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This small business has wide reach

Eddie Harmon worked in labs when he was younger and decided Servo technology was the job for him when he walked into a Servo lab.

He worked on missile and missile launchers while serving in the Army in Germany and came back to found the company with two partners in 1975. He eventually bought out their interests.

More than 30 years later, he is owner of NC Servo Technology, which sells and services electrohydraulic Servo valves, motors and drives needed for the precise control of oil flow and pressure.

Servo parts can be found in a lot of places. On a military tank, a Servo valve allows for precise targeting even when the ride gets bumpy. It's used for the flight controls in aircraft and plastic injection molding machines.

NC Servo also does the electronics needed to control Servo motors. It designs and manufactures circuit boards and repairs gauging equipment. Its products are shipped around the world.

"We had a guy visit from Taiwan visit. I thought he was talking about needing one valve and he was talking about many valves," Harmon said. "We'll take other people's products and engineer them to meet the needs of our clients."

The business has been based in Westland for 25 years.

Harmon's knowledge of Servo technology has helped save the government \$15 million on a control for helicopters after he was able to prove that the test procedure on the Servo part was faulty. He ended up writing the test procedures for the helicopter.

NC Servo has repaired

Please see **NC SERVO, A2**



At age 80, Floyd Armstrong of Detroit fills his retirement time by working at NC Servo Technology in Westland. He recently was honored for his reliability and dependability at a surprise 80th birthday party.

'Me and Jack Benny:' At 80, he's still on the job

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Eddie Harmon describes Floyd Armstrong as "old school — very conscientious and believing in an honest day's work."

"He's the best shipping and receiving person I've ever had," said Harmon, owner of NC Servo Technology. "He's very pleasant and hard-working. I need more employees like Floyd."

With praise like that, it comes as no surprise that Armstrong was recently

honored for his reliability and dependability at an 80th birthday party.

"It was a surprise to me," said Armstrong, who has worked at the Westland company for 13 years. "I didn't think they ever knew my right age. They'd ask and I'd tell them I'm the same age as Jack Benny."

Armstrong joined the company in 1994. He doesn't recall how he got the job, but Harmon does. Armstrong had placed a classified ad in the newspaper, looking for work.

He had recently retired

from General Motors, where he had worked for 31 years as a machine repairman. A widower, he wanted to fill his retirement years with work.

Harmon interviewed him and gave him a job.

"He's kind of unique, he just turned 80 and he's the healthiest, most dependable employee I have," Harmon said. "He's so reliable and dependable that when he missed work one day, I had someone check on him. "He just doesn't get sick."

Please see **HARMON, A2**

Fatal fire is linked to smoking

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A 61-year-old Westland man was found dead early Monday after a fire started inside his residence at Palmer Terrace, an apartment complex on Venoy south of Palmer.

Authorities believe the man may have fallen asleep while smoking.

"We're not finding any evidence to suggest anything otherwise at this point," police Sgt. Chris Benson said.

The victim's name hadn't been released early this week. He lived alone, Benson said.

The fire apparently started shortly before 8 a.m. Monday.

"A neighbor smelled smoke, heard the smoke detector going off and called 9-1-1," Benson said.

Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley said the fire was mostly confined to the living room area where the man was found.

"We believe the cause of death was smoke inhalation," he said.

Authorities issued a warning to residents to be careful not to fall asleep while smoking.

"People think they will wake up if there's a fire," Riley said, adding that it's actually easy to die from smoke inhalation while sleeping.

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Local Restaurant Rally serves up a tasty deal

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Food Network star Rachael Ray thinks she's frugal, scurrying around on television and finding great meals for \$40 a day.

Hmmph. She ought to come to Westland.

For just \$20, food lovers can sample food from eight local restaurants during this year's Restaurant Rally, a palate-pleasing party organized by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Call (734) 326-7222.

Hurry, though. Only 100 tickets out of 500 are still up for grabs for the event, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 31.

"It's amazing," chamber President Lori Fodale said. "Each year it seems like the Restaurant Rally sells out a week or two sooner than it did the year before. The popularity of it has definitely caught on."

For their \$20, rally-goers will get T-shirts that serve as their ticket to merely graze — or gorge — on food selected and served by eight restaurants: Applebee's, Carino's Italian Grill, LongHorn Steakhouse, Malarkey's Irish Pub, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Panera Bread, Uno Chicago Grill and, in Garden City,

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Dario's Italian Eatery. Participants may drive themselves around town or board one of two 40-passenger trolleys, provided by Redford's Entertainment Express, that will make the rounds.

Malarkey's owner Nick Varnavas has signed on again for the rally, in its fourth year.

"It's a great opportunity in the middle of the summer, when business is slower, to get a lot of new people in here," he said. "It's just become a huge event."

Restaurant owners hope that rally customers will find food they like and decide to come back, possibly as regulars. "They get food, T-shirts, transportation," Varnavas said. "What more could they ask for?"

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Joanne Reynolds (left) with Brenden Mitera, 5, and Liz Kosowski with her son Andrew, 5, race down the super slide at the Westland Summer Festival.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Early reports indicating safe Summer Festival

City officials were hoping for a peaceful Fourth of July celebration while predicting that a huge crowd of people would descend on City Hall grounds for a fireworks show that would cap the Westland Summer Festival.

As of Tuesday, police and fire officials had reported few problems for a festival that last year was marred by a fight that ended with a 19-year-old woman being stabbed.

On Tuesday, police Sgt. Ron Kroll said only a few minor altercations had occurred during the five days that had passed since the festival's opening day

last Thursday.

Kroll also reported no serious traffic problems even though he said some people walk across busy Ford Road in places where they shouldn't, rather than cross at traffic lights.

To maintain safety, police were planning to shut down roads around City Hall for the Fourth of July fireworks show.

As of Tuesday, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley said city paramedics hadn't responded to any major medical emergencies at the festival.

"It's been real quiet," he said.

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CORRECTION



Livonia Churchill sophomore catcher Tyler Bledsoe, a first-team All-Observer pick in baseball, was inadvertently omitted from the write-up in Sunday's edition (July 1) of the 2007 Spring Sports All-Area Teams. Bledsoe batted .337 for the Division 1 district champion Chargers. "Tyler was a fixture in our lineup in the three and four spot the entire season," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "Offensively, he led the team in at-bats (101), hits (34) and RBI (24). His arm strength is as good as any catcher in the league. The good thing for us is that he is only a sophomore, so if he continues to improve, then there is no telling how good Tyler could become in the next two years."

Man charged with purse snatching at supermarket

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A purse-snatching suspect who police say went Krogering will need more than his Kroger Plus card to get out of jail.

Hassan Alwaily, 20, was jailed on a \$25,000 cash bond after he was arraigned Monday in Westland 18th District Court on charges of unarmed robbery and being a second-time offender.

Alwaily faces a court hear-

ing on allegations he grabbed a woman's purse around 10:30 p.m. last Friday inside the Kroger store on the northwest corner of Ford Road and Central City Parkway, not far from the Westland police station.

The victim had placed her purse in the top of her shopping card when a man grabbed it and fled down an aisle, police Sgt. Debra Mathews said.

"Another lady tried to stop him, and the employees pur-

sued him," she said. "He ran across Ford Road to City Hall and tried to hide there in some pine trees."

But an alert police officer, Robert Fruit, saw the suspect and captured him with help from another officer, Joe Bobby.

The woman's purse was recovered and nothing was missing, Mathews said.

Alwaily, a Westland resident, was arraigned Monday in front of Judge C. Charles Bokos, who scheduled a July

12 court hearing that will determine whether the defendant should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Alwaily.

Penalties for unarmed robbery range up to 15 years in prison, but Alwaily, if convicted, could face a longer sentence because he is charged as a second-degree habitual offender.

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HARMON

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Armstrong remembers that day well. He decided to take the day off and didn't call in, he said.

"What else is there to do?" he said about working. "I'm single, I have nobody. I don't take vacations. I work, 40, 41, 42 hours a week, depending on what I have to ship out."

Armstrong drives to work every day, arriving at least a half hour earlier. According to Becky Hale, who handles customer service-inside sales, he comes early "so he's not late because of traffic."

"He's a wonderful person. He's fun, all of us enjoy him," she added.

Armstrong is a strong believer in doing the best job he can.

"You have to like the people you work for and do an outstanding job," he said. "Eddie's a really nice person, he's great to work for."

In a back room of the building on Webb Drive in Westland, Armstrong is surrounded by boxes, some empty, some filled and ready to be shipped out. He deftly uses a box cutter to remove a shipping label from a box,

one that will get reused to send parts back to the customer. "That's the original box I sent out to a customer," he said. "It's in good shape, so I'll send it back with more repairs."

Hale agrees he knows how to pack parts. UPS randomly checks packages and has found his packages to be "good," she said.

"One customer said he's such a great packer that you could drop the box off the Empire State Building," she added.

Harmon said Armstrong catches the things that might otherwise slip through the cracks at the business.

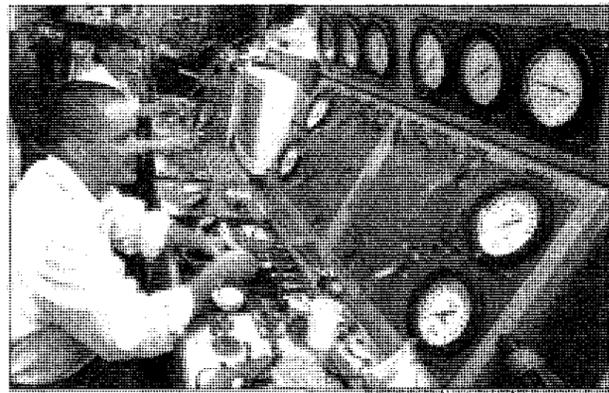
"You need a great shipping and receiving guy, you need someone who's conscientious," Harmon said. "Floyd is phenomenal."

Armstrong isn't sure how long he'll continue to work. That will be decided by a higher power.

"Between this job and taking care of a six-room house, washing clothes and cutting the grass, I keep busy," he said. "I'll keep working as long as the good Lord lets me."

"Me and Jack Benny," he added. "We're the same age."

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NC Servo Technology employees Mike Friel (behind) of Jackson and Jim Bledsoe of Livonia work at Servo Proportional value test stands.

NC SERVO

FROM PAGE A1

300 of the parts that cost the government \$54,000 each and now Harmon is trying to get the designed changed.

"They never should have gotten in here for repair," he said. "They should not be failing."

Harmon has three buildings, two in Westland and one, a warehouse, in Superior Township. He has 25 employees, many of whom come to work from places like Anchor Bay, Flint, Jackson, Flat Rock and Howell.

And while they travel far to work, he travels even farther, visiting Servo labs in Germany, England, France, Italy and the



Eddie Harmon, who is proud of the work done at his Westland-based NC Servo Technology, stands in front of a Moog Servo Proportional Value Test Stand.

United States.

"I've been to almost every Servo manufacturer in the world," he said. "We know how to do it, we know how to test parts. We try to stay abreast with technology as it changes."

- By Sue Mason

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Historical group

A new Westland Historical Society is being formed. An organizational meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the Bailey Recreation Center. Anyone interested in preserving Westland's history, helping to restore historic buildings, helping with museum displays, conducting museum tours, and/or working on fund-raising projects is welcome. For more information, call Ernie Johnson at (734) 522-3918 or Georgia Becker at (734) 729-1605.

Concert series

Looking for a laid-back Sunday after all the excitement of the Fourth of July?

Easy-listening music will be played by Pam & Scott when a summer concert series continues at 6 p.m. Sunday in the performance pavilion behind the Westland public library, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford.

The show is sponsored by the Westland Cultural Society, and it is free. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets.

Changing times

Westland Summer Festival and Fourth of July holiday events have prompted officials to change the days in July when the Westland City Council will have its public business meetings.

The council's regular business sessions will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 9, and at 7 p.m. Monday, July 23.

For July, the council meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays rather than the usual first and third Mondays of the month.

The council meetings are open to the public.

Blood drives

Art Van Furniture, on Wayne Road between Joy and Warren, will host a blood drive 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, to help the American Red Cross. Call (734) 425-9600 to schedule an appointment.

Divine Savior Catholic Church will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland.

Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.

No coffee hours

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, won't be holding a monthly coffee hour in July, but will be back meeting with constituents 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the Westland Big Boy, 6360 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland.

Constituents who have questions or concerns can contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325.

Also, state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will

not have July coffee hours, which will resume in August.

Dining to Donate

People can help a variety of Westland organizations by dining at Applebee's at 36475 Warren Road in Westland. Through its Dining to Donate, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of the bill to Westland Therapeutic Recreation program on July 26, Westland Historical Village Park on Aug. 23 and Motor City Harley Owners Group to benefit Toys for Tots on Sept. 27.

Coupons are required to indicate which organization will receive the donation.

Preschool event

McKinley Cooperative Preschool will have an open house 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, is holding an Open House on Saturday July 10, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The preschool is located at 6500 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Children ages 2-5 are welcome. Morning and afternoon classes are offered.

For more information, call (734) 729-7222.

It's the Jungle!

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is open and ready for all skaters. Admission for adult Wayne County residents is \$5 per session and \$8 for a day pass.

For children who live in Wayne County, the cost is \$3 per session and \$5 for a day pass.

The Concrete Jungle is located at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

Craft shows

Crafters are needed for a craft show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Garden City Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford. For information, call Linda at (734) 422-0373.

Tables are available for the fall craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Theodore Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 or Eunice at (734) 261-8357.

Bag it

The Westland Building Department is aiming to make the disposal of trash a little easier by selling heavy-duty 6-mil trash bags.

Residents and non-residents can purchase the bags which are sold in quantities of 100 for only \$12 at the Building Department, 37095 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Bingo

The Dyer Senior Center invites residents to play bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the center, 36745 Marquette, Westland. For more information, call Mary Browe at (734) 419-2020.

G.I. Blues Festival drawing strong advance sales

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland-based, outdoor blues festival to benefit soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan is already shaping up as a success, organizers say.

The 12-hour G.I. Blues Festival, featuring performers such as Detroit's own Johnnie Bassett, The Alligators and Sweet Claudette & Friends, is scheduled for noon to midnight Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

"We've already sold a couple hundred tickets," said

Scott Romp, spokesman for Veterans Haven, a nonprofit organization that helps area veterans with services ranging from housing to meals to job searches. Veterans Haven and The Detroit Blues Society are presenting the concert.

The G.I. Blues Festival already has drawn enough corporate sponsors to offset costs, meaning that organizers are poised to make a profit, Romp said.

"I am very optimistic," he said. "It's already a success." Tickets are \$10. To order them, call Veterans Haven at

(734) 728-0527. To become involved as a corporate sponsor, call Romp at (734) 478-0822. On-site parking at the civic league, on Wayne south of Ford, will be available for \$5. Beer will be sold along with food provided by Hickory BBQ.

Romp announced the festival in the spring, saying many veterans are returning home without the proper medical attention and monetary benefits they need. He also said many soldiers have lost their homes and been abandoned by their spouses.

Soldiers returning to places like Michigan, where jobs are scarce, have been hit particularly hard, Romp has said.

As of this week, the festival lineup included Steve Arvey at noon; The Carl Caballero Band at 1:30 p.m.; The Alligators at 3 p.m.; The Front Street Blues Band at 4:30 p.m.; Eddy King Band at 6 p.m.; Sweet Claudette & Friends at 7:30 p.m.; The Christy Howard Band at 9 p.m.; and the Johnnie Bassett Band at 10:30 p.m.

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ACHIEVERS

team, women's soccer team and bowling team.

Wayne Memorial High School's JROTC Cadets Andrew Pate, Erin Hanner, Jennifer Schulte, Jessica Hensley and Ryan Crayne finished second in the brigade out of 111 schools and first in Michigan. The cadets narrowly missed out on the final competition and a trip to Virginia.

James Hammer of Garden City and Charles Garber of Westland have received merit scholarship from Albion College.

The son of Richard and Patricia Hammer, Hammer has been awarded a Webster Scholarship worth \$11,500 per year.

Hammer, a first-year student, intends to participate in the teacher education program. He is a graduate of

University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Garber has been awarded a Briton Award worth \$10,500 per year in recognition of superior academic achievements and potential for collegiate excellence.

The son of Charles and Monica Garber, he is a graduate of Lutheran High School.

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Dear Community Members,

As I reflect on this past school year, the economy at the state and national level continues to affect how the school district delivers its educational program. Projections of the financial condition of the state show little improvement in the foreseeable future.

This past school year our staff/students accomplished the following:

- Our Elementary and Middle Schools met the standards of Education YES with a grade of C or better;
- Several of our teaching staff were honored by various outside organizations;
- Several of our students won academic and athletic honors at the state level;
- We are in the process of redesigning our instructional delivery system. A team of staff members is reviewing student data and planning new instructional strategies to ensure all students succeed.



I would like to remind members of the community that this report can be viewed on our website at www.resa.net/gardencity. Important dates and information about the district can also be viewed at this website.

Finally, I would like to again thank the Garden City Community for your support this year. By working together as a community, we are able to provide the best educational opportunities for our children.

Sincerely,
Dr. Richard J. Witkowski, Superintendent

Garden City Public Schools Annual Report 2006-2007

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Mission Statement

"We Are A Learning Community"

The mission of the Garden City Public Schools is to be a learning community that ensures a safe, caring, quality education for students of all ages to prepare for the possibilities of tomorrow.

Garden City Public Schools Annual Report 2006-2007

The 2006-2007 school year saw little improvement in the financial picture of Garden City Public Schools. In an effort to save money, our Annual Report has been downsized to this format and published on our web site, (www.resa.net/gardencity). Important dates are listed elsewhere on the web site as well as the sports and transportation schedules.

Garden City Public Schools provides quality elementary and secondary educational programs in all academic areas. Our dedicated teachers and administrators collaborate in teams through the school improvement process to increase student learning and achievement. Each School Improvement Team composes its own building Mission Statement and develops academic goals based upon student performance data.

The district has traditionally offered a sound curriculum through effective teaching methods. Additionally, innovative curricular activities are incorporated into research based instructional practices to engage students in the learning process. The curriculum in all areas from Kindergarten through Twelfth grade was reviewed by our Cyclical Review Board. Our Curriculum Council, comprised of teacher representation from each school, reviews any proposed changes to district curriculum. The Garden City School Board must approve any formal changes or adoptions.

Garden City Schools is fortunate to have foreign language and culture programs available to all students. We also offer many opportunities for students to experience the arts through music, visuals and performances.

We are proud of the quality instructional programs offered to the students of our school district.

Professional Development is a high priority for our teaching and administrative staff throughout the year. Every summer, we hold a week of workshops just prior to opening of the school year. This year's focus will be differentiating instruction to meet the academic needs of all students. Our aim is for all staff to become part of an on-going learning community in which they utilize educational research to determine the strategies to apply in their classrooms. These workshops are supported with federal grant monies.

Retention Rates (High School)

96.73% (based upon comparing the number of students who entered as sophomores to that class at graduation minus those who have moved or transferred to another educational program.)

Parent Participation

Parent-teacher conferences are held approximately halfway through each semester. Approximately 96% of all elementary parents attended conferences for the 2006-2007 school year and 95% attended open house. About 84% of High School and 72% of Middle School parents attended.

Special Education Services

Garden City Schools provide quality programs and services for children with special needs. These services and programs are provided so that every child can be guaranteed an education up to the maximum of his/her ability. A wide range of services is offered for our 834 mildly challenged students (excluding Burger) serviced in local buildings. Individual programming for 132 severely challenged students is addressed through Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency Center Programs.

Points of Pride

Garden City High School has the largest number of memberships in the nation in the Japanese National Honor Society. The High School also had 98 seniors qualified for the Michigan Merit Award, 34 senior athletes were MEGA League Academic All Stars and 70 seniors received a College Scholarship. **Middle School** students participated in the Reality Store, a career awareness activity. All seventh grade students partook in the Science Fair. Staff completed Pacing Guides in all core academic classes which will be implemented in 2007-08. **Burger School** students participated in a winter carnival, "America in the 1800's". Staff aligned the instruction to the grade level curriculum and created a wide variety of activities for all to enjoy. The 4th Annual Talent Show was extraordinary. Students focused on their creative strengths.

Cambridge Center had 101 students graduate on June 1. They held four honor rolls for about 55 students each marking period. They participated in co-ed volleyball league (league champs) and boys basketball (winning season). Congratulations.

Douglas School students had fun studying for school competitions such as Spelling Bee, National Geography Bee and Japanese Quiz Bowl. Fifth graders were involved in environmental activities at U of M-Dearborn. Students enjoyed many off-site opportunities to reinforce their curriculum.

Farmington School held Family Science Night in connection with the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum. Students were challenged with over 20 experiments in physics. The Reading for Literacy program helped 59 students advance more than one year. Parents participated in an "Adult-Read-In" during March is Reading Month.

Henry Ruff School had over 230 people attending the Science Fair and Family Science night. They held the first annual Poetry Slam in which students studied and created poetry for the enjoyment of the school population.

Lathers School focused on improving math and reading skills using the Daily Word Problem Program, along with a Fast Math Computer Program. They also continued the Curi Up With a Good Book program and celebrated reading with a Family Reading Round-Up.

Memorial School offers activities which allow students to extend their knowledge such as Homework Hour with the Principal, Achievement Academy, Math Enrichment and Motor Moms and Dads. Staff, students and the community, work together as a team to help all children learn.

Accreditation

Garden City High School is accredited by North Central. The middle school and elementary schools are all interim accredited. All schools are engaged in ongoing school improvement and planning.

Informational

Transportation schedules are posted on the Garden City Schools website. School closing due to adverse weather conditions will be announced on most television and radio stations. For information regarding Schools of Choice or Free and Reduced lunch, call 734.762.6342.

District Student Achievement

Garden City student progress is recorded on state and national tests, college entrance exams, and the traditional methods of student grades, progress reports, and through portfolios. The MEAP Test result is another record of student achievement and is used to determine if our students are achieving adequate yearly progress.

It is important for parents to understand the MEAP test is based on the Michigan Curriculum Framework. Copies of this document can be obtained from the Michigan Department of Education. The curriculum in Garden City Schools is based on this document. If you become familiar with the educational goals in the document and the curriculum objectives for your child's grade level, you will be able to support your child by providing additional experiences outside of school.

Garden City Public Schools MEAP Scores - Fall 2006

Grade	Reading 2006	Reading 2005	Writing 2006	Writing 2005	ELA 2006	ELA 2005	Math 2006	Math 2005	Science 2006	Science 2005
Grade 3	79	83	42*	41	71	74	84*	81		
District	79	83	42*	41	71	74	84*	81		
State	87	87	52	52	79	78	88	87		
Grade 4	77	79	35	49	69*	65	81*	71		
District	77	79	35	49	69*	65	81*	71		
State	85	83	45	45	78	76	84	81		
Grade 5	77*	74	48	51	69*	67	68*	65	79*	76
District	77*	74	48	51	69*	67	68*	65	79*	76
State	84	80	57	63	78	75	76	73	83	87
Grade 6	83*	75	72	73	76*	74	63*	52	74	75
District	83*	75	72	73	76*	74	63*	52	74	75
State	83	80	74	75	78	77	69	65	74	78
Grade 7	78*	72	70*	65	75*	70	37*	46		
District	78*	72	70*	65	75*	70	37*	46		
State	80	76	65	67	76	73	64	60		
Grade 8	70*	65	66*	60	67*	62	64*	57	78*	77
District	70*	65	66*	60	67*	62	64*	57	78*	77
State	76	73	67	65	71	69	68	63	75	77
Grade 9	64	71								
District	64	71								
State	74	75								

* = Gain over 2005

School Enrollment - February 2007

Garden City High School	1,438
Garden City Middle School	766
Douglas Elementary	490
Farmington Elementary	436
Henry Ruff Elementary	526
Lathers Elementary	456
Memorial Elementary	493
Burger Center (Autistic)	325
Cambridge Center	370

Teaching Degrees

BA	53
BA + 15	74
Masters	130
Masters + 15	28
Masters + 30	61
Specialists	34
Doctorate	4
Total Teachers:	384

Highly Qualified Teachers

Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2000, all of our certified teachers are considered highly qualified.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

The district achieved AYP in Math and English Language Arts at Farmington, Henry Ruff, Memorial and the Middle School. AYP status is pending at Douglas, Lathers and the High School.

For more information or comments, please contact Joyce Ross, Garden City Public Schools, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135 or call 734-762-6352.

Federal, State and District Legalties

Student Accident Insurance
Garden City Public Schools does not insure students for accidental injuries. The personal insurance of the parent or guardian is assumed to cover any and all medical treatments for such injuries. Unfortunately, some parents and guardians have limited or no health care coverage.

Each school year, the Garden City Public Schools offers reasonably priced student accident insurance plans. Application forms and brochures outlining costs and coverage are available in school offices at the beginning of the school year. For more information, call your child's school or the Garden City Public Schools Business Office at 734.762.6323.

Family Rights and Privacy Act

Educational records of Garden City students are protected under FERPA, 1974. These records are those official school records concerning a student and maintained for other school personnel to see. GCPS maintains the students' main record file, either a CA39 or CA60, student disciplinary files, special education files, Section 504 files, and student portfolios.

- Parents and students may access these files until the student graduates.
- Parents who are divorced or separated may access their child's records unless specifically prohibited by a court order on file in the school office.
- If you wish to access a file, contact the school principal and make an appointment.
- School personnel have access to student files in their normal course of duties. Information from the files will be given to others if:
 - Parent or student request
 - School regulations allow release to courts or certain state or federal agencies
 - The safety of others is affected
 - The student enrolls in another school.

Federal guidelines allow a school district to publish certain information without obtaining authorization each time if families are informed in advance that this information will be released. If a family does not want this made public, the principal should be contacted and this information will be withheld. In Garden City Schools, that information includes student name, address, phone number, grade level, awards received, participation in activities, field of study.

A 1992 amendment to this law exempted from its coverage, "records maintained by a law enforcement agency or institution that were created by that law enforcement unit for the purpose of law enforcement." This permits school officials to make criminal investigation reports available to the press and law enforcement agencies and their personnel.

If parents or students believe that an educational record is inaccurate, misleading or violates the student's rights, they may request in writing that the record be amended or destroyed. If the request is refused, the parent or student may request an appeal with the Director of Student Services, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135, (734.762.6342). Parents of age of majority students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Education regarding the failure of the school district to comply with FERPA officials (1.202.732.2057)

Student Discrimination

The Garden City Public Schools will not tolerate unlawful discrimination by or against students because of their race, color, creed, religion, height, weight, age, marital status, citizenship, national origin, sex, handicap or disability, or any other factor prohibited by law. This includes unlawful sexual harassment as well as harassment based on other unlawful factors. This policy applies without exception. After investigation, persons who violate this policy are subject to appropriate sanctions for their conduct. While this policy, and procedures in it, apply to any form of unlawful discrimination or harassment, some examples of sexual harassment may be helpful. Sexual harassment is, basically, unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature. It can be verbal or physical sexual harassment and may include, but are not limited to:

- unwelcome kissing, touching, grabbing or other physical conduct of a sexual nature;
- unwelcome sexual drawings, messages, photos, or notes, or other unwanted, written, sexually-oriented communication;
- whistling, touching, pinching, assault, coerced sexual acts, leering, pulling clothes off or down;
- suggestive, insulting, obscene comments or gestures;
- calling someone names referring to sexual orientation (i.e., calling someone lesbian or gay);
- graphic, verbal commentary about an individual's body, sexual prowess or sexual deficiencies.

In contrast, examples of conduct which ordinarily would not constitute sexual harassment include occasional use of swear words or obscenities, requests to go out on a date, or lighthearted, inoffensive flirtation. Students who experience sexual or other harassment should first make it clear to the offender that the behavior is offensive, or if that is not possible, bring the matter to the attention of the building principal or other administrator. Students who make complaints have the responsibility, and are required, to follow this procedure:

- Step One:** As soon as possible, and ordinarily within 20 days of the conduct that caused the complaint, the student must submit the complaint to the building principal or another administrator. It is preferable for the complaint to be in writing.
- Step Two:** The complaint will be investigated promptly and thoroughly. The investigation may involve such actions as interviews with the alleged offender, witnesses, and the complaining student. To the extent possible, confidentiality will be maintained; there will be no unlawful retaliation against a student for making a complaint or taking part in the investigation of a complaint under this procedure.
- Step Three:** The complaining student, and the alleged offender, will be informed of the outcome of the investigation, and of corrective action to be taken, if any.
- Step Four:** If either the complaining student or the alleged offender is dissatisfied with the resolution, he may contact the District's Complaint Coordinator within a week, and a meeting will be scheduled promptly to consider the complaint.
- Step Five:** If either party remains dissatisfied with the resolution at Step Five, a prompt appeal may be made to the Board of Education through its secretary, and the Board will respond within 30 days of its receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Board is final and binding on all parties.

Director of Student Services, Complaint Coordinator, 734.762.6342, or Dr. Richard Witkowski, Superintendent of Schools, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135 734.762.6311

Asbestos Abatement

This notice is to inform you that the district has completed an asbestos inspection and management plan as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The management plans have been accepted by the State of Michigan and are available for your review in the Buildings and Grounds Office. The management plans contain information regarding the locations of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in all buildings, the condition of the ACM, and a plan for dealing with the ACM.

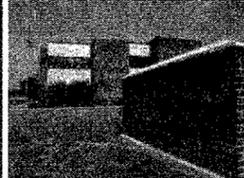
The following asbestos activities are currently planned or in progress for the district:

- Periodic Surveillance: Once every six months, the ACM must be visually inspected for changes in conditions.

If there are any questions, please call Bernard Rice at 734.762.8325 or the Associate Superintendent at 734.762.6306 at the administration building.

Mandatory Sexual Disclosure Law

This law mandates school districts inform all students of the legal ramifications of sexual activity with underage persons and directs districts to inform all students that under Michigan Law it is illegal to have sex with anyone under the age of 16, even if it is consensual. A conviction for underage intercourse can carry up to 3 years in prison and require the offender to be listed on the State's sex offender registry for 25 years. If you have questions about when and how to share information with children, please contact your school counselor or the Student Services Director at 734.762.6342.



Administrative Service Center

1333 Radcliff
762-8300
Fax 762-8530

Garden City High School

Jerry Pertunen, Principal
6500 Middlebelt
762-8350 Fax 762-8531
Attendance 762-8370

Garden City Middle School

Brian Sumner, Principal
1851 Radcliff
762-8400
Attendance 762-8410
Fax 762-8532

Burger Center

Mary O'Neill, Director
Judy Walsh, Assoc. Director
Jim Boogren, Assoc. Director
30922 Beechwood
762-8420
Fax 762-8533

Burger Center Annex

Barbara Masten, Assoc. Director
28901 Cambridge
762-8445
Fax 762-8540

Cambridge Center

Jack Pelon, Director
28901 Cambridge
762-8430
Fax 762-8534

Douglas Elementary School

Judy Karpinski, Principal
6400 Hartel
762-8450
Fax 762-8535

Farmington Elementary School

Keith Anleitner, Principal
33411 Marquette
762-8460
Fax 762-8536

Henry Ruff Elementary School

Janet Blumberg, Principal
30300 Maplewood
762-8470
Fax 762-8537

Lathers Elementary School

Susan Ford, Principal
28351 Marquette
762-8490 Preschool 762-8550
Fax 762-8539

Memorial Elementary School

Mary Pantier, Principal
30001 Marquette
762-8480
Fax 762-8538

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings for the Community Calendar can be submitted by e-mail at smason@hometownlife.com. They also can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or faxed to her attention at fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2112.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Italian Night
Community Opportunity Center will hold its third annual Italian Night Monday, July 16, at East Side Mario's, 31630 Plymouth Road west of Merriman in Livonia. Anyone who dines at the restaurant from 4 to 8 p.m. on July 16 will be treated to East Side Mario's celebrated spaghetti, salad and bread for just \$10. Drinks, tips and tax are extra. The restaurant will donate the entire \$10 to Community Opportunity Center, a non-profit housing corporation supporting adults with developmental disabilities in Wayne County. For additional information call Denise King at (734) 422-1020.

Youth Philharmonic auditions
The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan, a regional orchestra, is hosting student auditions for strings, winds, brass and percussion performers from age 5 to 18, from novice to advanced. Auditions will also be scheduled by appointment. Five different concert groups are offered. (734) 464-8704 or (248) 476-6341 or visit auditions@lypm.org

Hospice help sought
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Girl Scouts
Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit welcomes girls ages 5-17 to discover fun and friendship, while enjoying opportunities to develop leadership skills. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit also is looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in girls' lives. To learn more, call (313) 972-GIRL (4475) or visit www.gsdfmd.org.

Explore Girl Scouting
Girls ages 5-17 can discover how much Girl Scouts has to offer all. Scouting isn't just about camping and cookies anymore. Girls learn a lot about themselves and the world around them, form lasting friendships, become more confident, independent, helpful and resourceful. Through Girl Scouting, girls learn the importance of community service and challenge themselves and



Wish you were here

John and Donna Kneeland of Garden City took their granddaughters Calla and Brianna Young of New York to Treasure Island, Fla., where they posed with their Observer in front of a sand castle made to look like a "gator" in honor of the University of Florida's NCAA football and basketball championships. If you take a trip or go on vacation, be sure to take a photograph with your Observer for Wish You Were Here. Send it along with information about the photograph to Sue Mason, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or send it by e-mail to smason@hometownlife.com.

develop value systems they use the rest of their lives. Call the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council at (800) 49-SCOUT (497-2688.)

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Advocacy group
The Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a self-help and advocacy group, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, at Bayview, Westland. Call (734) 362-8825.

Substance abuse support
A SAFE PLACE meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program. For more information, call Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995.

Menopause & More
A Menopause & More support group for women meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. No registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge. Call (734) 655-1100.

Fibromyalgia
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and CFS Association Support Group meets 1-3 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There are guest speakers and discussion on a variety of topics. There is no membership fee, however a small donation is greatly appreciated. For additional information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Counterpoint
Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families. For more information, call (734) 563-5005.

Toughlove
A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington roads. Newcomers welcome. Call (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748.

VOLUNTEERS

Karmanos Institute
The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers to transport cancer patients to mammogram and doctor appointments in metropolitan Detroit. Drivers are needed for Macomb and Oakland counties, Dearborn and Detroit. Volunteers

must be at least 18. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call (800) KARMANOS to volunteer.

First Step
First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program. Call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 223.

Drivers
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. The meetings take place 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Parkinson's patients, caregivers and others may attend the meetings. Call (734) 459-0216 or (734) 421-4208.

EDUCATION

Schoolcraft College classes
The following classes are offered at Schoolcraft College in the coming weeks: Accent reduction classes are 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays (\$209); and Back to basics refresher courses in math, reading and test-taking are offered. For details, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/lac or call (734) 462-4436.

St. Damian
St. Damian School is currently holding open enrollment for preschool-three-four-year-olds and kindergarten through eighth-grade. The school is at 29891 Joy in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130 for more information and a school tour, or check out the school's Web site at www.stdamian.com

Summer classes offered
The Continuing Education and Professional Development Department at Schoolcraft College offers classes. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/ces or call (734) 462-4448.

ORGANIZATIONS

Friends of Eloise
The Friends of Eloise group meets 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan between Middlebelt and Merriman. All are welcome. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

Toastmasters
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in

Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

MOMS club
MOMS Club, a non-profit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers, offering children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community. For more details, call Birthe, (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248)231-6120.

Vietnam Vets
The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, on S. Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road. If you served in the U.S. military between 1964 and 1975, even if not, "in country" (combat zone) you are still eligible to become a member. Visit the Web site at www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA for more information.

In Harmony
The Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Gentlemen interested in the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or who enjoy quartetting can call membership chairman Bob Wolf at (734) 421-6552, or attend a rehearsal.

Veteran's Haven
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate-donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food is distributed to veterans once a month throughout the month and there is a supplemental food program 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. The Veteran Haven's Outreach Center 4924 S. Wayne Road two blocks south of Annapolis in Wayne. Any honorably discharged Veteran that is in need or homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

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, pennywhistle, ukulele and upright bass. Call (734) 482-2902 or check out the Web site at <http://geocities.com/ssdsociety>.

Garden City Kiwanis
The Garden City Kiwanis Club meets

for lunch at 12:15 p.m. each Thursday at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.

Garden City Rotary
The Garden City Rotary Club meets at 12 noon Thursday at Amantea Restaurant, 32777 Warren. Community service planning, lunch and socializing are enjoyed. Please join us there.

Habitat help
The Western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

Tutorial program
A tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 3:45-5:15 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, is for students 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Tyrone Peterson, (734) 722-3660. Tutors need to have at least a high school education.

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.

Radio Club
The Garden City Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. The club is open to people who are interested in ham radio. Call Ben (WBAAA) at (734) 425-2629.

Garden City Lions
The Garden City Lions meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Dave Fetter at (734) 425-4382.

Garden Club
The Garden City Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Maplewood Center. Everyone may attend to hear guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics and plan events around the city. Call Della Haydon at (734) 427-9410.

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

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2006 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

Westland is proud of the fine drinking water it receives from the City of Detroit and furnishes to the residents. This report will list the source of our water, the results of the tests performed on the water, and additional information about water and health questions. State and federal requirements mandate that an annual report be sent to Westland customers before July 1 each year. This is our tenth report.

Water Source

Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, and Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale, from very low to high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes was determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

Public Notice Sewage Disposal System Event

Any person or claimant who experiences an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system that is under the jurisdiction and control of the City of Westland should immediately contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service Director, Kevin Buford, at the following address and telephone number:

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 37137 Marquette
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Important Health Information

Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2900 hydrants and over 6000 valves in our system. We have flushed the water mains in one section of the city this year, covering the neighborhoods in the area of Palmer to Glenwood and Venoy to Wildwood. This is done to remove buildup from the water main and improve pressure and quality of the water you receive. We will be doing other sections of the City of Westland in 2007 as the weather permits, working through the city on a continual basis. We are also operating and repairing the valves for isolating the water throughout the city to insure proper operation of the valves in an emergency.

Lead

Since 1992, with the cooperation of many Westland residents, the City has been testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. Our latest round of testing showed none of the fifteen homes tested has lead levels above the action level. If your home has a lead service line or piping that has lead soldered joints, you can take the following precautions to minimize your exposure to lead that may have leached into your drinking water from your pipes.

- Run your water for 30 to 60 seconds, or until it feels cold. This practice should be followed any time your water has not been used for more than six hours.
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking or making baby formula.
- Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into your water.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If

you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals, including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person or consuming contaminated food or water. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been testing for cryptosporidium since 1994 and has not detected it in any of our source water supplies.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2006, the City of Westland had no monitoring violations. A monitoring violation is not an exceedance of a MCL or health standard.

The Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent prepared this report for the City of Westland. Data was supplied by the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact the City of Westland Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770. This report is supplied to our customers to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976, PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

Additional Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Springwells Water Treatment Plant
2006 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	8/15/2006	ppm	4	4	0.951	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	8/15/2006	ppm	10	10	0.172	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2006	ppb	n/a	80	22.0	8.9-42.7	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2006	ppb	n/a	60	13.9	5.5-24.5	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2006	ppm	MRDL 4	MRDL 4	0.67	0.62-0.71	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2006 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
0.28 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff	
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.				

2006 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation Yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	In one month - 0	No	Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year - 0	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2005 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2005	Ppb	0	15	0 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2005	Ppb	1300	1300	54 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

2006 Special Monitoring				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.21	Erosion of natural deposits
Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.				

WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENT: Furthermore, compliance with Public Act 222 of 2001, an amendment to Michigan's Governmental Immunity Statute 1964 PA 170, as amended MCL 691.1401 to 691.1419, requires that a claimant who wishes to seek compensation for property damage or physical injury resulting from a sewage disposal system event notify the City of Westland, Water and Sewer Superintendent, in writing, within 45 days after the date the damage or physical injury was discovered, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. The written notice shall contain the claimant's name, address and telephone number, the address of the affected property, the date of discovery of any property damages or physical injuries, and a brief description of the claim. Failure to comply with the notice requirements may prevent the recovery of damages and bar any claim that a claimant may have.



Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAllister

Meet and eat with crew of Motor City Middays

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Jay Towers, Shila and Bill McAllister host of Motor City Middays, on Live 97.1 FREE FM.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of the Motor City Middays crew and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in July with the trio from 97.1 FREE FM.

Send your fan letter to **BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com** and be sure to

include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the July contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

A photograph of you and your favorite stars will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at www.hometownlife.com.

Other upcoming dining with stars include August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9) and September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

Car show supports cause and offers fun

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 STAFF WRITER

Custom cars, motorcycles, music, kids' games, food — there will be plenty of activities at the Autos for Autism Car Show Monday evening.

"It's very much a family event. There are things for kids to do, things for women and girls — little something for everyone," said Cecilia Nesbitt, who co-chairs the fund-raiser for the Burger Center.

Between car show participants and attendees, Nesbitt said the annual event attracts about 1,000 people to Garden City High School for the show. The show is open 5-9 p.m.

"Last year, we had 260 cars entered in 12 categories. The number of entries go up each year," Nesbitt said. "We get entries from the east side, from Milford and South Lyon — from all over. The car and motorcycle people are very heart-giving — they like to do charitable events and have fun."

This is the seventh year for the Autos for Autism car show — the second largest fund-raiser for the Burger Center behind the Lyman Golf Outing. A 20-member committee from the Autistic School Association plans and runs the car show.

"The last two years we raised \$13,000-\$14,000. We really only pay for mailings — we have some generous sponsors," said Nesbitt. "Many items are donated to be raffled and a couple of groups do demonstrations for donations at the event."

Money raised by the car show goes toward improvements at the Burger Center — the original building and now the expansion to the Cambridge Center. The Burger programs draws students from 34 school districts in Wayne County.

"We redo the gym or the kitchens. We've done that at the main building and now we're doing the east building," said Nesbitt.

Along with custom cars and motorcycles, live music will be performed by Burger staff members Stan and Char Bialach and Dance Pro Disc Jockey Service will handle pre-recorded tunes. There will be clowns and other children's activities.

This year's car show will be dedicated to the memory of Bob Kaiser, a Custom Car Hall of Fame member who was very involved with the event.

It's not too late to enter a vehicle into the competition. Entries will be taken on site until 7 p.m. at a cost of \$10.

SPARKS TOWING

Abandoned vehicle auction, Sparks Towing, 31797 Block St., Garden City, MI 48185, 10:00 A.M. Thursday, July 12, 2007.

1995 FORD	4 DR	1FASP14J6SW370016
1994 FORD	2 DR	1FALP8249RH113042
1996 DODGE	2 DR	4B3AU52NITE429511
1989 FORD	VAN	1FMDA31U6K2B28562
2000 FORD	VAN	2FTZA5447YBA00733
1997 GLASTON	BOAT	1MDCG8N11VA946220
1985 FORD	F150	1FTDF15Y2FLA87640

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
6000 MIDDLEBELT
GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

YEAR & MAKE	STYLE	VIN#
1992 CHEVY CAVALIER	2 DR	1G1JC1447N7236067
1993 GMC VAN	SW	1GKDM15W6-B524708
1996 CHRYSLER LHS	4 DR	2C3HC56F4TH251787
1996 DODGE RAM	PU	1B7HC16Z4TS535671
1995 FORD ESCORT	4 DR	1FASP14J4SW121875
1998 FORD F150	PU	2FTZX1723WCA91413
1996 FORD CONTOUR	4 DR	1FALP65L3TK136359
1995 FORD VAN	VA	1FTEE14N8SHA47901
1999 FORD TAURUS	4 DR	1FAFP53U6XG199256
1996 FORD ASPIRE	2 DR	KNJLT05HT76196522
1997 FORD ESCORT	SW	3FALP15P1VR143088
2000 FORD WINDSTAR	SW	2FMZA5240YBB60158
1995 LINCOLN	2 DR	1LNLM91V0S734539
1993 MERCURY TOPAZ	4 DR	2MEPM36X6P6641024
1989 MERCURY	4 DR	2MEBM74F8XK831733
1992 PONTIAC	SW	1GMDU06D2NT240961
2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE	4 DR	1G2JB524517287893
1978 TOYOTA COROLLA	4 DR	TE51654637
1992 ISUZU ROVER	SW	482CY58ZXN4329850

American economy still the envy of the world

Wednesday, we celebrated the 231st birthday of our country and I believe we should take a step back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

Our country is a work in process and despite the problems and challenges we face, particularly here in Michigan, all we need to do to measure success is to compare ourselves to the rest of the world. From

an economic standpoint, there is no country in second place. Our economy is still the envy of the world and it dwarfs any other economy whether it is the Chinese, the Japanese or anyone else. Twenty years ago, people were talking that the Japanese economy would surpass ours. It didn't happen. People that predict that China will be the world economic leader in 20 years underestimate this economy and the American people.

Most think the strength of the U.S. economy is in giant multinational corporations. After all, they dominate the economic news. However, the strength in the American economy lies in everyday citizens who go to work each day. The American worker is the most productive and efficient worker in the world. The strength of the U.S. economy lies in the entrepreneurial spirit that is alive and well in America.

We see it in the small business person who adapts to change and looks for better and more efficient ways to run his/her business. It is the small business person who creates the majority of jobs in America.

Michigan has gone through

Learn to ride safely

Motorcycle riding is great in the summer, and novice bikers have several new opportunities to learn the basics of safely operating a motorcycle.

New basic rider classes have been added at Schoolcraft College and its partner campuses in the Detroit-Metro Regional Consortium Motorcycle Safety Program. The basic rider course is the foundation course for the inexperienced rider, offering 16 hours of instruction during one or two weekends or on weekdays or nights. Bikes are provided, and the fee is \$25.

At Schoolcraft, additional classes begin on July 20 at the Livonia campus and July 27 at Garden City's Radcliff Center.

At other locations, Henry Ford Community College has new classes beginning July 23 and July 27. Macomb Community College offers new classes July 27, Aug. 20 and Sept. 10 at its south campus. New classes begin July 27 at Monroe County Community College and August 24 at St. Clair County Community College.

A complete schedule of motorcycle safety classes is posted at www.schoolcraft.edu/ces/motorcycle.asp. For more information call the motorcycle information hotline at (734) 462-4452.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online.

a difficult time and unfortunately has not started the recovery process. Last year, Michigan was the only state to post a reduction in gross domestic product. The state also saw a significant reduction in the number of our residents who have jobs.

The traditional manufacturing base of our Michigan economy is changing. In fact,

sometime in the near future, more Michigan residents will be employed in health care than manufacturing.

Just like 100 years ago, when the majority of residents worked in the agricultural sector then transitioned when the industrial revolution hit, so too will the Michigan economy change.

Think about the massive

changes the national economy has gone through in the last 20 years. Whether it is in banking, obtaining mortgages or investing, Americans have adapted and prospered in this changing world. In this process, many Americans have been left behind and that is one of the great challenges we face today.

As we celebrate our coun-

try's birthday, we should all be proud of what our country has accomplished and we should all be confident as we face the future.

After all, when we look at things economically, we should always remember that history has taught us one thing for certain and that is, whoever bets against the U.S. economy always loses.

Celebrate the good old U.S.A., still the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

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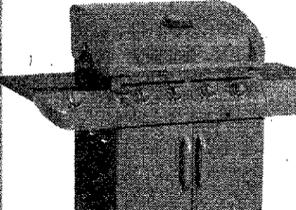
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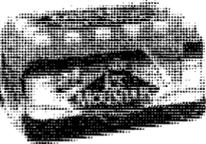
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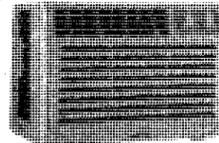
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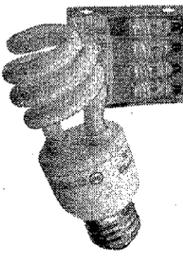


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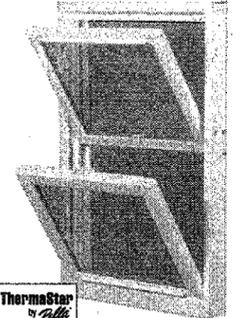
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Roll up a sleeve for the Red Cross

On Sept. 11, 2001, Americans watched in horror as the World Trade Center North and South Towers collapsed after being attacked by terrorists. Close to 3,000 people lost their lives there and at a similar attack at the Pentagon.

Amid the shock and horror of what happened, Americans did what they do best. They gave money, supplies, whatever they could to help. They also lined up by the hundreds outside of American Red Cross donor centers to donate blood. The long waits meant nothing to people who wanted to do something.

It was a tremendous boost for the Red Cross which saw blood supplies skyrocket. But now, more than five years later, the blood supply is at a critical level in southeastern Michigan and the Red Cross is in dire need of donors.

Summer is traditionally a slow time, especially around the holidays. Add in plant closings, schools shut down for the summer — they are one of the bigger sources of blood drives — and the summer vacation season and you have a shortage of blood donations.

The Red Cross more than ever needs people to roll up their sleeves and give the gift of life. It's estimated that 800 units of blood on average are needed a day in the region. Just one donation can help save up to three lives. It ensures that when blood is needed for cancer treatments, surgeries or injuries, it will be there.

If you're 17 years of age and older, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health you can donate blood. The entire process from registration to refreshments takes about one hour, a short time when you consider how many people can benefit from your donation.

You can make an appointment or just walk in the Red Cross Donor Center 36650 Five Mile Road, east of Newburgh in Livonia. The same is true of local mobile blood drive scheduled now through the end of July. They include:

- 1-7 p.m. Friday, July 5, at Contours Express, at 31509 Cherry Hill at Merriman in Westland.
 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 6, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave. east of Wayne Road, Wayne.
 - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 9, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, north of Ford, Garden City.
 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at Art Van, 8300 N. Wayne Road north of Cowan, Westland.
 - 1-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at Garden City Church of Christ, 1657 Middlebelt south for Ford, Garden City.
 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, Divine Savior Catholic Church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, Westland.
- We have busy lives, but set aside that hour to donate blood. Do it for others, do it for yourself. You never know when you might need it.

There's no better vacation than a Michigan vacation

Sometimes, it is easy to take for granted the natural splendor of our Great Lake State. We forget about the breathtaking sunsets over Lake Michigan, the pristine beaches dominating the coasts of our wonderful peninsulas, the postcard towns and villages and the warm and friendly people that make up our state.

With gas prices still over \$3 per gallon and chamber of commerce weather dominating our summer season, now is the perfect time for residents to reconnect with their home state and, as an old advertising campaign urged, "Say Yes! to Michigan."

While vacation destinations are plentiful throughout the state, there is no denying the special appeal of spending a week or two "up north." From the Mighty Mackinac Bridge and Tahquamenon Falls to the Sleeping Bear Dunes and Grand Traverse Bay, northern Michigan is a playground unmatched for its variety and accessibility.

State budget cuts have put the squeeze on every department, but the need to promote this great state as a vacation destination for the entire country has never been greater. Tourist dollars are the lifeblood for many towns and their residents, and we can help out those who preserve and protect our environmental jewels by spending our dollars in Michigan this summer.

If you haven't vacationed in the state in a while, a good place to start for ideas is www.michigan.org, the state's official Web site. Or better yet, ask a friend or neighbor about their favorite place to vacation in Michigan. Mackinac Island, Saugatuk for its artist colony feel and Lake Michigan location, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Alpena on the state's "right coast" of Lake Huron are all can't-miss destinations.

With summer in full swing, it's never been a better time to explore this great state and help the local economy at the same time.



LETTERS

Celebration was a success

Thank you everyone for making our Community Celebration a success! There were many people in attendance, including Mayor William Wild, state Sen. Glenn Anderson, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, our local cable company, WLND and several members from our business network.

I am grateful to Gov. Jennifer Granholm for the special tribute given to my daughter Ashe' Lewis. Thank you, Mayor Wild, Sen. Anderson, Rep. LeBlanc, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter and County Commissioner Kay Beard for your special recognition as well.

Thanks to our members of the network that provided their services, some in kind: "Tuff" Terry Nicholson WGPR-FM (107.5) and O. C. Roberts, formerly of Reggae Soundblast, our masters of ceremony, DJ Mystic for the music, Midwest Marketing Associates for the catering services, Daryl Rogers and The Video Game Mobile, the New Millennium Steel Band for the beautiful sounds from your drums, the JFL Dance Project for an outstanding performance and being hostesses, Auntie Ida Hunter and Latrice Herring for working the registration table, Pastor Robert DellaPella for the invocation and WLND Cable for the media coverage.

To our merchants and organization for providing donations — H&S Gas Inc. BP, Senior Taco Restaurant, Uncle Joe's Supermarket, Geared Up Urban Apparel and Stottlemeyer Head Start.

Our honorees Ashe' Lewis and Alisha Baldwin for their beautiful selection *Thank You* by Ashanti.

A special thank you to Sue Mason and Ashley Dobos for their newsletter and articles on the event.

Rebecca Kirchoff, thank you for attending. Ashe' said you were one of the highlights of the event.

Even though we fell short of meeting the final goal for funds at the celebration, Ashe' would never forget this memorable event. I am appreciative to Interlochen for providing an additional scholarship to send Ashe' to the summer camp.

Again, thank you for being an integral part in helping Ashe's dreams become reality! May God bless you richly for all you've done.

Juanita Francis
Westland

Support the MDA

As an intern for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), I have been afforded a wonderful opportunity to help others while learning and growing as a person and intellectually. However, the most important part of this experience was realized when I had the opportunity to attend MDA Summer Camp at both Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich., and Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, Mich.

Immediately upon my arrival to camp, it was obvious how important this camp is to the children. Each child was full of joy, smiling and laughing, with full confidence in themselves and their abilities. The word "disability" was not part of the camp for the youth, and was replaced by the word "ability." They were no longer the minority, but the majority. After being at the camp for only moments, I no

longer noticed the sea of wheelchairs, but only the faces of the smiling children.

By attending camp, I was able to understand why the volunteers who aid the children return year after year, many having a special bond with their camper. At camp, the children can climb trees, ride horses, swim, dance, and play as able-bodied children can. They can also ask questions and support each other in their time of need. No one at camp is alone. They have not only each other, but a support network of friends, volunteers, and sponsors who care deeply about each child.

The camp is held every year for youth effected with one of 43 muscular dystrophies and, for many of them, MDA Summer Camp is the "best week of the year!" Each child is able to attend the camp free of charge, and the \$650 cost to send a child to camp is covered by the generous support of community members and corporate sponsors. The biggest fund-raiser for the camp is the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, which airs on September 2-3 annually.

I strongly urge anyone interested to volunteer or support the MDA Summer Camp program. It is only with the help of the community that these children can hope that a cure is found for their disease. But until then, we continue to fight for the children in our communities served by MDA and provide them with an opportunity to build confidence in themselves and allow them to experience things many of us take for granted.

From all of the campers, thank you for providing the funding for our fun-filled week at summer camp. It is because you cared, we are able to swim, dance, play sports, do arts and crafts and make life-long friends at camp.

Kate Day
Regional Public Affairs Coordinator
Muscular Dystrophy Association

Get less with Republicans

Everyone likes a bargain. We all like to get our money's worth when it is spent. We don't like to be ripped off, short-changed or invest in anything with low value. This is just human nature. So why do we accept something less from our government.

One fallacy Republicans have been touting since taking control of some state and federal government branches is the privatization of government being more efficient, or it gives Americans more value for their tax dollars. Nothing could be further from the truth. Compare the operating models providing the service.

One has a government employee as the manager, being held accountable by an accounting office and out representatives. Tax dollars are spent to provide the salaries for the employees doing the work, oversight is from our paid representatives in government, and expenses and outside material are done from a competitive open bid process. No fat here, just a possibility of an uninspired work force.

The other operating model is a service done by a private company, with a chief operating officer, demanding lots of money, a board of directors being paid, share holders wanting a return, and of course, an exploited work force, inspired occasionally, but generally paid too little for an adequate living. There also is the family member receiving a salary and

not contributing to the service being rendered. And of course, there is the profit that must be made.

Every company today must make money, that is undeniable. But many companies put making money ahead of making a product consumers need or providing a service consumers need. The U.S. Auto companies are perfect examples of this. Figure out how much money they want to make and then build cars to make that much money. U.S. auto companies are SUV producers and not car companies. Asian auto manufacturers scrutinize the market for what customers need, make it better than the current products, build the car and then sell it for more than it costs to make.

I was reminded of the efficiencies of government when Gov. Jennifer Granholm of Michigan and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California proposed privatizing the state lottery. Both states have budget issues and each promised a lump sum to solve today's problem. And each claimed the lottery could increase sales, if it was in private hands because the private companies could spend money on marketing to increase sales. But what about tomorrow, and what about the original promise of the lottery? "All funds go to support education." Are we not going to support our schools tomorrow? Nearly every state that has a lottery adopted it to improve funding for schools but has reduced tax funding for schools by the amount the lottery has provided.

I don't know for sure, but I can guess that each state lottery has a few officials that have suggested ways to promote sales and increase revenues but they have been turned down by representatives of the people because it will cost money. Put a Republican crony in charge of a government service and then tighten the budget until it is no longer effective, then privatize it eventually at 10 times the expense to the people. The revolving door for Republicans to the private industry for companies they worked with in government far exceeds any non-Republican government employees.

We need more from our government = more accountability, more efficiency and more responsible managers. Even though Republicans talk about getting more from government, from what we have witnessed over the last few years, the more Republicans we have, the less we get for our taxes.

Frances Meese
Westland

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QUOTABLE

"I just really wanted to do a memorial to Zeke and all the other police dogs, past and present, that have served without recognition."

- veterinarian Dr. Sharon Lawrenchuk about a carved wooden sculpture being done of the late Westland police dog Zeke

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Moore's 'Sicko' - is it just what patient ordered?

Michael Moore's new film, *Sicko*, is a communal experience that begins the moment you stand in line to get tickets. It continues through the laughter and moans you hear during the film to the tears and outrage you see expressed as you exit the theater. This is more than a movie; it's an experience to share with others.

Moore has done it again. He has sparked a hot conversation that has the potential to start a raging fire under our national politicians to actually do something about something that everyone admits is a problem. He has placed our system of health care under a microscope for all to see - and the sight is not pretty.

Sicko shows that the only ones getting healthy under our system of care are the members of the health care industrial complex - giant drug companies, mega-hospitals and health insurers that victimize people to maximize profits.

The film is not about the 45 million Americans that do not have any health insurance, it is about the more than 260 million citizens who do and still receive inadequate care. It poses powerful questions about a health care system that rations care and debates who has to the right to life-saving procedures that may deprive the system of maximum profits.

Some will argue the film is an unfair assessment of our health care system and it is Moore at his demagoguery best. Others will say the film and the truth it shares will make you angry and sick.

TAPPING THE ANGER

As I stood in line to see *Sicko*, I could hear people talking about their painful experience dealing with the "best health care system in the world." The anger seems to cut across all racial, age, social, class and political perspectives. As the movie ended, it seemed as though a spontaneous political protest might break out. The frustration from hard-working Americans fed up with a sick health care system is palpable.

Sicko seems to make the word "why" form on your lips. Why in such a great country, the richest country in the world, do we have the health care problems we do? Why are countless Americans, who "work hard and play by the rules," who are God-fearing, patriotic, flag-waving, red-white-and-blue-bleeding taxpayers, being neglected by the country they helped build? Why indeed?

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OUTRAGE

Unlike his previous films, *Roger & Me*, *Bowling for Columbine* and *Fahrenheit*

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9/11, that tended to polarize an already polarized American public by inflaming the politically conservative right and making the political left rejoice as he took on General Motors, the NRA and bashed Bush, *Sicko* hits a raw, national, bipartisan nerve and could, and should, stir up strong grass-roots reform efforts. *Sicko* has the potential to galvanize people from both "red" and "blue" states to form a "madder than hell coalition" that is not going to take it anymore!

Sicko also shows us in scene after scene that it will be hard to fix our health care system in ways that will benefit average Americans, because our politicians are in the pockets of pharmaceutical, insurance and health care companies.

Moore concludes that change will only happen when we, the people, rise up and demand it - in ways that politicians will be unable to avoid.

Perhaps *Sicko* will be the catalyst to motivate us to finally address the health care crisis that polls show is the No. 1 domestic issue facing our nation.

Here are a few things you can do today:

- Demand to know what health insurers are spending for lobbying activities at the state and national level.
- Know what contributions your elected leaders are accepting from health insurers, health care providers and pharmaceutical companies and how they vote on health care legislation.
- Write your U.S. representative and senator and call for universal, quality and affordable health care for all - now!
- Demand to know how each presidential candidate is going to create a health care system that meets the health care needs of all Americans.
- See the movie, get angry, harness the anger and take action.

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Tom Watkins

Drug cost Web site will help consumer save money

With both gasoline and milk at \$3 a gallon, many Michiganders will drive an extra block or clip newspaper coupons just to save a quarter. But what about a program that could save you tens, even hundreds, of dollars a month, right now?

There is such a program. It's a Web site that compares the cost of prescription drugs at all of the pharmacies in your city, county or ZIP code. Three years ago, I proposed the idea of creating just such a prescription drug Web site for Michigan consumers. Unfortunately, bureaucratic opposition to creating the Web site delayed implementation of this idea.

In order to highlight the need for a site where consumers can compare prices on prescription drugs, I directed my Consumer Protection Division to conduct three comprehensive statewide drug price surveys. The results were startling:

■ The May 2007 survey conducted in Detroit found that Avandia, a drug used to treat diabetes, could cost as little as \$198 for a month's supply or as much as \$300. That is a difference of more than \$100 a month.

■ The May 2006 survey conducted in Kalamazoo revealed a large difference in the price of Gabapentin, a drug commonly used to treat acid reflux disease. At one pharmacy, a month's supply cost only \$58, while another pharmacy in the same ZIP code charged \$126.97, more than double the first pharmacy's price.

■ The February 2006 survey conducted in Saginaw found a drug that cost eight times more from one pharmacy to the next. Nasonex, a common allergy inhaler, was found to cost only \$12.99 at one pharmacy, while it ran for \$106.25 for a month's supply at a different location.

There is broad public support for a site that compares drug prices. According to a recent poll by EPIC/MRA, 87 percent of Michigan residents are in favor of legislation to establish a drug cost Web site.

That is why I was so gratified when, 36 months after I first called for a drug cost Web site, the Michigan Department of Community Health created a site that lists 118 drugs (www.michigandrugprices.com). The first day that the new drug Web site was up, DCH stated the site was "overwhelmed," receiving more than 200,000 hits.



Mike Cox

After New York state launched its drug cost Web site in 2004, a study found an average savings for seniors of \$17.36 per prescription drug per month, thanks to the ability to comparison shop. According to AARP, the typical senior has four prescriptions, so through the course of a year, that translates into a savings of more than \$833. For a couple, the savings obviously double.

It's a good first step. But Michigan can do better. That is why I am strongly supporting a bill sponsored by state Sen. Roger Kahn of Saginaw that would greatly improve the DCH site:

■ It would list the cost of 150 prescription drugs, as well as their generic equivalent.

■ By broadening the number of drugs listed, such a site would include the price of drugs that treat illnesses such as Alzheimer's that are currently not listed on the DCH site.

■ This legislation would also differentiate the prices between name brand drugs and generics. That's important to know, because the price differential between name brands and generic drugs can be substantial.

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By passing this drug cost Web site legislation, the Michigan Legislature will provide consumers with a powerful tool that can help them compare prices and save money. This is especially important for the 1.1 million people in Michigan who are uninsured, the thousands more that are unemployed and those seniors struggling to get by on fixed incomes. I urge readers to contact their state representative and state senator and ask them to support Senate Bill 525.

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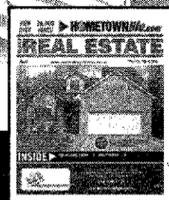
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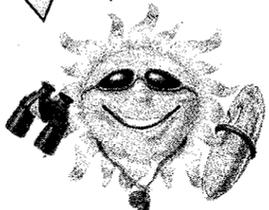
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The 17th Annual National Train Show, the world's largest model train show, comes to Detroit's Cobo Center July 27-29.

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The event will cover 180,000 square feet of space and include 45,000 square feet of operating model train displays.

Highlights of the event are:

- The Incredible Lego Universe. This 11,000-square-foot area is dedicated to the creation of an originally designed display featuring operating model railroads, hundreds of train cars, various landscape settings and waterfalls, scale buildings, retractable bridges and more more, all made entirely out of millions of Lego pieces. This will be the largest Lego layout at a National Train Show to date.
- Ask the Collectibles Appraiser. Have an old train set hidden away in the closet? Wondering what it's worth? Bring it to the show and find out from The Collectibles Expert. Model train appraisers Bob Sherlock and Butch Tanis will meet with individuals and examine their prizes



Cobo Center will be the site July 27-29 for the 17th Annual National Train Show.

possessions. Free to all attendees.

- Children's Play Area. 1,200 square foot of fun including trains, games and more for children of all ages to enjoy during the show. This area is chaperoned and free of charge.
- Hands-on Demonstrations. Learn how to get started on you own model railroad empire and find out the latest techniques from well-known

exhibitors and pros.

Visitors to the show can register to win a Thunderbolt electric train from Bachman Industries worth \$100.

The National Train Show is sponsored by the National Model Railroad Association, a not-for-profit organizations dedicated to the promotion of and education about the model railroading hobby.

Mud Day is Tuesday

Ready to wallow?

Wayne County's annual Mud Day is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at the Nankin Mills Area on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Children, ages 12 and younger, are invited to participate in one of Wayne County Parks most popular events. Wayne County mixes more than 200 tons of topsoil and more than 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right and a muddy time is had by all.

Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age to participate in "Mud Limbo" and the wheelbarrow races. At the conclusion of the event, Mr. and Miss Mud will be crowned.

To ensure that parents and children are prepared for this day of dirt, it is suggested that parents make sure that children are wearing old clothes and shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site cleanup area will be provided. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels, as there are no showers on site. Worried about how to transport the old clothes home? Don't panic, plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty clothes are properly contained for the trip home.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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JULY

Concert
Tim Zimmerman and the Kings Brass will perform for a birthday celebration for our great nation 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial. The group will be playing sacred music and a special tribute to our nation's veterans. Call (734) 455-2300 for tickets and dinner reservations.

Cooking classes
Are you tired of feeling sick and tired? Eating well, and feeling bloated afterwards? Suffering from acid reflux? So many different diets, how can you tell what is really healthy? Join in for a NEWSTART (Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust in God) cooking classes with lessons based on the 8 principles for Good Health with a complete vegetarian meal based on the nutrition guidelines recommended by NEWSTART 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 8 and 15, and Tuesday, July 10 and 17, at Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, east of Wayne Road, west of Venoy, Garden City. Call (734) 524-0880. Every class includes cooking demonstrations, samples, handouts and lectures at no charge. Other materials will be available for purchase. Seating limited, reservations requested. For reservations only, call (734) 326-6998. For more information and reservations, call Juanita at (313) 580-9081.

Carillon series
10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, July 8, July 15, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Life celebration
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will commemorate the death of Janet Noble-Richardson, pastor of the church at the time she was killed in a rear end collision on the Ohio Turnpike on July 11, 2006. The Life Celebration will take place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the church, 16700 Newburgh, south of Six Mile, Livonia. A memorial to Noble-Richardson will be unveiled at the end of the service. Noble-Richardson, 44, served as the church's pastor for 17 years. For more information, call (734) 464-8844.

Women's retreat
St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summer to enjoy prayer and adult discussion of topics relevant to their daily life. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast and conversation with other moms 8:30-11 a.m. July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on the southwest corner of Hubbard

and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are Everyday Prayer on June 20th; Marriage, July 18th; Motherhood and Mary, July 18; Teaching Your Children the Virtues, Aug. 1, and Living your Faith Every Day, Aug. 8. Moms may register for as few or as many sessions as schedules permit, each at \$5 per meeting. Children's Ministry activities are \$2 per child per session. Contact (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@livoniamichael.org for information and registration details.

Blood drive
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15, in the Parish Hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Wellness lecture/healing workshop
With Dr. Saul Shaye, a chiropractor, presents the message: A Funny Thing Happened on My Way to Disprove God during services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, July 15, workshop 1-4 p.m. (suggested donation \$15), at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Shaye has demonstrated a special gift of spiritual healing. Personal appointments with him are available during the week. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

Vacation Bible school
Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God! takes place 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 16-20, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. The sessions, for age 3 to children entering 5th grade, include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. The children will also learn about the sponsored mission - Heifer International, a charity that through donations, helps children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts to help them become self-reliant. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$18 for the first child in the family, \$12 for any additional children. After July 8, there is an increase to \$20 for the first child and \$14 for additional children. For more information or to register, call (734) 422-1470 or e-mail: christianeducator@sppc-email.org.

Soccer mini-camp
6:30-8 p.m. July 23-26, for boys and girls ages 5-12 (any skill level), at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks and soccer ball to take home. Fee payable at time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. Call (734) 522-6830.

Avalanche ranch
Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon July 23-27, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. \$25 for first child (includes music CD, \$20 each additional child (no CD). If you have western theme items we can borrow or for more information, contact Laura Kloiber at (248) 348-9675 or send e-mail to lkloiber@ameritech.net.

Vacation Bible school
Bible stories, crafts, games, puppets, snacks and prizes 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, July 23-27, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 E. Lincoln at Edgewood, Birmingham. Bring your friends ages 2-17 and join us each day. For more information, call (248) 646-2000, Ext. 16.

Messiah
Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 (Messiah by George Frideric Handel), and Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maples, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Media mania presentation
On Protecting Our Children who are overexposed to sex by way of television, music, magazines, and the Internet, often communicating the wrong message. As part of the presentation Dr. Kevin Barber will give tips on how parents can protect their children. Barber is a Neurological Psychologist who owns Psychological Evaluation and Consulting Services in Livonia, and has a specialty with children. A practicing Catholic who is married with two children in Catholic school, Barber also coaches high school football. Presentation (with O & A) is 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Fellowship Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Vacation Bible school
July 28 to Aug. 1, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-3664 or visit www.BethelOfLivonia.com.

Anniversary Mass
50th anniversary of Fr. Solanus Casey's death 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at St. Bonaventure/Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. For information, call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 140 or Ext. 169.

Song ministry
The Rev. Bob Herriman, song evangelist, appears 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are invited to witness this ministry through word and song.

Summer Bible studies
Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christoursavior.org for more information.

Summer camp
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Levee, Redford is accepting applications for their summer camp. Care is offered for infants through 8th grade from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 646-4857 for more information.

Summer camp
The camps continue 10:30 a.m. to 3

p.m. Monday-Thursday, through Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday school classes
New adult Sunday School classes began July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

UPCOMING

Special services
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, with Rev. Ron Scott, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Vacation Bible school
Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-17, with a church picnic finale on Aug. 19, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All kids age 2 through fifth grade are invited. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us.

Church Women United
Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring 1 salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Crafters needed
For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Cruise
St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. Space limited.

Crafters wanted
St. Aidan Catholic Parish in Livonia is hosting a craft show to raise funds for their youth for their pilgrimage to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day in 2008. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an application (734) 464-5973.

Uplifting church services
Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

J.O.Y. meeting
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe
Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service
10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Youth wanted
Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you
Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Summer worship
Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship
10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Preschool registration
Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Sunday services
Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Worship services
Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study
7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053 or (248) 890-5494.

Worship services
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Classes
North Ridge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/.

Tiny Tots Preschool
Open registration at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study
The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service
All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
Explore your destiny God's wonderful plan for your life. Sunday Worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional)

and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck), Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait. (313) 255-6330.

Worship service
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes
Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Personal ministry
Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies
From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS
Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study
At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service
Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Senior activities
Gathering for seniors 50 years and older at 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Unity of Livonia
Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services
The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim
Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Trinity Episcopal Church
Sunday Services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

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SHIRLEY A., KRUEGER
of Bloomfield Hills, died June 30, 2007, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Carl M., Jr. Dear mother of Karen Duval (Roger) and Kathy Byers (Dane). Grandmother of Carly and Grace Byers. Sister of Patti Palmer. Memorial will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday, July 12, from 3-7 PM. Memorial Service Friday, July 13 - 10 AM at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial Tributes suggested to Leader Dogs for the Blind, or Salvation Army Kroc Match.

JOSEPH ANTHONY STAILEY
Age 45, of Dearborn Heights, MI. Uht Funeral Home

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RUTH G. WINGARD
Age 87, longtime resident of Plymouth, passed away June 30, 2007. Born May 4, 1920 in Plymouth to parents Erwin and Lois Hobbins. Married the love of her life, Edwin Wingard in 1937 and were happily together until his death in 2001. They were blessed with two children: daughter, Peggy Wingard and son, Jack who passed away in 1991. She retired from Michigan Bell in the late 70's as a business office supervisor. After retirement Ruth and Edwin moved to Bradenton, Florida and then moved back to Plymouth in 1996. Survived by her wonderful grandchildren: Melinda Garchow, Mark Garchow, Larry (Kristen) Wingard, Russell (Michelle) Wingard, and Matthew (Lisa) Garchow. Great grandchildren: Patrick, Tyler, Emily, Abbey, and Jack. Memorial service from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Friday 11:00am. Memorial visitation Thursday 3-8pm. Memorials to St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation "Noda" program, 36475 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154. Share memories at schrader-howell.com.

CLEO "Klee" SAVAS
Age 71, July 2, 2007 of West Bloomfield. Beloved wife of Mitchell for 50 years. Amazing mom and best friend of Michele Schubot (Brian), Stephanie Thompson (Jody) and Kristen Ashker (Larry). "Yai-Yai" of Justin, Zoe, Alex, Isabella, Mitchell, Zachary and Vincent. Sister of Michael Pantel and Gus Pantelides (Sherry). Aunt of Paul, Elena, Christiana and Mitchell. Great Aunt of Demi and Evan. Cleo and Mitch owned Mitch's Birmingham Coney Island for 15 years. Funeral service Thursday (today) 11am at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 4381 E. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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Shabbat Rocks
A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.
English classes
Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.
Sunday school
Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special

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Homenetmen Games capture true spirit

Glenn Papazian had no chance of winning, but the 56-year-old Philadelphian stepped onto the Livonia Stevenson High School track Monday and gave it his best shot.



Brad Emons

Against runners 30 years his junior, Papazian clocked a blistering time of 37.8 seconds, good enough for last place.

He wasn't even close. "I'm a basketball player, but I said myself, 'What the hell, I'll run the 200 for the heck of it,'" said Papazian, one of over 600 competitors

here this week for the North American Eastern Region Homenetmen Olympic Games.

Papazian takes his basketball seriously. He still plays the game and covers the "Big Five" in Philly's mecca of college basketball for various radio networks.

And while he's not chugging up and down the court in the Veterans Division (35-and-up), Papazian gives back to Homenetmen organization, which is dedicated to serving Armenian youth in athletics.

"It's a great thing to be involved in," Papazian said. "Number one, I enjoy the competition, and number two, it's the kids. It's all about them. I've coached many youth groups and I enjoy coaching

the kids.

"You see all the different uniforms. You meet guys from Chicago, Detroit, Boston, people you establish lasting friendships with. There are lot of families. My cousin (Rich Keshgegian) has his kids competing here - three sons and a daughter."

The four-day event, which started Saturday and ended Tuesday, shuttled back-and-forth between two sites (Stevenson and Schoolcraft College). The Homenetmen Games in Livonia featured boys and girls divisions for Pee Wee, Midget, Juniors, along with Seniors and Veterans men and women.

Aurelian Mardirosian, 28, has been competing since he was 12 in the

Homenetmen Olympic Games.

He belongs to a large contingent from Boston, 120 strong, including 80 competitors.

Mardirosian competed this week in soccer, swimming and track.

His goal was to return home wearing three different medals - a red band for first; blue for second; and orange for third.

"I've got a gold and a bronze, now I need silver to complete the set," said Mardirosian, a mechanical engineering student at Northeastern University. "They've done a good job all-around, there are not many competitions like

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Sidelines

MIAA honorees

Among those honored recently on the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Academic Honor Roll for 2006-07 from Albion College include:

Amy Lindman (Canton), swimming; Andrew Lulek (Canton/Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), tennis; Carrie Oleszkowicz (Plymouth/Canton), cross country and track; Danielle Shepard (Plymouth/Canton), soccer; Josh Silvernail (Livonia Clarenceville), football; Erica Stoney (Plymouth/Canton), cross country.

Other area honorees, who maintained a cumulative 3.5 grade-point average or better included: Hope College's Taylor Fox (Canton/Plymouth), football; Saint Mary's (Ind.), Maggie McNicholas (Canton), swimming; Olivet College's Heather Michalsen (Plymouth/Salem), swimming; Adrian College's Kim Olech (Canton/Plymouth), basketball; Kalamazoo College's Ben Schroeder (Livonia Stevenson), baseball; Olivet's Nick Stone (Westland John Glenn), swimming; Kalamazoo's Jon Smart (Plymouth-Novi CC), football; and Alma College's Christine Wheatley (Canton/Salem), soccer.

Meijer placers

Canton golfers Glenn Piot (Boys 9-10) and Zach Conrad (Boys 13-14) placed in their respective age divisions last week at the Meijer Junior Players Tour (Event No. 6) held June 26 at the Blue Golf Club at Thornapple Point in Grand Rapids.

Piot carded a 44 for nine holes, tied for first with Nick Carlson of Hamilton, while Conrad shot an 82 for 18 holes en route to runner-up honors, three strokes behind winner Robert McBride of Tecumseh, Ontario.

Hole-in-one club

Using a 7-iron, Rick Ashburn of Livonia carded an ace on the 128-yard, No. 14 hole June 29 at Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Asburn, who has been playing golf for 45 years, shot an 18-hole round of 101.

Another no-no

Backed by several key defensive plays, 10-year-old Shane Raymond pitched a complete-game, no-hitter Saturday for the Red Sox in a 5-1 win over the Tigers in the Canton Little League's Minor Division season finale at McClumpha Park.

Raymond threw 78 pitches, fanning 13 and allowing just one walk. Only three runners reached base.

Strong family ties

Harveys display togetherness through many difficult times

Equipped with a camera, a bundle of energy and a ready smile, Tammy Harvey has been a fixture at Plymouth High School boys basketball and baseball games since the school opened in 2002.



Ed Wright

The mother of three boys - Plymouth graduate Alex (Class of '06), current student David and future Wildcat Sean - Tammy has taken thousands of photos for the memory books

that are distributed at the teams' season-ending banquets. Fast-break layup. CLICK! Players hitting the floor for a loose ball. CLICK!

Stand-up triple. CLICK! Tammy has been there to record all the action with her Nikon.

Amazingly, until this spring, the single mother didn't miss one of her sons' home games at Plymouth - even though she holds down a full-time job at Ford and has been undergoing weekly kidney dialysis treatments for the past 11 years.

"I've always been one of those people that focuses on the positive, and I thank God every day for allowing me to do the things I'm able to do when I can do it," said Tammy, who nearly died in 2000 when a transplanted kidney burst inside of her just two weeks after the transplant.

Sports provide stability

"Sports have meant the world to our family," Tammy told me a few

weeks ago. "I was into sports growing up and my boys have always enjoyed them. I'm a firm believer in good grades, so I tell the boys that as long as they give me good grades, I'll support them in whatever they want to do."

The Harvey boys have done more than hold up their end of the bargain in the classroom. Alex was an exceptional student at Plymouth before moving on to Benedict College, an NCAA Division II school located in Columbia, South Carolina, where he earned a 3.9 grade-point average while excelling for the school's baseball team. David, a baseball and basketball player, has a 3.8 GPA and Sean is a straight-A student.

"I couldn't be prouder of them," Tammy Harvey said. Nor they of her.

Responsible son

Alex Harvey displays a level of maturity well beyond his 19 years. Along with thriving academically and athletically at Plymouth and Benedict, he's seized the responsibility of being the oldest male in the Harvey household and run with it.

Ever since Tammy can remember, her oldest son has been a team player when it's come to helping her raise David and Sean.

"I had to grow up a little faster than most teenagers," he said, "but I've appreciated everything I've been through. I get everything from my mom because she's such a strong lady. She's been through so much already and she's made her own way regard-

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Tammy Harvey is pictured with (from left) David, Sean, Alex and Nathan.

Dodgers win back-to-back tournaments

The nationally-ranked 16-and-under Concealed Security Dodgers are off to a fast start this summer with a pair of baseball tournament conquests.

During the weekend of June 23-24 in South Bend Ind., Concealed bounced back from an opening-round loss to the Duneland (Ind.) Flyers, 3-2, to win five straight games and capture the Northern Indiana Wood Bat Classic by defeating the same Flyers by an identical 3-2 score.

The previous week (June 15-17), the Dodgers took the Triple Crown Capital Classic in Lansing with a 5-0 record, including a 9-4 victory in the finals over the Farmington Hills-based Michigan Musrats, 9-4.

Concealed, No. 6 in the latest USA National Sports Rankings for 16-and-under teams, is coached by Dave Ruff, Jay Hansen and Britt Ponte.

Members of the Dodgers include: Tyler Cotter, Livonia Churchill; Sam Vomastek, Livonia Stevenson; Garrett Gumm, Livonia Franklin; John Firek, Jake Hansen, Mike McCann and Tony Thomas, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central; Adam Forester, Justin Forester, Jon Ponte, Alex Ruff, Jordan Shusteric, Dearborn Divine Child; Ian Francisco, Ypsilanti Lincoln; Andy Overholt, Belleville; Drew Pentico, Fowlerville; Marty LaRoure, University of Detroit-Jesuit.

Schoolcraft's Henry adds new recruits

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Things are beginning to take shape for new Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Randy Henry.

The 52-year-old Henry, who succeeds Mike Brown (now at Saline H.S.), has been busy recruiting, while holding open gyms from 3-5 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

Henry has eight players in the fold, along with two walk-ons, and one

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holdover - 6-foot-3 Jonathon Jacobson from Kitty Hawk, N.C. - from last year's 23-9 Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) championship team

Included in Henry's first class of recruits are a pair of Belleville High graduates, 6-foot-5 Anthony Wafer and 6-1 point-guard Darius Hardrick.

They will be joined by Darnell

Thurston, a 6-foot guard out of Detroit University-Prep; Andre Brown, a 6-4 forward from Detroit Crockett Tech; Alex Mason, a 6-4 transfer from Wayne State; Marvin Wafer, a 6-4 swing man from Highland Park; Michael Dabney, a 6-8 transfer from Concordia University (via Detroit Mumford); and Henry's son Eric, a 6-3 transfer from Bowling Green State (via Renaissance). Two walk-ons will also be available

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Whaler hockey camps offer wide variety

Youth hockey players looking to get a couple of strides ahead of the competition for the 2007-08 season can learn while having fun this summer with the Ontario Hockey League champion Plymouth Whalers.

The Whalers will be teaching several different one-week schools starting July 30. The sessions will be led by Hockey Schools Director George Daniel and a number of Whaler players.

Following is the school schedule:
■ July 30-Aug. 3 (9-10:50 a.m.) - Beginner/Mini-mite (\$250): This five-day school is

for players who have little or no organized hockey experience; previous skating lessons are required. Skills taught include forward and backward skating; stopping; basic stick-handling; and proper shooting and passing techniques.

■ July 30-Aug. 3 (11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.) - Power skating (\$250): This five-day school is for beginner and intermediate players and is designed to reinforce proper skating techniques.

Skills taught include starts, stops, edges, crossovers, piv-

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Plymouth Whalers player Chris Terry is pictured with a young player during last year's Whalers summer hockey schools. This year's schools offer something for skaters of all ages.



G-Major champs

The Falcons (ages 9-10) finished the regular season with a 16-1 record, including an 11-1 mark to win the City G-Major title in the Livonia Junior Athletic League. Cameron-Mount Campbell was the team's leading hitter with a .625 average. Other members of the Falcons, who will play 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30 at Rotary Park in the playoffs, include: Kyle Way, C.J. Weiss, Derek Rotter, Frank Carlin, Jay Hopson, Gordon Ferguson, Vinny Jennaway, Jack Ferguson, Nick Copperstone, Alex Cleaver, Scott Mims, Jimmy Seewald, Heath Stillwell, Matt Boris and Sean McCann. The coaching staff includes Jim Hopson, Mike Rotter, Jeff Ferguson and Ken Way.

Demolition wins division, await playoff destination

The postseason playoffs now await the Midwest Division champion Detroit Demolition of the Independent Women's Football League.

The 7-1 Demolition wrapped up the title Saturday with a 21-6 triumph over the host Chicago Force in a game played at the Holmgren Athletic Complex at North Park University.

After a scoreless opening half, the Demolition tallied all three touchdowns over the final two quarters on a 3-yard run by quarterback Kim Grodus, a 39-yard scamper from Kiana Dennis, and a 12-yard run by Bridget Porter, who took turns alternating at quarterback with Grodus.

Dennis ran for team-best 105 yards, while the

Demolition defense, led by middle linebacker Misty Findlay (13 tackles) held the Force to 65 yards rushing and 81 yards passing.

The loss dropped the Force, who lost for the sixth consecutive time to the Demolition dating back to last season, including their third defeat this year, to 5-3.

The Demolition have been given a bye for the July 14 round of the IWFL playoffs. They await the winner of the Sacramento Sirens (7-1) vs. Seattle Majestics (8-0) game on that date.

If Sacramento wins, they will play the Demolition in the Western Conference championship game July 28 (tentatively set for Livonia Stevenson High School).

But if Seattle wins, the

Demolition will travel to Seattle.

The winner of the Western Conference championship plays in the IWFL title game Saturday, Aug. 11 in Atlanta, Ga. against the Eastern Conference winner.

Demolition golf outing

To help defray costs for two possible upcoming road trips, the Detroit Demolition will sponsor a four-person golf outing Saturday, July 7 at Southmoor Country Club, located at 4312 S. Dort Highway Burton.

Included in the \$50 cost is 18 holes (with cart), lunch, prizes, 50-50 drawing, raffle and silent auction.

For more information, or to register, call Diane Balbaugh at (989) 737-8851.

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including 5-11 guard Larry Wilson and 6-5 forward Ryan Matthews. Dabney led the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in blocked shots, while Walker is a combination guard who jumps well.

Mason is an intriguing catch. He did not play high school basketball, but showed plenty of promise during the open gyms.

"We had tryouts and he (Mason) played hard and played very well," Henry said. "And Wilson is a tough kid with a great attitude. We're still recruiting. We'll have some of our guys play at St. Cecilia and hopefully they'll all be ready by August (when classes begin)."

Henry said it's unclear whether any of the three holdovers other than last year's team - Jerome Hutchins, Kenyawn Patterson or Duncan Jones (Westland John Glenn) - will return.

He has put together coaching staff which includes Keith Bennett, who assisted Henry last year at Detroit Renaissance High, along with Joe Wallen, who works in Media Services

at Schoolcraft, and former University of Detroit Mercy center Bryan Alexander.

Bennett will serve as the assistant head coach.

The 6-8 Henry is no stranger to Detroit area basketball circles.

He played in the Detroit PSL for Elbert Richmond at Mackenzie, spent a year playing junior college ball in Iowa before going on to Illinois State where he played two seasons under Will Robinson and one under Gene Smithson. Henry was a teammate at ISU with former NBA coach and player Doug Collins. Henry was drafted and had a pair of tryouts with the Pistons before going on to teach at Detroit Northwestern High.

He also served as an assistant coach at the University of Detroit (under Willie McCarter), Highland Park CC and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College (under Glen Donahue).

(His daughter RanDee played two seasons at UDM and two at University of Nevada-Las Vegas where she scored over 1,000 points and earned All-America honors in 2004. She currently is playing overseas in Athens, Greece.)

In 1982, Randy Henry embarked on a career in television under a minority hiring program where he worked under sportscaster Eli Zaret and Dick Purtan (Purtan's People).

He currently produces and directs in-studio WDIV's Local 4 Morning Powercast, which includes Guy Gordon, Ama Daetz, Beth McLeod and Kim Adams.

"I go into work at 2:30 (a.m.) and get off by 11 (a.m.)," Henry said. "It makes for a long day. I try and sleep in between, when I can. We'll practice from 4-to-6 (p.m.)."

Henry, who served five years as JV coach at Renaissance before taking over the varsity for Marc White last season, guided the Phoenix to a 20-4 record last season and reached the PSL semifinals along with the regional semifinals (losing to eventual state champion Detroit Country Day).

Henry plans to work Schoolcraft's camp (July 29-Aug. 3), but has yet to finish his recruiting.

"We'd like to get three or four more, but right now we have a nice set of guys," he said.

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less of the situation.

"She's always infused that strength in me."

Alex said the golden opportunity to play college baseball at Benedict was accompanied by some reluctance.

"It was hard moving away because I was kind of the man of the house the past few years," he said. "I knew when I left that I'd be passing down a lot of responsibility to my younger brothers and I didn't want to just cut out like that. But I called my mom and brothers a lot and made sure everything was OK."

Tough times

The Harvey family was jolted in early May when Tammy was hospitalized for 32 days after an infection infiltrated her

body at the entrance site of the dialysis treatments.

The crisis was compounded by the fact that Alex -- her right-hand man -- was thousands of miles away at college.

With the help of Tammy's mother, Tammy's ex-husband Nathan, and David, who displays the accelerated maturity level of Alex, the family persevered. "It was pretty bad," said Tammy, of her hospital stay. "I missed almost all of Dave's baseball games. I actually cried at the first one I was able to attend."

"I called my mom two or three times a day when she was in the hospital," said Alex, who is currently home on summer break. "I told her and my brothers that if anyone was getting too stressed out to call me because I'd drop whatever I was doing and come home."

David dedicated the baseball season to his mom.

"I thought about her all the time during the games and I wanted to get a hit for her every time I was up," said David.

He nearly did during the season's final two weeks, as he hit close to .500 and helped lead the Wildcats to their best season ever.

Prayers appreciated

The Harvey family could use your prayers now. When I talked to Alex last Thursday, he informed me that Tammy had re-entered the hospital last week. Tests were being run throughout the weekend to determine a diagnosis.

Here's hoping Tammy gets well quickly and regains the energy that has been a fixture at high school athletic contests at Plymouth the past five years.

The games wouldn't be the same without her.

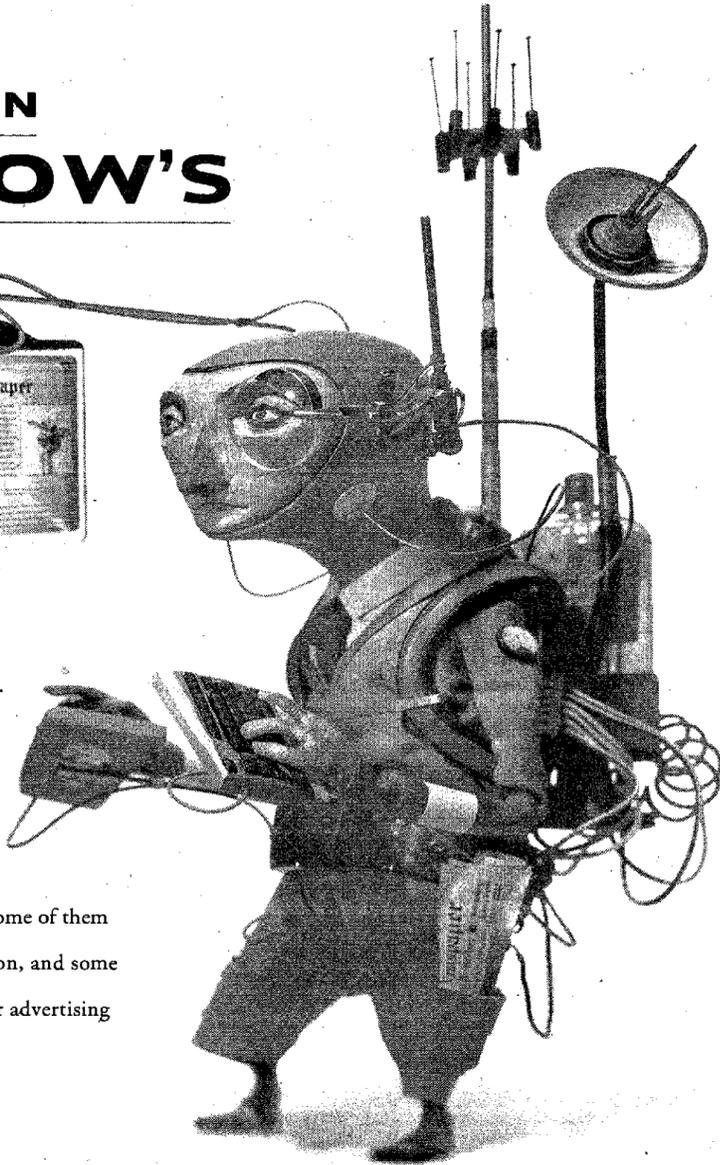
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Blast champs

On June 9-10, the Livonia Meteors under-14 team captured first place in their division at the 15th annual West Carrollton (Ohio) Soccer Blast Tournament. Team members include (back row, from left) assistant coach Shannon Buckler, Dominick Grima, Trey Douglas, Matthew Aube, Nolan Mullett, Aaron Rife, coach Mano Vagnini; (from row, from left) Nick Wood, Brad Tatro, Zachary Schultz, Justin Vincent, Alessio Vagnini, William Rori, Ian Zukowski and Trevor Hart.

Oakland Hills proves too much for local British Open hopefuls

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

After 36 holes at Oakland Hills Monday, neither Michael Harris nor Tom Gillis knew which was north or south.

Looking to grab one of 12 qualifying positions for this year's British Open, Harris, a native of Troy, and Gillis, a native of Lake Orion, found both the North and South courses of the historic club trying and treacherous.

"It's a major championship-type of golf course and they (Royal & Ancient) wanted to set it up like a major championship," said Harris, who opened his day with a 74 on the North Course and closed with a 75 on the South. "They moved the tees back (on the South Course) and now you're hitting 5 irons into greens you're supposed to hit 9 irons into."

Harris' total of 149 left him eight shots off the final qualifying number, which was set at 141.

Nine players totaled rounds between 136 and 140, led by

Michael Putnam who followed his sterling 69 on the South with a stellar 67 on the North.

Six players finished tied at 141, forcing a sudden-death playoff to secure the final three berths into the July 19 Open at Carnoustie Golf Links in Scotland.

"I thought if I could shoot three under on the North, and come here and hang on for three over, that would have been 140 and that would easily be good enough," Harris said. "But I got off to a bad start and bogeyed four of my first six holes. The pins were tucked and I just didn't hit it that well."

"It was tough," agreed Gillis, who a little more than 12 hours earlier than his 8:22 a.m. tee time was wrapping up play in the fourth round of the Buick Open held in Grand Blanc.

"I didn't hit the ball good all day and I struggled. But I hung in there quite a bit — until I doubled (bogeys) the last two holes."

Gillis, who showed promise of shaking his slump with

four solid rounds at the Buick, began his day with a 2-over 72 on the North.

He concluded with a 6-over 76 on the South.

"The South Course is definitely toughest," Gillis said. "They have it set up probably a little too hard for a qualifier. They don't have quite enough marshalls with the amount of rough and the greens are in good shape, so they're really tough."

"It's a great track," he continued. "It just takes little long to play when you're playing 36 on a course that tough. I'm really not that tired — just frustrated."

For Harris, missing out on qualifying means back to play on the Canadian Tour, along with various stops throughout the Midwest.

"I always think good golf is right around the corner and it just hasn't happened," the Troy High alum said. "I'll pick and choose (tournaments) and try to make a living."

For Gillis, life will continue down south in Florida competing on the Gateway Tour.

Storm places 3rd in ASA tournament

Despite injuries and illness, the Livonia Storm 16-and-under travel team made a respectable third-place showing in last weekend's Junior Olympics ASA Class A State Tournament held in Mount Pleasant.

Playing against elite and select teams, the Storm won five straight games to advance to the winner's bracket championship game, but suffered their first tournament defeat

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as eventual champion Team Michigan overcame a seven-run deficit with eight runs in the final inning to win, 8-7. Finesse then avenged an earlier 5-4 setback to eliminate the Storm, 6-0.

Members of the Storm, coached by Tim Hollandsworth, include Amanda Paison, Lauren

Brucek, Kathleen Hoehn, Emily Hollandsworth, Laura Deacon and Jamie Johnson, all of Livonia Stevenson; Brittany Taylor, Brianna Taylor, Alecia Geraghty and Natalie Polakowski, all of Livonia Franklin; Annie Hollandsworth, Chelsea; Genny Kotyuk, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Assistant coaches include Tom Hollandsworth, Reno Taylor and Kevin Deacon.

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ots, agility and speed training.

■ July 30-Aug. 3 (1-2:50 p.m.) - Squirt Elite (\$250): This five-day school is geared for the accelerated player looking for a combination of on-ice as well as off-ice drills and training. Professional instructors will conduct a high-intensity on-ice workout followed by dry-land conditioning with Dennis MacDonald, the Whalers' athletic therapist.

■ Aug. 6-10 (9 a.m. to 3:50

p.m.) - All-Day School (\$399): This five-day school will balance on-ice instruction with off-ice development.

The focus will be on power skating, stick handling, shooting, passing and game situations.

■ Aug. 13-17 (9-10:50 a.m. or 2-3:50 p.m.) - Mite Preseason Tune-up (\$250): This five-day school focuses on power skating, agility, balance, stops and starts, and game situations.

■ Aug. 13-17 (noon to 1:50 p.m.) - Squirt Preseason Tune-up (\$250): This five-day school focuses on power-skating, agil-

ity, balance, stops and starts, stick handling and game situations.

■ Aug. 20-24 (11 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.) - High School (\$300): A challenging camp designed to enhance the players' overall skill set. Players will be able to utilize the Whalers' training facility, including the weight room and locker room. Instructors include the Whalers' coaching staff as well as high school coaches.

For more information on the schools, call (734) 453-8400; or visit www.plymouthwhalers.com.

Sweep eludes the Rams as Bulls rally in 8th inning

SANDLOT BASEBALL

The Michigan Rams couldn't convert the sweep of Saturday's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader as the Michigan Bulls scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning of the nightcap for a 2-1 triumph at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark.

The 20-and-under Rams took the opener, 4-2, and were tied 1-1 through seven innings before Nick Brennan knocked in Nick Thurman with the game-winning run for the 22-and-under Bulls, now 12-5-3 in the LCBL.

Rams closer Steve McCatty, who walked two in the eighth, took the loss.

Ryan Gunderson started and allowed just one unearned run in 4.1 innings. He struck out

four, walked six and allowed three hits. Sam Yashinsky then pitched 2.2 innings of scoreless relief.

Winning pitcher Will Kennedy (Madonna University) went all eight innings. The Westland John Glenn High grade allowed just five hits, walked five and struck out five.

Eric Vojtkofsky and Drew Churchward each collected two hits in the setback as the Rams fell to 10-8-2. Frank Persichino knocked in the lone run for the Rams in the first inning.

In the opener, Nick Urban went 2-for-4 with the game-winning RBI run scoring Nick Plinka in the fifth inning for the Rams, who out-hit the Bulls, 8-6.

Kyle Hurtt went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Yashinsky added two hits. Persichino also knocked in a run.

Aaron Powell went 2-for-4 with a homer for the Bulls. Kevin Zerbo also knocked in a run.

Steve Karchefski was the winning pitcher in relief. Over the final 3.1 innings, Karchefski did not allow a hit or run. He struck out three. Starter Justin Mazur went the first 3.2 innings, allowing two runs on six hits and three walks. Mazur fanned four.

Losing pitcher John Felicia gave up four runs on seven hits in 5.1 innings. He walked three and hit a batter. Reliever Bryan Weeks finished up, allowing just one hit and a walk in 1.2 innings.

GAMES

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this. The only thing disappointing is that they don't have the field events."

Hagop Kozelian, also 28, knows a thing or two about field events.

The Bostonian, who has also competed in the Homenetmen Games since age 12, holds the Armenian World Games triple jump record at 47-9. He also does the high jump and long jump.

In 2002, Kozelian earned two gold medals in the Armenian World Games in Beirut, Lebanon, capturing the high jump and running the pivotal third leg in the victorious 4 x 100-meter relay.

He credits Detroit organizing chairman Sonny Gavoor, the Schoolcraft College women's cross country coach, for much of his success.

"Sonny's been like my mentor, he's more than a coach," Kozelian said. "We've kept in touch going back to the (World) Olympics. I have so

much respect for him. He cried after we won that (4 x 100) relay."

Kozelian, who works as a company supervisor and coaches high school soccer in the Boston area, also gives back to his Homenetmen chapter.

He reminded a young competitor not to "look over" when you're running a race. "You lose time, when you look around, look straight ahead," Kozelian urged in the Stevenson High infield.

"I've been doing it my whole life, since I was 12," said Kozelian, who plays senior basketball and soccer, and coaches junior hoops and track and field. "But now I'm doing it for the kids."

Homenetmen is about heritage.

It was established in 1918 in Armenia, soon after the 1915-1918 genocide by the Ottoman Turks.

The organization has held the North American Regional Games every year since, and the World Athletic Games every four years. The next

World Games are scheduled for 2009 in either Armenia or Athens Greece where over 9,000 athletes are expected to participate.

Among the chapters participating this week in Livonia included Toronto, Chicago, New Jersey, Boston, Philly, Atlanta and Miami.

"The hosts have done a good job, very organized, everything starts on time," Kozelian said. "The referees are there. The buses are on time. Things are done quickly, on schedule. They've done a very good job."

The camaraderie, the friendships and preserving their culture. You see guys like Churchill High's Raffi Markarian being urged on by the crowd to finish in the 800 and brings a smile to your face.

And it keeps guys like Glenn Papazian coming back year after year.

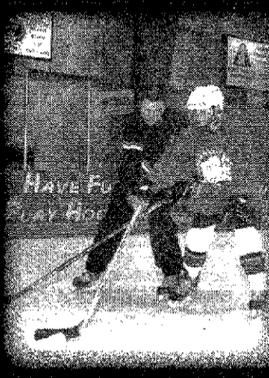
"Thirty-seven, point-eight seconds," Papazian said. "Sonny told me that's not a bad time."

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Level 8 champ

Eurostar gymnast Kelsey Stamm, who recently completed her ninth-grade year at Plymouth High School, captured the all-around championship at the Level 8 Regional Gymnastics Meet held April 28 in Indianapolis. Stamm outpointed 51 other gymnasts from a five-state area with a total score of 37.275. She also placed first on the vault with a score of 9.45.

Stamm, who has been training at Eurostars in Canton for six years, was seventh in the floor routine (9.35), eighth on the uneven bars (9.25) and eighth on the balance beam (9.25). Earlier this year she placed second at the state meet.



WSSL Rec champs

The Livonia YMCA Soccer Club Rockets, an under-14 team, captured the Western Suburban Soccer League's Recreation Division on June 9 with an 11-0 win over Hartland. The Canton Cup champs, made up of players primarily from Livonia, finished 12-0 overall, posted nine shutouts while allowing just three goals. Team members include (standing, from left) assistant coach Rod Hassinger, Jeff Dombrowski, Eric Martoia, Kyle Keller (West Bloomfield), John Falkowski, Scott Vasko, John Sheppard (Farmington Hills), Philip Worley, Tyler Brown, James Hassinger, Jake Allen, Tyler Ruchala, Kevin Francisco, Joe Flanagan, Zachary Miller, assistant coach Steve Vasko; (kneeling) head coach Todd Francisco. Team members not pictured include Daniel Lobo, Josh Schwartz and Tim Talty.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Youth Triathlon

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its fourth annual youth triathlon Saturday, Aug. 18 at Clements Circle Park.

The bike, run and swim is offered to boys and girls, who will compete separately.

Those eligible are Livonia residents or those who reside in the Livonia Public Schools district.

Early registration is \$10. Race day registration is \$15. All participants will receive a specially designed T-shirt.

Age divisions, race times and registration will be: 8-and-under, 8:30 a.m. start (8 a.m. check-in); 9-10, 9:45 a.m. start (9:15 a.m. check-in); 11-12, 11 a.m. start (10:30 a.m. check-in); and 13-14, noon start (11:30 a.m. check-in).

All participants need a swim suit, bike, bike helmet and running shoes.

Distances include 2-mile bike, three-quarter mile run and 150-yard swim (ages 13-14); 1.5-mile bike, half-mile run and 100-yard swim (ages 11-12); 1-mile bike, half-mile run and 50-yard swim (ages 9-10); half-mile bike, quarter-mile run and 25-yard swim (ages 8-and-under).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The 18-hole event is sponsored by Caddy Shack and Top Flite Golf.

Included in the \$49 entry fee is one practice round (prior to the event), one bucket of driving range balls (the day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pace.

Entry forms must be fill out in full, signed and returned by Wednesday, July 18 to Whispering Willows, located on Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

Tee times will be announced after noon on Sunday, July 22.

For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

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Soccer openings

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Practices will be held at Livonia's Bryant Field, located on Merriman between Six and Seven Mile roads.

For more information, call Jim Debolski at (734) 637-1730; or visit www.WazaFC.com.

Soccer clinics

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering summer soccer clinics after the 4th of July.

The clinics are once a week for eight weeks.

The cost and day of the week for each class varies per class from \$60 to \$90. All classes include a free T-shirt.

Schedules and fees are available on www.hvsports.com.

The available clinics include "Future Stars" (2- and 3-year-olds), "Small Stars" (3-4), "Kicks With Kids" (4-5 and 6-7), a Skill Acceleration Camp (8-9 and 10-12), "Beginning Booters" (8-11) and a women's clinic for adults.

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HVS will also offer skill development classes with Detroit Ignition players on Thursdays beginning June 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for those who are already registered for spring or summer clinics at HVS or \$10 for anyone else.

Finally, HVS will offer a summer soccer camp for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$110. All HVS summer camps are buy one, get one half off.

F5 Running Club

The F5 (Faith, Fitness, Family, Friendship and Fun) Running Club will be running each Sunday through Aug. 13.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot on the east side of Hines Dr., approximately a half-mile north of Six Mile.

The group runs on the nearby cross-country course, which is part of the Bennett Arboretum (also known as Cass Benton).

The club also meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Hines Park near the soccer field on the north side of the road, just west of Haggerty.

"All athletes are welcome to join the club, whether they plan to run cross country in the fall or if they simply want to stay in shape," said Steve Spreitzer. "There will be runners and walkers of varying ability, making a comfortable space for everyone."

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The Buick Open Pro-Am

LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

I played in the Buick Open Pro-Am last Wednesday preceding the Buick Open. I was paired with Charles Howell III (the #24 ranked player in the world), actor Jeff Daniels, another media guy and a manager from General Motors.

I was hoping just to have a nice anonymous round of golf. But that all changed due to the pairing with Daniels. There were lots of folks who were very interested in watching him play golf. Many others wanted to see Howell play. Suffice to say, they were not there to watch Jeff Lesson play.

Still, once the

announcement came from the starter on our first hole ("Please welcome from Lesson On Golf, Jeff Lesson. Let's see if he can bring his game to the course."), it all changed. All of a sudden, I was no longer anonymous. People wanted to see if "Lesson On Golf" could hit a golf ball.

I quickly announced to the crowd, "those who can do, those who can't talk about it on the radio." That brought a chuckle, but it was time for me to deliver a tee shot. My shot was well struck,

albeit in the left rough. At least I got it up in the air with the masses watching.

Charles Howell III could not have been a nicer or friendlier guy. He is very good friends with Tiger Woods and discussed his friendship with me. He was not surprised at all that Tiger opted to miss the Buick Open due to the birth of his daughter. He also said the Buick Open is the easiest on tour to score at because the greens are the softest out there.

Jeff Daniels too was a nice guy. He readily

signed autographs for fans in between holes. He also is a pretty good player and takes the game quite seriously.

We were rained out after 15 holes but had a great time.

Jeff Lesson is a WWJ Sports Anchor/Reporter and host of the award winning feature "Lesson on Golf" on WWJ Newsradio 950 weekend

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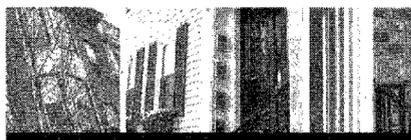
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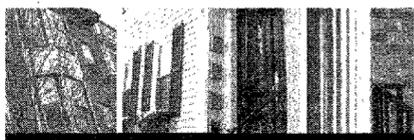
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THE APPEAL OF SMALL COMPANIES



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Larger companies may well be losing their glow, according to a white paper by Hale Cochran,

executive advisor at Polachi, an executive search firm in Framingham, Mass.

Polachi has placed approximately 1,000 senior executives -- about 50 percent of its successful candidates -- in small companies. Cochran maintains that this market trend is more favorable than when the Internet bubble burst.

Two individuals with no connection to the search firm reflect the trend. Mick Gilbert is vice president, Strategy and Business Development, at Global Green Solutions Inc., headquartered in Vancouver, B.C. Gilbert is developing a market for products and services that will reduce global warming. His previous company had 35,000 employees worldwide; Global Solutions has 25 employees from Johannesburg to Vancouver.

Ether LaBovick practices law at LaBovick & LaBovick P.A., in Jupiter, Fla., where she specializes in personal injury, wrongful death and false claims. Her last organization had 1,000 employees; her current one has 20.

ENVIRONMENT

Both now work in completely different environments. The home office Gilbert

uses in White Plains, N.Y., is right where he needs it to travel. The content of his work is very different, too. He worked in strategy ("I was a back-office guy") at the larger organization. Now, he says, his skills and responsibilities are "aligned with the (central) activities of the business. I'm in energy and environmental business strategy in an energy and environmental company. I'm in the core of value creation here."

LaBovick seems to have had her hands tied in her previous organization. Her staff was large and, because the company was strong financially, she didn't have to worry about costs. Still, she reported to the company's board of directors and couldn't implement a legal decision without the approval of non-lawyers. Worse than that, she says, "I had very little autonomy and could not make any decisions on my own." She describes her current situation as "somewhere in the middle," permitting her to make decisions but lacking significant resources, human or financial. Now she can tackle a problem immediately rather than wait for approval from a bureaucracy. Her approach to her basic work is clearly different: "I pick and choose which cases we handle and my caseload." She's paid on contingency by private individuals -- very different from her previous non-profit, where she received a salary, regardless of case outcome, and where clients were corporate.

BOTTOM LINE

Gilbert describes his change as strategic, enabling him to "do something different and differently." Both he and LaBovick are intimately involved in the details of their work. Gilbert mentions that when something goes wrong with technology, he can't call someone in IT to fix it. While they both use the phrase "more hands-on" to describe their work, Gilbert comments, "You end up doing things as a great learning opportunity. There's no one's turf to step on."

The two also agree with the white paper that there are:

- fewer established procedures (Global Green is still developing them);
- increased P&L responsibility (current or projected) and cross-functional involvement; and
- greater involvement with the board of directors and external parties.

However, they differ on doing more internal selling, which Gilbert does, to get ideas through the system. "Our company is early-stage. We're going from a concept developed in a lab and we're trying to convert that to a commercial opportunity." LaBovick has greater latitude to act without discussion.

One interesting feature of smaller companies that Gilbert, LaBovick and the white paper never mention is that of quirkiness. Larger companies seem to



Mick Gilbert is in his home office, where he's establishing a market for Global Green Solutions Inc., whose mission is to reduce global warming. He is vice president, Strategy and Business Development and travels domestically and internationally to meet with prospects and customers.

Credit: Lisa Piper Gilbert

stifle individuality more; smaller ones, draw it out.

LaBovick "doesn't miss anything" in her old company. Gilbert confesses to having found the correct spot for himself: "I feel that my entire brain and capabilities are being engaged," but he misses the socialization that came through work.

Nonetheless, he adds, "This is what I should be doing. I'm not looking back."

(Next week: The appeal of large companies.)

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BIRMINGHAM - 740 Fairfax, July 5-6, 9-5pm; July 7, 9-noon. Antiques, brdm furniture, brass, other household, clothing, 2nd blk. N. of Maple, btwn Cranbrook & Southfield.

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CANTON Garage Sale - Thurs, Fri. & Sat., 8am-5pm. Lots of great stuff! Antiques, furniture, collectibles. 40376 Winfield, S. Of Cherry Hill, off Lotz.

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LIVONIA-Estate Sale 20470 Milburn, 8 mile & Merriman. Toy & sports collectibles, furniture, household goods. Everything must go. Sat. & Sun. 8am-5pm. 410-241-9428

PLYMOUTH - Slightly used quality items, no junk. Fri-Sat, July 6-7, 9-5pm. 9999 Fellows Hill Ct., Country Club Village, off Ann Arbor Rd. W. of Ridge.

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ROCHESTER HILLS Fri-Sat, July 6-7, 9-4. 265 Thalia Ave, near Tenken & Pine. Clothes, exercise equip, furniture, electronics, computer & household items & more.

ROCHESTER HILLS- 3 family sale. Furniture, pool stuff, kids, books, clothing, tools & bonus table, etc. 429 Rochdale, 1 blk S. of Walton, July 5-7, 10-4pm.

WALLED LAKE- Huge Garage/ Estate Sale. Thurs-Sat., 10-6pm. 1670 South Drive, off Decker, btwn 14 & 15. Furniture, pool table, clothes, evening goods, paintings, electronics, dishware, patio furniture, toys, books, & more!

Waterford/Troy Estate Sale Thurs-Sat., 10am-3pm, Sat. 1/2 off everything! 3376 Warren Dr. SW corner of Williams Lake and Dixie. Warehouse w/furniture, glassware, art.

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