finds the teachers' pockets? The remaining 20 percent of available money has been spent on cleaning the schools, maintenance in the schools, refurbishing the schools, building new schools, supplies, classroom equipment, books, clerical salaries, the administration's take, et al.

Of course, the proposed increase in educational spending will be dollars in the educators' pockets. They will become better teachers. Whoa! For 46 years on the educational scene, a denizen of the classroom, I did remind one and all that a teacher who maintained he could or would be a better instructor in the classroom were he to receive a pay raise did not belong in the classroom to begin with. Surely, the reader recognizes that a teacher should do his very best teaching the students regardless of what he is paid.

All of the efforts to effect better learning have the bad aim, putting more money in the instructors' hands, doing nearly nothing to improve the learning situation. Get real. Be honest.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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QUOTABLE

"I'm glad that they've decided to keep the Westland office. I know that it's frequented not only by Westland residents, but also by residents in other communities like Garden City."

- Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, about the revamping of the Secretary of State Office as a PLUS center

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

No shortage of candidates for latest cheers and jeers

Time for another round of cheers and jeers: Jeers to the Michigan Legislature for adopting astonishingly restrictive rules on life sciences research. Not only does Michigan not support stem cell research (unlike California, which has passed a \$3 billion bond issue to do so), but under Michigan state law, any work that "jeopardizes the life or health of the embryo" is a felony. Stem cell research is seen by many as a violation of this law, though it uses only embryos which never had a chance at life.

"Certainly Michigan is one of the five worst states in the country, and I think among the two worst ... in terms of the restrictiveness of laws for stem cell research," says University of Michigan stem cell researcher Sean Morrison, quoted in the *Ann Arbor Observer*.

"I've been approached by most of the major research universities that are developing programs in this area, including multiple places in California. It would certainly be possible for me to go to one of these places and do this research in an environment where the taxpayers of California are willing to invest millions of dollars for me to do things that I would go to jail for doing in the state of Michigan," he said.

So much for the Legislature's oft-stated interest in improving the business climate in our state. I guess in the minds of our legislative masters, ideology always trumps jobs and economic development.

But while we're at it, a couple of handclaps for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who at last is criticizing the Legislature for being inefficient, unproductive and off-target.

The state is in an economic crisis, she told *Gongwer News Service*, and yet the legislation that has been forwarded to her for signature has ranged from reapportioning the state's potato commission to dead animal composting. I'm sure glad somebody is thinking about these important matters of state.

The political environment will be more and more highly charged as we move toward the election next November. Facing a Legislature that would dearly love to blame her for the state's bad economy, and facing a likely Republican opponent (Dick DeVos) who is a successful businessman, Granholm is going to have to set out in a compelling way her plan for restructuring Michigan's economy.

That puts her in the position to challenge those on the other side to lead, follow or get the hell out of the way.

Uncertain but heartfelt cheers for some straws in the wind that suggest things might not be quite as bad as I've been thinking:

I'll bet we'll see gas prices more than \$3 a gallon by next summer. Sure, it will hit everybody in the wallet, but sooner or later we're going to have to come to terms with the fact that for years we've run our economy on energy prices far below world market.

This is going to hurt our domestic auto makers in the short run, as they have concentrated on high-profit, gas-guzzling SUVs in the interest of corporate survival. But the shift in demand will force them to shift their offerings from gas guzzlers to hybrids and clean diesels and get in sync with what the market is telling them.

Interestingly, the U-M Transportation Research Institute reports that hybrid cars are rapidly becoming mainstream items.

Despite losing lots of conventional manufacturing jobs, Michigan will remain the center for high-value automotive jobs for years to come. Consider the new Toyota research and development center now under construction south of Ann Arbor. Sooner or later, we're going to make the transition from a brawn-based economy to a brain-based one, and why shouldn't it be in automobiles?

Michigan is still one of the most magnificently beautiful places in the world to raise a family. We're gradually getting a handle on how important it is to preserve the Great Lakes from exotic species.

Conservation outfits like the Nature Conservancy are figuring out how to preserve our forests for public use and not as development targets. Our rivers and inland lakes are mostly fresh and pure. I'd guess over the long run the central economic distinguishing characteristic of Michigan will be our unparalleled natural resources and our (mostly) pristine environment.

Jeers to those Michigan families who still think their children are going to make it with nothing more than a high school diploma.

This table, put out by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, offers compelling proof of the new reality. Here are the experts' estimated average lifetime earnings of:

- A high school dropout: \$1,150,698
- A high school graduate: \$1,455,253
- A college graduate: \$2,567,174
- A master's degree holder: \$2,963,076
- A doctorate degree holder: \$3,982,577
- A professional degree holder: \$5,254,193

We have stayed too long with a culture and a mentality that has tolerated — make that exalted! — strong backs and weak minds.

That will only change when Michigan families read, understand and take these numbers to heart.

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It's important that districts honor teachers who make a difference

Honor thy teacher. *New York Times* columnist Thomas L. Friedman recently wrote about a great program at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

Like most colleges and universities, Williams grants honorary degrees as part of each year's graduation ceremony. But Williams also honors four high school teachers.

Graduating seniors are asked to nominate the high school teacher who had the greatest influence on them. A college committee, in consultation with the high schools involved, then selects four standouts.

Each outstanding teacher receives \$2,000, a \$1,000 donation is made to their high schools, and the winners and their families are guests of the college and honored at Williams' graduation weekend.

Friedman's "piggy back" is that every college in the country should do something similar to honor the teachers that helped their students become what they are. He calls it, with appropriate irony, "No Great Teachers Left Behind."

My "piggy back" on his "piggy back" is that local high schools should honor teachers within their system in a similar way.

Graduating high school seniors could write an essay saying which of their teachers — whether in elementary, middle or high school — had the greatest impact on their lives.

Then a community-based committee — to cut down on in-district politics and to give the award broader effect — could pick the winner(s), who could be honored in any of a number of ways.

They could address the graduating class, be introduced and then help award degrees, receive a citation, have their name on a plaque, or be given a stipend or appropriate gift. Or all of the above.

Ongoing recognition of the teachers who make a difference, sometimes the difference in the lives of young people, is the point.

For the past 20 years, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* has honored the top graduates of each of our public and private high schools, naming them to our Academic All-Star team.

Coincidentally, nominees are asked to name the teacher who had the most influence on them as part of their application.

This year, for example, Sarah Crane, an Academic All-Star from North Farmington High School, selected Dean Cobb, her TV-10 teacher and play director, from whom she "learned a great deal not only about acting, confidence and poise, but also about responsibility, compassion and determination."

Timothy Francisco, an Academic All-Star from Livonia Churchill, picked high school math teacher Mary Buda. She "is without doubt the most dedicated teacher I have ever had. She accepts nothing but my best."

Ann Marie Brouillette, a Farmington High School Academic All-Star, reached back to her sixth-grade English and social studies teacher, Karen Halberg. "She helped me gain confidence in my abilities and encouraged me to look deeper into the topics we were covering in class. Her class was always interesting and engaging and allowed each student room to learn what they were really interested in knowing."

And Jill Garrity, an All-Star from Livonia Stevenson, reached even further back — to first-grade reading recovery teacher Denise Schulkins. "I was a late bloomer," Garrity said. "I had a very hard time learning to read in kindergarten. ... Mrs. Schulkins not only helped me catch up, but helped me to discover my passion for reading."

As you can see, most often, it's a high school level teacher. But memorable middle school and elementary teachers also shine through this year and in the past.

Think back, no matter how old we are, we all remember a teacher or two who made a difference in our lives.

It could be important for each of our districts to come up with a public way to honor teachers like these — while they are teaching, not just when they are ready to retire. And what better vehicle than through their students? The Livonia PTA Council does that each spring when it honors its top five outstanding seniors from each of the three high schools — and those students then get to celebrate the most influential and important teachers of their school years.

That kind of recognition validates a life's work. It serves as a model for other teachers. It may also inspire more talented young people to enter the teaching profession.

Honor thy teacher.

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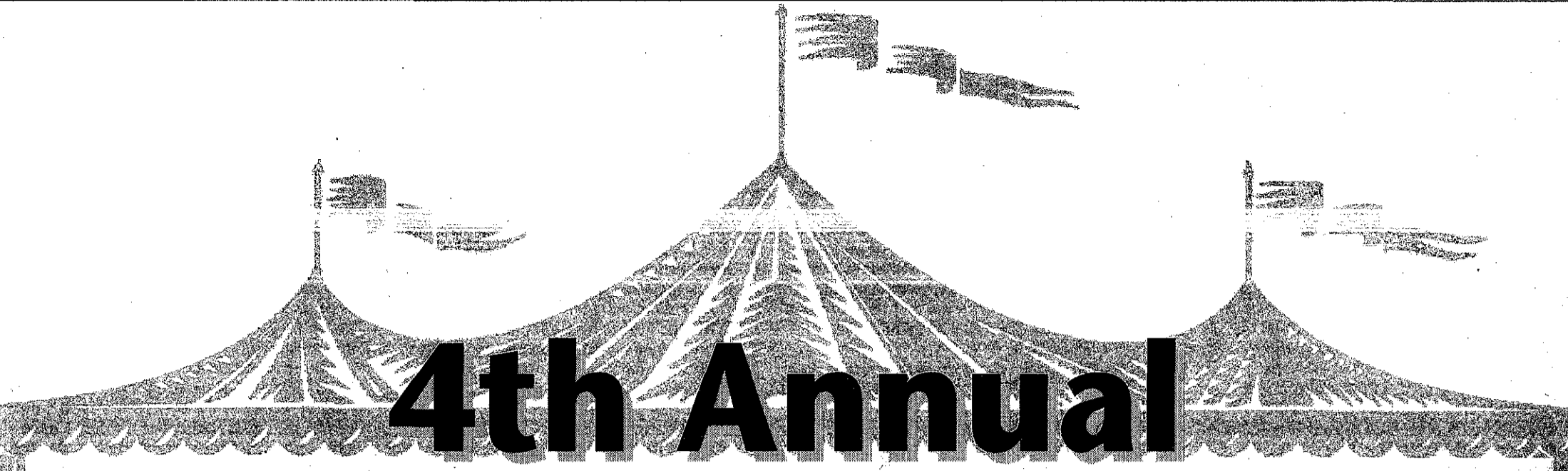
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