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Board seeks help hiring library director

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

After firing two library directors within two years, the Westland Library Board will hire a consulting firm to aid in its search for a new leader.

The board decided Monday to seek help finding a new director, amid concerns by residents that the library turmoil could cause top-notch applicants to shy away from the job.

"I wouldn't apply for it," said Jim

Cook, a library patron and retired educator.

In a 3-2 decision, the board fired Director John Patane in May, accusing him of improperly deleting patron fines, using a library credit card, proposing pay raises beyond approved levels, and filling positions without advertising them.

The board had fired former Director Sandra Wilson in June 2004 with little explanation, although there had been criticism that her husband was hired as a library computer con-

sultant.

Former library board trustee Jo Johnson told the board Monday that firing two directors within a short time "does not look good." She and others implored the board to stop micromanaging the facility, on Central City Parkway north of Ford.

"Hire a good director and let him run the library or let her run the library," Johnson said.

A library board subcommittee composed of trustees Mark Welch and Daniel Bourdeau proposed hiring a

consulting firm this time - a recommendation accepted by board colleagues Michael Rintz and Debbie Costello.

Former trustee Kathleen Herr, who voted against Patane's firing along with Costello, has stepped down.

The board will advertise for a consulting firm, and trustees estimated Monday that the process will cost \$20,000 to \$30,000.

"I will say that I hate to spend that much money for something that we're supposed to do," Rintz, board presi-

dent, said, but he didn't try to block the move.

The board has commended library department heads for keeping the facility running smoothly in the absence of a director. It wasn't clear when Patane's successor might be on the job.

Former library trustee Marjorie Daniels told the board Monday that firing two directors "does reflect on this board," and she urged members

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D.J. Reiter, fourth-grader at Winter-Walker Elementary School, takes his turn with a shovel full of dirt to place around the white pine outside the school.

Taking root Partnership gets students involved in Rouge River stewardship

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

They brought posters and poems and waited patiently for their turn at the microphone.

The audience was small, but that didn't matter to the 50 fourth-graders at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton. They were there, Rooting for the Rouge.

"It's fun so long as it doesn't get much dirtier," said Kurstin Watkins of Canton, working with Brittany Conley on planting one of six trees on the east side of the Canton Township school. "I enjoy things

like this because it's a lot of fun and I like planting stuff like vegetables and flowers."

"It's one project where it's a real life experience," Principal Pauline Koulouberis said. "They're planting trees to enhance the school environment."

"Rooting for the Rouge" is designed to promote youth stewardship. The Wayne-Westland Community Schools, the cities of Westland, Wayne and Inkster and Canton Township work together on the annual project, which encourages stewardship, partnership and community service.

PLEASE SEE ROUGE, A8

Dispute inside SUV leads to gunfire

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Shots rang out early Tuesday in a residential area as a dispute spilled from a sport utility vehicle onto the street, Westland police said.

Three shots were fired but no one was injured during the incident, which happened just after midnight on Booth Street, east of Wayne Road and south of Palmer, police said.

A 43-year-old Lincoln Park man, visibly drunk, became embroiled in an argument with four passengers in a red Durango after he became lost while driving, Heater said.

The man had been earlier celebrating the birthday of his 42-year-old girlfriend, who was in the Durango along with her two 20-something daughters - all of Lincoln Park and a 27-year-old Detroit man, Heater said.

"They had been celebrating the girlfriend's birthday and the driver and others were highly intoxicated and had gotten lost," the detective said. "They began to argue among themselves about being lost, and that led to the driver assaulting his girlfriend and punching her (while driving). He then pulled over onto Booth."

All four passengers got out, and the driver drove off momentarily but returned and became upset when his girlfriend was being consoled on the street by the Detroit passenger, Heater said.

"The driver stopped and got out with a gun and fired three shots," Heater said.

None of the shots from the .38-caliber revolver hit anyone.

Neighbors heard gunshots and called police for help and the driver was arrested on the scene, Heater said. The man was found in a nearby grassy area, he said.

Meanwhile, one of the girlfriend's daughters had jumped inside the Durango to drive away, and she was arrested for driving drunk after police spotted the vehicle, Heater said.

The alleged gunman will almost certainly face felony criminal charges after the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office reviews the case, Heater said.

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Taking art world by storm

Kelly Darke's painting, Storm, will be featured among her other works during an art exhibition in Detroit. Darke was pregnant with her second child when this picture was shot earlier this year. For more on the art exhibition, see story on Page A2.

City's core retail district lures new businesses

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Burlington Coat Factory has become the latest company to announce it will fill a vacant storefront in Westland's core retail district.

Burlington - a national chain with more than 350 stores in 42 states - will move into the former Mervyns store in the Westridge shopping center, on Warren Road west of Wayne.

Burlington will be next to a

Target store that already is undergoing an expansion.

Mayor Sandra Cicirelli issued a statement welcoming the coat company to a retail district that - despite a thriving Westland Shopping Center - has suffered numerous vacancies. "We worked very hard to refill this prime commercial spot," Cicirelli said. "Finding users to go into large retail spaces that have been vacated is extremely difficult and has been made even harder by the sluggish Michigan economy."

News of Burlington Coat Factory came after another company, Harbor Freight Tools, moved into a vacant storefront at Westland Crossings, a shopping center on the northeast corner of Wayne and Warren roads, city Planning Director Bruce Thompson said.

City officials have made it a priority to try to fill vacant buildings around Westland Shopping Center.

"I am happy that, upon the arrival of Burlington Coat

Factory and the completion of the Target Super Store, this entire (Westridge) strip of stores will be 100 percent occupied for the first time in many years," Cicirelli said.

Burlington plans to open its 77,065-square-foot store around Sept. 1, the mayor said.

Cicirelli said in her statement that Burlington features coats, apparel, shoes, baby clothes, furniture, toys, home decor items, and accessories for the entire family.

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Local artist's work selected for art exhibit

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland artist Kelly Darke's work is drawing attention - again.

Darke's paintings will be featured in an art exhibition June 23 through Aug. 4 in Detroit.

Darke, whose work already was featured in the Observer and on the HGTV That's Clever show, was asked to show some of her work at the Ellen Kayrod Gallery in the Hannan House, 4750 Woodward Ave., three blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The gallery is a venue for artists 60 and over, but Darke, 33, was selected to show her work as part of the gallery's Intergenerational Community Exhibition, said curator Mary Herbeck.

Herbeck, who knew Darke during their undergraduate days at Wayne State University, saw some of her paintings featured in the Observer.

"I like her images very

much," Herbeck said of Darke's work. "She is able to use these strong colors and strokes, regardless of scale. She has the same sense of power that comes through, whether it's (a painting that's) 4 by 4 inches or 4 by 4 feet."

Works by other artists will include paintings, ceramics, assemblage and sculpture.

An opening reception is scheduled for 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 23. Admission is free. Entertainment at 7 p.m. will include acoustic guitarist Djeto Juncaj and violinist Ben Temkow.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays or weekdays by appointment. For more information, call Herbeck at (313) 833-1300, ext. 18.

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Relay for Life brings out cancer fighters

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER



PHOTO BY ROBIN MURPHY

Deborah Tennis and her son, Jacob, of Livonia share a moment during the Westland Relay for Life event. Deborah Tennis, who is undergoing chemotherapy, smiles as her son plays with her 'survivor beads.'

Dawn Haworth of Wayne was glad to be in Westland's Central City Park on Saturday with fellow Relay for Life participants.

"My mom, Louise, is the one we're doing this for," said Haworth, who works at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. The team of about 20 family members and friends, with Haworth as co-captain, chose the name Ohana, meaning family, from "Lilo and Stitch."

Relay for Life, also held in a number of other communities, raises money for the American Cancer Society. Mom Louise Caram of Westland was there Saturday for the event, which ran from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday. They've done the Relay for Life for five years.

"To fight off cancer, to help get the cure," Caram said. "We've had many people pass away from it."

Caram is a five-year breast cancer survivor who was diagnosed at age 50. She works at Valassis in Livonia. The Ohana Relay efforts have grown to include others as well, and the weather cooperated this past weekend. "I think it's absolutely beautiful," Haworth said. "This is just perfect."

The Westland Relay raised \$92,000 of the \$113,000 goal.

Family members of Barb Douglas, a Westland businesswoman who died of ovarian cancer July 3, 2003, also participated. Her sister, Kathy Ventittelli of Southfield, was wearing an Ovarian Cancer National Alliance T-shirt.

Ventittelli, a self-employed writer, noted that ovarian cancer is deadly and hard to detect.

Her late sister was an audiologist who owned Personalized Hearing Care, which still is in business.

"We miss her horribly," Ventittelli said. Barb Douglas, who was active in community groups, attended several of the Relay for Life events in Westland. "She came even when she was so sick she could only stay a

short time," her sister said. Douglas' husband, father, two sons and two granddaughters also attended this year's Relay, the sixth such annual event for Westland. They were at the Women of Westland tent, where

Ronaele Bowman, former Westland Youth Assistance director and a WOW member, was helping mind the store.

"My father died from brain cancer. He had a brain tumor," said Bowman of Livonia, now legislative assistant to County Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland. She's had many friends affected as well.

"I just finished my hour on the track, doing my laps," Bowman said. She noted that cancer strikes all regardless of background.

"It's something everybody can be affected by. I really hope sometime in my lifetime there's a cure," Bowman said.

Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli was also doing her part this past weekend, taking to the track to do laps. Her father died of cancer and her daughter-in-law was diagnosed at age 36.

"To increase community awareness," Cicirelli said of the American Cancer Society event. "It brings people together in a common fight, she added.

"Every year, the number of teams grows and participation grows, which is great," the mayor said.

Garden City Hospital's mobile clinic was at the event for the first time, with tests such as blood pressure screening offered. "We had them come in this year to hopefully draw more people from the community," said Lori Brist, Westland Chamber of Commerce president and a Relay committee member.

She pointed out the "Wall of Hope" banner which will be taken with others to Washington, D.C. There were also cards urging legislative action on cancer issues.

As in past years, there was a survivors' walk. Saturday night, luminaries were lit around the track in memory and honor of loved ones affected by cancer.

CORRECTION

A story in the June 11 issue of the Observer incorrectly stated that the Citizens For Livonia's Future had become a political action committee. Actually, there are two entities. The CFLF is pursuing the legal means to stop Livonia Public Schools from implementing the Legacy Initiative, a plan to close seven schools and reconfigure grades to save money. The CFLFPAC was formed to support the recall of five LPS Board of Education trustees in the Aug. 8 election.



Volunteers walk a lap during the cancer fund-raiser Relay for Life.

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Clothing sold to pay for repairs to historic home

As Westland's historic village continues to take shape, local historians have unveiled a new way of raising money to pay for restoration efforts.

Historians are selling T-shirts, sweatshirts, Polo-type shirts, "hoodies" and caps to help restore such historic buildings as the 1800s-era Octagon House and Rowe House.

"Right now we're focusing on the Octagon House," historian Georgia Becker said.

The houses are located on the Westland Historical Museum property on Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

Price tags for the new clothing line generally range from \$11 for a T-shirt to \$20 for a "hoodie" or Polo-type shirt, Becker said.

The clothing comes in a variety of colors and sizes. Some of it features a drawing of the Octagon House, and some of it just has wording for the Westland Historic Village Park.

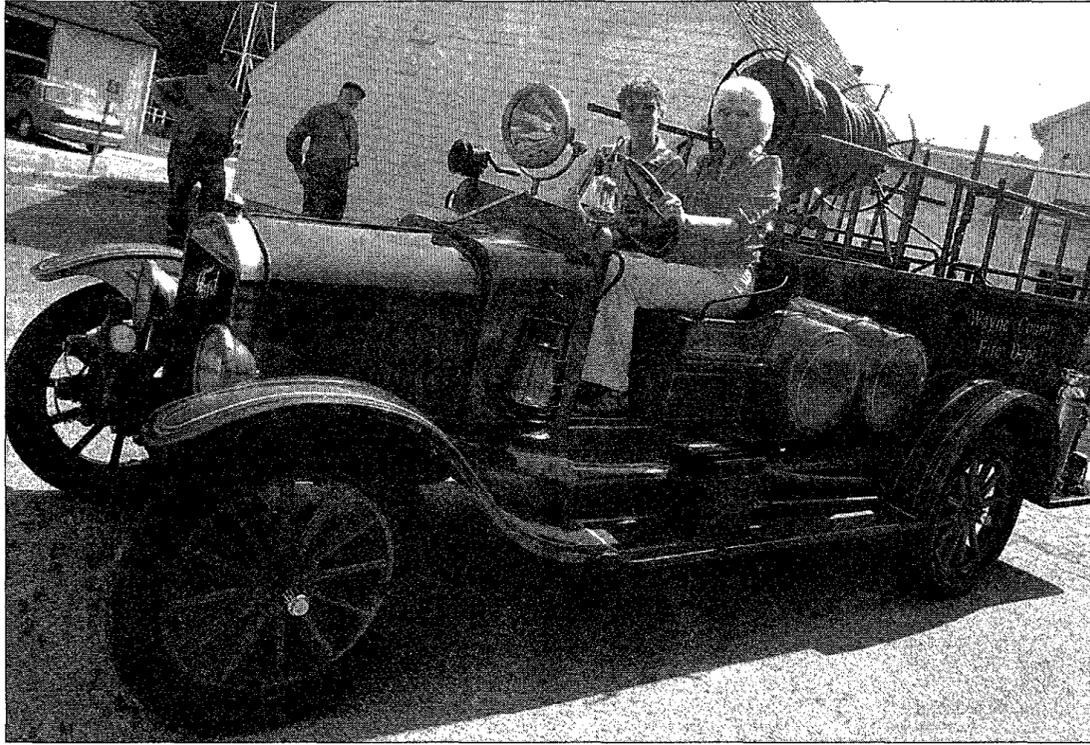
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Local resident Annette Mason, who has a company called American Wearables, is helping historians with the clothing line.

"We don't have to order 100 at a time, and she works with us very closely," Becker said. "We can even order one at a time."

Work is moving ahead on the historic village site. The eight-sided Octagon House, flanked by two additions, has received a new roof and new siding, partly with help from building trades students from the Wayne-Westland school district.

Historians hope that work inside the house will begin soon.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local historians Jo Johnson and Georgia Becker are delighted with the old fire truck from 1919 that was delivered to the Westland Historical Museum site. The truck was used to fight fires at the old Eloise hospital complex.

Old fire truck finds home at historic village

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Georgia Becker and Jo Johnson sat atop the old, red fire truck, looking more like volunteer firefighters than local historians.

Well, maybe not. But, they sure showed enthusiasm for a 1919 Model T fire truck, used long ago on the old Eloise hospital site at Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road.

The fire truck, which was being stored at Detroit Metro Airport, has found a new home at the Westland Historic Village Park, on Wayne Road south of Marquette.

"It's marvelous," Becker said. "I love it."

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It will be kept there after an agreement was signed in May by Johnson and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

The fire truck was used on the old Eloise site long before Westland emerged as a city from part of the old Nankin Township.

"I think this is definitely a good addition (to the historic village)," Johnson said. "Eloise was a very important part of Nankin Township, and Wayne County was the only county out of 83 counties in Michigan that had a general hospital, an

infirmary and an asylum in the same location."

The fire truck, delivered last Thursday on a flatbed truck, will be kept in a historic carriage house on the museum property. The public can see it up close during museum tour hours, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays except holidays.

"It's in real good condition," Johnson said.

The truck also is expected to be shown during local events, such as parades, although it will likely be towed or hauled on a flatbed truck.

It still runs, but officials don't want to risk harming it.

The fire truck was bought around the time that an old blacksmith shop burned on the Eloise site. The Eloise complex was so large that it had its own fire department.

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Milliken draws crowd

See related story on Page A13.

BY JULIE BROWN
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Dorothy Grant of Plymouth Township was pleased to see former Michigan Gov. William Milliken on Monday.

"I've always admired Governor Milliken," said Grant, who teaches college reading and critical thinking at Schoolcraft College. "I just thought this was a great opportunity to see him."

She and some 200 others gathered Monday at the Plymouth Historical Museum for a book signing featuring Milliken and Dave Dempsey, the author who penned *William G. Milliken: Michigan's Passionate Moderate*. Grant noted her brother worked as an economist for the state of Michigan and spoke highly of his boss.

From the Democratic camp came state Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, who's running for state Senate against Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia. "I think out of respect and to have a chance to say hello to the governor, which I did," Anderson said. "I think he personifies what statesmanship and public service should be about."

Anderson noted that at least half a dozen Capitol tour guides drove down from Lansing for the event. Anderson's been in politics 15 years and agreed it took a turn for the nastier around 1992.

"It just seems like the tone of politics has gotten so much worse," Anderson said. He recalled Milliken's interest in redistricting legislation when Anderson contacted him: "I was just really pleased that he took an interest and did call me."

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Churchill's Class of 2006: Now they 'hold the key'

More than 500 graduates of Churchill High School's Class of 2006 picked up diplomas and congratulations during commencement before thousands of family and friends June 6 at Compuware Arena.

The event had to be delayed by Principal Joseph Anderson for 10 minutes or so to allow those stuck in traffic to get inside the arena. Construction on M-14 caused bottlenecks on Five Mile and Six Mile, he said.

Once they began, Churchill's Senior Ensemble performed both the national anthem and a celebration song, which was For Good from the musical Wicked. The song says, in part, "... let me say before we part, so much of me is made from what I learned from you. You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart."

Inspiring addresses were made by senior class President Karen Freeman and all school President Ashlee Ricketts. Freeman talked about some of the memories her classmates shared over the years; Ricketts focused on the possibilities for the future. "They did a wonderful job," Anderson said.

The Class of 2006 at Churchill was marked by a large number of "very, very academically talented" students, Anderson said. The number of those with at least a grade-point average of 3.5 was higher than previous years, he said.

His own brief speech, Anderson said, focused on congratulating the graduates on what they'd accomplished and what they'd done for Churchill.

"And I let them know that they now hold the key," he said. "They've got the tools, now go do it."

The senior class gift to the school is a scrolling electronic sign that will be posted in the cafeteria to run announcements and school information during the school day.



Churchill graduates D.J. Kinnell and Amber Barton share a hug before the start of graduation ceremonies on Tuesday night of last week at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.



Churchill graduates Ashley Keenmon, left, and Melanie Keyser help prepare classmate Brendan Kohn before the start of the processional.

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ORDINANCE #06-011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 52.03 (A) AND 52.04 (A) OF CHAPTER 52 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Sections 52.03 (A) and 52.04 (A) of Chapter 52 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City be amended to read as follows:

§ 52.03 WATER SUPPLY RATES.

(A) Consumption charges.

Base rate \$22.17 per 1,000 Cubic feet

§ 52.04 SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATES.

(A) Consumption charges

Base rate, including excess sewage \$41.48 per 1,000 Cubic feet

REPEALER.

That Sections 52.03 (A) and 52.04 (A) of Chapter 52 of Title V of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Garden City and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Except as herein modified, the said Code shall remain in full force and effect.

SEVERABILITY.

The City of Garden City hereby declares that if any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the City of Garden City that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from such portion as may be declared invalid.

SAVINGS CLAUSE.

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or effected by this Ordinance.

DATE OF EFFECT.

This amendatory Ordinance is declared to be effective upon publication as required by law.

JAYLEE LYNCH
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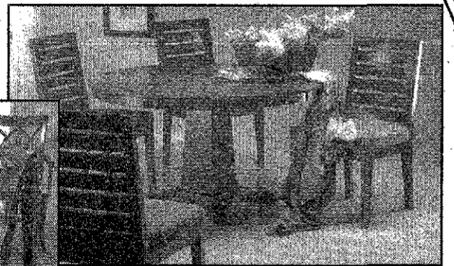
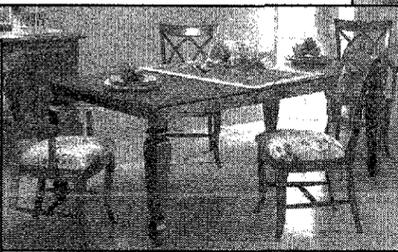
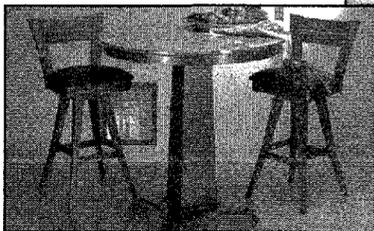
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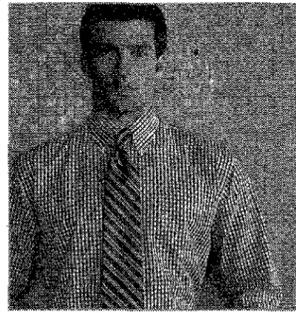
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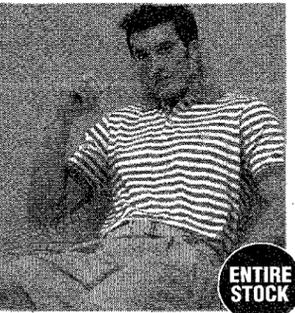
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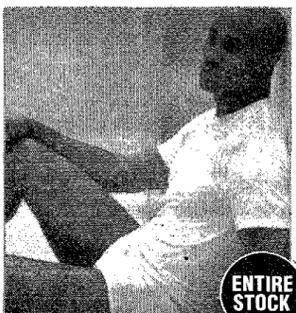
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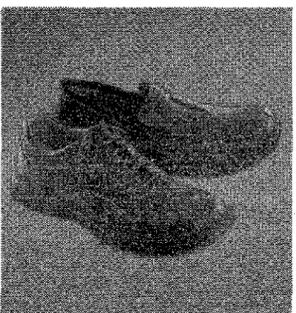
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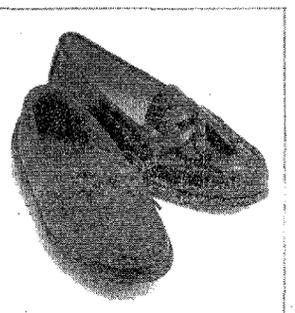
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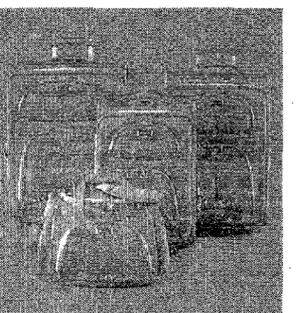
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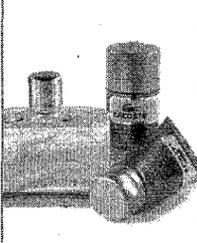
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Caps off to Franklin High's Class of 2006

On Wednesday evening last week, 391 Franklin High School seniors took hold of their diplomas, after sauntering across the stage at Compuware Sports Arena.

"It's really a highlight of the year," Principal Dan Willenborg said. "It was a very emotional event. I can never get through it without some type of emotional pause."

Keeping a running list, Willenborg said since Franklin opened, 20,982 students have graduated from the school. "That's quite a base of alumni," he said.

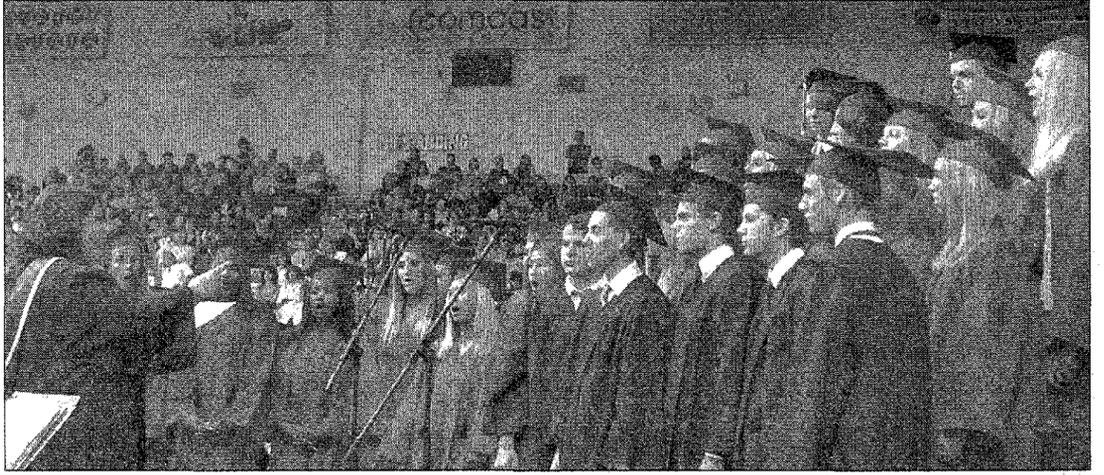
The move this year to Compuware in Plymouth proved to be a positive one, despite the challenge of construction-related traffic on M-14. Willenborg said the new venue provided comfortable seating and climate, without any worry about the weather.

The "spirited" day marked a farewell to the Class of 2006. Willenborg said he calls this group "the Comeback Class" because it had a difficult start academically in 2002. This year's seniors were recognized athletically, he said, garnering conference championship wins in football, wrestling and gymnastics.

In addition to the graduating seniors, a Korean War veteran named Russell Robinson Jr. was included in the commencement. He is the grandfather of Franklin graduate Ray Robinson.

"This class is filled with a lot of wonderful kids," Willenborg said. "Each of their lives tell a wonderful story. I'm really excited for them."

By Stephanie A. Casola



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The Franklin Senior Choir performs the song 'Prayer' by Teena Chinn during the graduation ceremony.

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Last week, Korean War veteran Russell P. Robinson received his high school diploma along with grandson, and Franklin High grad, Ray Robinson. Robinson left high school in 11th grade and was later sent to Korea when war broke out. In 1951, he married his wife Gail, and later received his G.E.D. certification - but never his diploma. When it came time this spring for his grandson to graduate, Robinson joined him on stage. The Robinsons have been Westland residents since 1956.

Celia Christine DeVitis.

Thomas R. Dimmitt, Christian Elias Dinha, Sarah Marie Dobson, Jeffrey Douglass, Jr., Jonathan Joseph Douilly, Andrea Rochelle Drake, Derek James Drobil, Jonathon David Drobil, Kristina M. Dubicki, Heather Marie Dunn, Curtis Allen Ebbitt, Robert L. Evans, III, Joseph Todd Ewald, II, Anthony Michael Farthing, Lisa Michelle Farrington, Ryan P. Feeny, Michael Raul Feijoo, Chelsea Marie Fenner, Jonathan Gregory Fenner, Christopher Scott Florkowski, Theodore C. Floetke, Brittany Lee Ford, Cullen Ahern Forster, Kyle Louis Fox, Jeffrey David Frizzeil, Andrew John Furton, Jason Craig Gaal, Anthony G. Gabry and Amanda Dawn Gallagher.

Emily Marie Garbutt, Lindsay Anne Garbutt, Rebecca Renee Garbutt, Steven Russell Gatzka, Timothy Van Kirk Gault, Jr., Eric Stewart Geiger, Sarah Emily Geraci, Tanya M. Ghanayem, Mario Anthony Giangrande, Michael Anthony Gibbons, Ashley Lyn Gierucki, Mason Ryan Gill, Ryan Michael Gilliland, Michael Girard, John William Gizowski, Gerard A. Glab, II, Joshua Lee Glennie, Daniel Goddard, Jonathan Michael Goldbach, Matthew Alan Golick, Joshua M.

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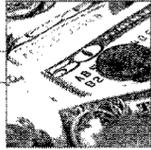
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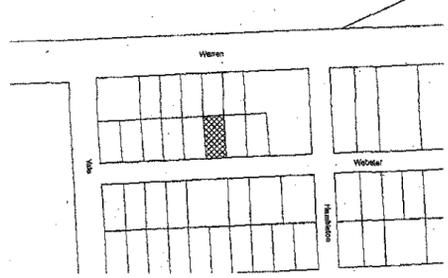
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

Case #1211C - Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from R-5 Single-Family Residential to CB-3, General Commercial Business, Lot #27, Bakewell Hills Subdivision, Parcel #034-01-0027-000, North Side of Webster Avenue, South of Warren Road, West of Wayne Road, Kousay Askar



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

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

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

ON ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 26th day of June, 2006, at 6:30 p.m., at the Garden City Public Schools Administration Building, 1851 Radcliff, Garden City, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the School District of the City of Garden City for the fiscal year of 2006-2007.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Business Office at the Garden City Public Schools' Administrative Service Center, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, Michigan, for inspection during regular business hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners of the City of Garden City, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the proposed budget. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan.

George Kordie, Secretary
GARDEN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 11 - 6/5/06

- Presiding: Council President Wild
Present: Godbout, Graunstadt, Kehrer, LeBlanc, Pickering, Stottlemeyer
- 135-Approved minutes of regular meeting held on 5/15/06.
 - Granted request from Friends of Historical Museum to hold Flea Market at Perrinsville School on 7/22/06.
 - Granted request from Dick's Sporting Goods to hold tent sale from 6/23/06 through 7/09/06 on their property.
 - Granted request from Jackson Hewitt Tax Service to hold a NASCAR exhibit of #16 Greg Biffle show car on 8/18/06 & 8/19/06.
 - Approved bid for emergency purchase of generator from Electrex Company, amt. of \$98,285.00.
 - Approved bid for office furniture for Clerk's office staff from Interior Environment amt. of \$6,283.53.
 - Approved board-up fees to be placed on the 2006 Summer Tax bills.
 - Adopted of Budget Amend. 2006-12, General Fund; \$38,730.00.
 - Approved Admin. Fee Schedule for fiscal year 2006-2007.
 - Introduced Ord. 29-W-13-1, to amend Chptr. 46-1(17) of City code, for Building Dept. fees.
 - Introduced Ord. 29-W-29-5, to amend Chptr. 46, Section 46-1 (17) of City code, Planning Commission and Subdivision Approval Fees.
 - Adopted Prep. Res. accepting CVS Long Term Storm Water Facilities Maint. Agrmt.
 - Adopted Prep. Land Div. Res., Parcel #084-01-0140-301, n. side of Powers, n. of Van Born, w. of Inkster Road.
 - 136-Adopted prep. Edwin Str paving Res. #4, to set public hearing date for 6/19/06.
 - 138-Waived procedure & adopted prep. Res. approving Brownfield Redevelopment Plan to support Cooper NJ, LLC, prop. to construct dev. at site of old Cooper School.
 - 139-Introduced Ord. 29-W-5-1, to amend Chptr. 22, Article XV, Section 22-601 thru 22-607 to require registration of & inspection of all rental dwellings.
 - 140-Introduced Ord. 29-W-5-2, to amend Chptr. 46, Section 46-1(17) of City Code to add fees for rental property inspections.
 - 141-Adopted Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget as amended & presented.
 - 142-Adopted Prep. Res. spreading millage for fiscal year 7/1/06 thru. 6/30/07.
 - 143-Adopted Prep. Res. spreading millage for summer tax levy for fiscal year 7/1/06 thru. 6/30/07.
 - 144-Adopted Capital Improvement Prgrm as amended for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.
 - 145-Approved Special Land use Proposed T-Mobile Wireless Communications Facility, Parcel #002-99-0050-702, e. side of Middlebelt Rd., s. of Joy Rd.
 - 146-Approved Rev. Site Plan, Westland Town Ctr. & Harlow Tire, w. side of Wayne Rd., s. of Ford Rd.
 - 147-Approved Voucher List: \$1,334,489.91 and Prepaid: \$1,873,066.34.
Meeting adjourned 10:55 p.m.
Minutes available at the Clerk's office.

William R. Wild
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk

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City of Westland
Sandra A. Cicirelli, Mayor
Department of Public Service
Water and Sewer Division
37137 Marquette Westland, MI 48185 (734) 728-1770

2005 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 ninth 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, Thomas Wilson, at the following address and telephone number:

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 Department of Public Service
 37137 Marquette
 Westland, MI 48185
 (734) 728-1770

Important Health Information

Overview

The City of Westland maintains over 325 miles of water main, over 2895 hydrants and over 5990 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 Cherry Hill to Glenwood and Surrey Heights to Newburgh. 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 2006 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 2005, 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
2005 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	8/9/2005	ppm	4	4	0.94	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	8/9/2005	ppm	10	10	0.38	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-Dec 2005	ppb	n/a	80	24.5	8.1-36.3	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Dec 2005	ppb	n/a	60	18.0	4.7-15.8	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2005	ppm	MRDL 4	MRDL 4	0.68	0.59-0.71	No	Water additive used to control microbes

2005 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
0.19 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.

2005 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	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	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

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

2005 Special Monitoring				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.58	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.

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, PS Orange Co. will sell at public auction by competitive bidding. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 3650 Enterprise Dr. Allen Park, MI 48101 (313) 441-3117 on 6-26-06 at 10:30 am Personal property described below in the matter of

- B009- Steven Miree- desk, love seat, ent. Center
- B023- Geneva Joubert- TV, washer, refrigerator
- B047- Aundra Lipscomb-Baker- misc. items
- B118- Robert Smith- mattress, dresser, ent. Center
- B158- Douglas Myers- TV, Desk, Mattress
- B231- Veronica Aquilina- misc. items
- B254- Teena Taylor- Bags, boxes
- B310- Laura Lovely- toys, totes, boxes
- B353- Joann Hill- boxes, 10 totes
- C002- Melissa Offord- lawn mower, couch, AC unit
- C010- Vanessa McCleskey- couch, dresser, mattress
- C022- Renee Esteen Ware- Big Screen TV, desk, AC unit
- D009- Charles Corby- Desk, mirrors, 6 totes
- D025- John Jackson- love seat, couch, 30 boxes
- D027- Angela Reynolds- TV, desk, bike
- E010- Gerald Mathis- TV, couch, refrigerator
- F005- Kathy Sigler- 30 boxes, dryer, rug
- F018- Bradley Moscarello- misc. items
- F026- Antone Alexander- dryer, bike, refrigerator

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, June 26, 2006 at 7:25 p.m. regarding the proposed ordinance amendment:

To adopt the proposed 2006 Tax Levy and Rate.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Garden City Council to authorize the 2006 Tax Millage for all assessed property in the City of Garden City for the purpose of collecting sufficient funds to meet the needs of the services performed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the levy of said millage rate must be accomplished by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, this specific enactment is not permanent in nature and need not be compiled in the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garden City hereby adopt the following form for the 2006 Tax Millage Rate:

THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY LEVIES:

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	18.1034 Mills

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Walker-Winter Fourth-grader Justin Wollschlager reads a story about trees during the tree-planting ceremony.

ROUGE

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Nine schools, with the help of \$500 mini-grants, planted trees, while six others opted to stencil storm drains, letting the public know that what goes in the drains ends up in the Rouge River.

"Without exception, this has turned classes into learning environments," said Lillian Dean, a Rouge education consultant. "It's an opportunity to do something with the kids that enriches their lives and lets them carry information out into the community."

The program kicked off May 3 at Lincoln Elementary School in Westland, where students, with the help of the Westland Department of Public Works, planted six trees to help keep excess storm water runoff and pollutants out of the Rouge.

According to Lincoln teacher Laura Gutt, "students learned about the Rouge River and the connection of trees and land resources with water quality."

The students selected diverse, native trees — red bud, serviceberry and red maple — for their plantings.

At Walker-Winter, students started working on their project in March.

They researched what types of trees would grow well in the soil in Canton Township, opting for two white pines — the state tree — one tulip tree and three red bud trees, and decided to plant them near the water.

The students did a presentation on the environment, starting with the reading of Janice May Udray's book *A Tree Is Nice*, and used their posters to show the benefits of planting trees.

Then, with help of Brad Sharp of the township's park maintenance unit, they set about covering the root ball and watering the trees.

Students also will have the task of caring for the trees.

"It's part of the science curriculum on land and water," teacher Debbie Perkovich said. "Behind the school is Fellows Creek, it flows into the Rouge. We make them aware that anything that goes in there goes into the Rouge."

The students also stenciled the storm drains with a fish and "Dump no waste, this water goes to the Rouge" as part of their project. This is the second year Walker-Winter students have



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Students at Lincoln Elementary School in Westland watch the first of six trees get planted on the school grounds during the kickoff event for the "Rooting for the Rouge."

been involved in "Rooting for the Rouge." Last year they planted five trees.

At Lincoln, students learned that the planting is helping to replace trees lost to the emerald ash borer in recent years as well as "help soften the impact of rain water and help water soak into the ground," according to Gutt.

"The benefits for birds, insects and the aquatic life of the Rouge River are important to the stu-

dents," she said. "This is excellent, it's a wonderful hands-on experience," Koulouberis added. "It's so exciting to see them do this."

Dean, who spent Wednesday afternoon at Hicks Elementary in Inkster, where students were marking drains, said the goal of the program is to have every Wayne-Westland elementary school participate in "Rooting for the Rouge."

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LIBRARY

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to stop micromanaging the facility.

Rintz said Patane was fired after he was warned numerous times to adhere to library policies.

"We tried very hard to keep Mr. Patane," Rintz said, adding later, "The road that we have to go down now is a real pain in the neck."

Patane has declined to discuss his firing.

Cook urged board members to try to find a quality director they can live with, although he said the two firings could keep some applicants away.

"Don't keep doing the wrong thing over and over," Cook told the board.

Referring to when the board brought Patane aboard, Rintz conceded Monday that, "If I was being fair, I guess I'd have to say that maybe we didn't do as good a job as we could have. We're going to have to figure out a way to do it better."

The board will seek bids from consulting firms, although Welch said he hopes the best company — not necessarily the cheapest — will be hired. He said the board will hire a firm that specializes in helping to fill library positions.

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Future of Cobo studied

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

In the ongoing negotiations about what to do with the aging Cobo Center — rebuild, renovate, private or public partnership — policy makers at the annual Greater Detroit Regional Chamber conference on Mackinac Island have announced funding new research on the topic.

Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield, announced that \$50,000 in federal funds would be used to come up with a feasibility study put forward by the Coalition for Fueling Michigan's Future.

"I feel that now is the time to make Cobo Center not only a great event venue but also an institution of research and development that will fuel Michigan's economy well into the future," he said.

The future of Cobo has been a bone of contention for officials in Lansing and both sides of Eight Mile Road. In the past, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has pushed for an expansion of the city/suburb taxation arrangement that has sustained the conference center since its initial construction.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has fought that idea on a number of fronts, chief among them being his adamant belief that any expansion, renovation or replacement of the aging structure be done on the private sector's dime.

Michigan House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R- Novi, agrees.

"For too long, plans to expand and improve Cobo Center have relied on endless taxpayer subsidies and have been short on any positive private sector solution," he said in a press release. "This proposal opens the door for that private sector participation."

One of the main concerns on both sides of the argument is the future of one of Cobo's premier events, the North American International Auto Show. As the event has grown over the years, Cobo Hall is increasingly being seen as too small for the participants and similar shows in Chicago and Tokyo are starting to eclipse the Detroit venue. Attendees at the most recent NAIAS event in January have said the show could disappear from the Motor City in a few years if a change isn't made.

Ex-FEMA chief Brown: Expect to help yourself in a disaster

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The man most identified with the federal government's failures in the wake of Hurricane Katrina last year told a conference of emergency and disaster specialists they have to get people prepared, mentally and physically, for the worst.

"You need to educate the community about what emergency management is," former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown said. "It's a fact, people don't think it will happen to them."

That idea is widespread even in areas where disasters are likely to strike. He told the story of a police official in the barrier islands off of Florida following a hurricane's landfall early in 2005 who said that despite their location, no one expected a natural disaster to affect them.

"There's a potential for terrorism, accidents and natural disasters," Brown said. "It happens all the time. People don't want to believe it can happen to them, but you have to make sure your homes and communities are safe. It can happen. It does happen. It will happen and it's your job to explain that to your communities."

While Michigan rarely gets an earthquake and no hurricane can do more than cause rain here, he said there are any number of trucks carrying chemical payloads that could crash on I-96 and cause a serious incident.

And FEMA isn't going to ride to the rescue when that



Former FEMA Director Michael Brown was the keynote speaker at the Oakland County Emergency Preparedness conference in Waterford June 7.

happens.

"During my tenure, there were 169 presidentially declared disasters at FEMA," he said. "There were thousands more where we were never called."

Of course, Brown touched on what happened in New Orleans when Katrina hit last fall. He said the relief effort had been hampered by a lack of coordination, bureaucratic confusion and media misrepresentation of what was actually the case on the ground.

"Our biggest mistake," he said, "was not leveling with the public like we should have."

He also said FEMA has to be its own organization again.

"I hope FEMA is taken out of (the Department of) Homeland Security and made a cabinet-level position again," Brown said.

In reference to natural disasters, West Bloomfield Township Supervisor David

Flaisher wondered about the wisdom of rebuilding in an area almost guaranteed to have another hurricane in the future.

"Because they're asking for federal funds to rebuild the levees," Brown said. "There should be a national discussion about it. Sometime we're going to have to examine how many times we rebuild the beach houses."

Rochester police Chief Ted Glynn said a lot of Brown's talk was outside the scope of his duties, but the message of self-reliance and preparation were not lost on him.

"A lot of us have a vision of FEMA riding in like the cavalry," Glynn said. "(The presentation) gave us a more realistic idea of what to expect. A lot of what he said was for police and fire officials, but it might be of more value for elected officials."

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Schoolcraft's summer piano school scheduled for June 19 to July 13

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From July 5 through July 13,

the focus is on the advanced piano student ready to play concertos and chamber music. Students receive instruction in theory, music history, skills and technique, and perform in a number of recitals. They rehearse and perform with a professional string ensemble. Students must audition before being accepted and must memorize one movement of a piano concerto.

From July 5 through 7, classes meet from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. From July 10 through 13, there are 4 p.m. rehearsals with the orchestra and 7 p.m. recitals in the VisTaTech Presentation Room.

Instructors include Donald Morelock, an extraordinary teacher and musician, whose

students have won international competitions; Eugene Bossart, Schoolcraft artist-in-residence, and an expert coach and musician; and Michele Mustert, a performer and instructor.

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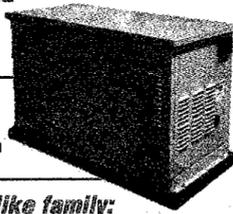
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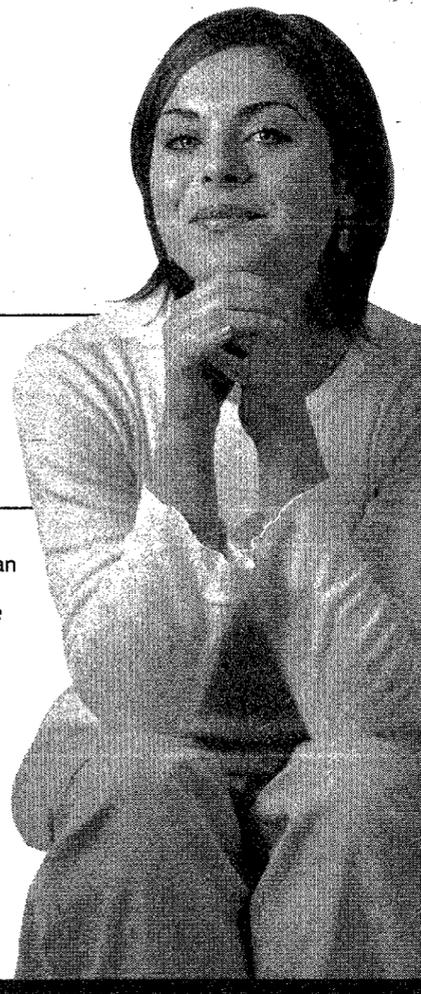
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OUR VIEWS

Board needs help finding director

Last month, the Westland Library Board made news when it fired library Director John Patane for what it called serious violations of library policy. Few specifics were offered initially and even when more details were provided, it was a carefully worded statement from board President Michael Rintz and board attorney Michael McNamara.

How the statement was released says more than anything about the latest problem swirling around the library. It's an indication that Patane, possibly, may not go as quietly as former Director Sandra Wilson, who was fired in June 2004. Also telling is the split vote. Only three of the five members felt the alleged policy violations — use of the library's credit card, filling positions without advertising them and handing out raises in excess of what was budgeted — were severe enough to warrant firing Patane.

We can neither defend nor criticize the library board for what it has done, nor will we praise or criticize Patane for what he did during his 18 months as library director. The details of what happened between the board and Patane will likely never be fully known.

But, we can express concern about the board's ability to select someone able to take the library to a higher level. The board cannot afford to have another director come and go as quickly as Patane. The image of a revolving door on the director's office could scare away qualified candidates and tarnish the library's reputation. While there are plenty of criteria for being a library director, there are few if any requirements to serve on the library board other than a willingness to serve and knowing the appointing authority — the mayor with City Council confirmation.

That's why we believe the board is heading in the right direction by deciding Monday to hire a consulting firm with the expertise in locating qualified candidates to fill the position. That firm could collect resumes, do the background checks and find the best qualified candidates to recommend to the board.

Yes, it would cost money, but it would be money well spent in that the library could get someone who has the experience to run a library and work with the library board for the betterment of the facility, the employees and the patrons.

We urge the board to weigh carefully what it will now do. Westland residents waited a long time for their own library; the last thing they want is to have it decline in stature and importance because of repeated turmoil between the board and the director.

Separate school elections should be eliminated

The jury still is out on what impact Michigan's new consolidated elections law had on this year's local school elections.

Depending on who is asked, the May elections either were a waste of time and money, or helped maintain local control and an efficient transition of board members.

One thing for certain is if the spirit of the law was to reduce the number of times voters have to head to the ballot box in any given year, it failed.

And that is too bad.

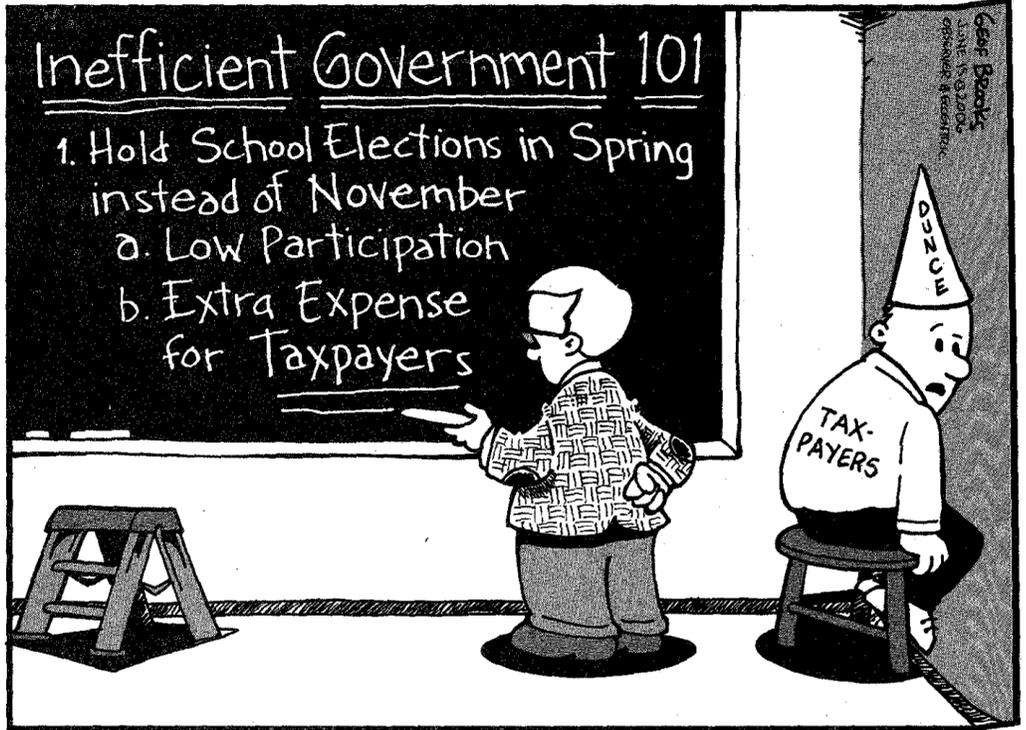
Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson, who co-sponsored the bill while in the state Legislature, continues to argue the best dates to hold school elections are either in November with the general election, or with the August primary. Doing so would eliminate almost all cost to the state's financially strapped school districts, and bring savings to the county as well since it would have to staff one less election.

But many local superintendents argue there is good reason that nearly every single district in Wayne and Oakland counties voted to hold the election in May: It makes no sense to switch board seats in the middle of a school year, and school races would get lost on a lengthy general election ballot.

There are legitimate points in the local school officials' argument, but they can — and should — be resolved. A compromise should be found to address those concerns, while at the same time eliminating a school-specific election.

With budget dollars becoming ever so precious, it makes no sense for local school districts to finance elections when that responsibility has been shifted to the counties.

Let's have schools focus on educating our next generation of leaders, and leave the when, where and how of school elections to those paid and trained to run them.



"I just don't get it."

Supports editorial

I enthusiastically support the conclusion of your May 25 editorial, "Memorial Day deserves its own day." The genesis of this holiday, however, is far from settled and the importance of its official birthplace should not be overlooked, particularly in this context.

Years prior to the initiative of Gen. John Logan, another union general, John Murray, organized a memorial program with the village of Waterloo, N.Y., for May 30, 1866. This village was officially recognized as the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Johnson, in 1966, even though dozens of other towns and villages claim that honor.

The importance of Waterloo, N.Y., does not rest on whether or not it was the first community to celebrate Memorial Day. After all, the true genesis for this holiday was in the collective hearts and minds of 19th century Americans, who realized the need to heal after the Civil War. Waterloo is special because it is true to its traditions; it still celebrates Memorial Day on May 30 with a community parade, prayers and Taps.

Redford Township held a similar memorial celebration on our traditional day, the first Sunday in June. For decades we have celebrated on this day so that our parade does not get lost in the crowd of other festivities. Five years ago, the National Commander of The American Legion lamented that "For too many Americans the original meaning of Memorial Day has drifted away with the barbecue smoke." The examples of Waterloo and Redford indicate that citizens will support patriotic celebrations if they are separated from the rest of the hoopla. Citizens should support the *Observer's* call to return Memorial Day to May 30 by contacting their congressman.

Garth J. Christie
Redford Township

Cut nation's debt

Wake up, America! It is time to get our house in order. And it's time for the U.S. government to take a 5-percent pay cut. The federal government's overall performance warrants it. Bill Clinton left a \$235 billion surplus; the current debt under the present administration is \$8.146 trillion. What did our grandchildren do to deserve this mammoth debt? The country is in a mess with our wild, pork barrel spending.

Our country is going through some very tough times. The auto industry is forced to take pay cuts and give in to health concessions. Northwest pilots just took a 24-percent pay cut. Who is next, flight attendants, mechanics, etc.?

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano wants a 5-percent across the board cut. The only way he can balance the budget. It is time for the federal government to start making some sacrifices and they can start by taking a 5-percent pay cut across the board. The government is the largest employer in America. They have more paid holidays than any other employer. Cut a few of those paid holidays and watch the deficit shrink.

For nine years, Sen. Kennedy led the fight to raise the minimum wage; each time it was defeated. The lowest paid workers in America could not get a penny raise in nine years. But Congress took a pay raise each year; they called it the cost

LETTERS

of living adjustment.

Today, I am crying out and planting a seed hoping others will pick up on it and start spreading the word. Maybe we can get the attention of our elected officials in Washington. This is a real effort and worth a try; it's for our grandchildren. They don't deserve the largest debt in the history of our country and maybe the world.

I know some of you are having a good laugh at this idea, but does the government have a better plan? It's a challenge, but if everyone starts talking about it, it could become a reality. What's wrong with our government making some wage concessions for the good of our country? If enough pressure is put on them, it could happen. This is the beginning of a movement. Will you help move it along?

Joe Girolamo
Livonia

Morale certain to suffer

During my 30-year teaching career in the Livonia Public Schools, I sometimes wondered how LPS acquired its reputation as an excellent school system. Nevertheless, this reputation served the district well. It attracted families and prospective teachers who valued a good school system. Well-qualified, public-spirited citizens were usually available as school board candidates and the process of public education was elevated.

Many of the people behind the effort to recall the Livonia school board are among those who were attracted to Livonia because of the reputation of our school system. I do not blame them for being frustrated and disappointed by the changes proposed in the Legacy plan. Unfortunately, the circumstances that necessitated the Legacy — revenue shortfalls and a reduced student population — forced school leaders to make disruptive changes in school services. One might argue about how and where cuts were made and about how tactfully the process was carried out, but in the end there is no dispute that some families will be deprived of aspects of education they had come to expect.

What if the recall succeeds? Will people still value Livonia's schools? Will good candidates still be willing to serve on the school board and risk enduring the kind of hailstorm raining down on the present board? If a new board is installed and it actually tries to undo the massive changes made in staff and programs under Legacy and replace them with a new round of reassignments and program changes, the effect upon staff morale will be devastating.

Good morale is one of the most essential components in a successful education system. Staff morale is a complex response to a number of things, including leadership and a sense of professional worth. It is easily damaged by forced changes and by the perceived arbitrary decision making of school leaders. Morale cannot be purchased at the bargaining table or osmotically infused through those often painful administrative cure-alls, in-service days. Teacher morale expresses itself through hundreds of daily transactions with students. It has a powerful effect on their learning and on their respect for education. The chaos following a recall would most certainly damage morale. The resultant decline in the quality of learning would be much greater than from any conse-

quence of Legacy.

If the recall succeeds, education in Livonia Public Schools will falter or, at best, be reduced to just another function of government.

John Covert
Livonia

Smokers' disorder

The little things matter. Here's another reason not to choose to smoke. It looks like smoking diminishes an individual's ability to grip items in their hands. This condition affects a majority of smokers — even those that have just chosen this behavior.

We all see afflicted smokers dropping cigarette butts on the ground without realizing what they have done. At times, the smokers' hands will even have muscle spasms. The other day I witnessed a spasm from a driver who was smoking. The spasm resulted in a burning cigarette flying out the vehicle window. Certainly, the person would have picked up the litter had he known.

This is a chronic condition. Evidence abounds at most traffic intersections and many public places throughout the country — take a look on the ground. Fortunately, this reduction of tactile control is immediately reversed when individuals stop smoking. It can also be controlled with awareness and practice.

Some smokers have been known to train themselves to use what is referred to as an "ashtray." Ashtrays are similar to garbage cans, but are designed to accept discarded cigarettes. I hear it is not difficult.

Scott Freeman
Farmington

Loss of liberties

Just asking, are we going to do away with the Pledge of Allegiance, since our constitutional limited republic, liberty, sovereignty and justice are disappearing? And how about the Fourth of July celebration? Are we going to eliminate it also, since our independence is disappearing? Are the illegal invaders going to be marching to celebrate our interdependence waving Mexico's flag? There is no slippery slope toward loss of liberties, only a long staircase where each step downward must be first tolerated by the American people and their leaders. Is this where America is heading for? Oh, America I cry for you!

Evelyn Sanavae
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Michigan could use another governor such as Milliken

"The temper which does not press a partisan advantage to its bitter end, which can understand and respect the other side, which feels a unity between all citizens ... which recognizes their common fate and common aspirations; in a word, which has faith in the sacredness of the individual ... this is what we have striven for."

— Former Gov. William Milliken, quoting Judge Learned Hand

Over Memorial Day weekend, I had the sad pleasure of reading Dave Dempsey's new biography: *William G. Milliken: Michigan's Passionate Moderate* (University of Michigan Press, \$29.95).

Sad, because we don't seem to have leaders like that any more. Bill Milliken, who left office voluntarily in 1983 after 14 years, was the longest-ever serving governor of Michigan.



Phil Power

Today, he is the living icon of political moderation. But his temple attracts few followers. The spirit of his career, quoted above in Milliken's final State of the State message in 1982, now seems a quaint, out-of-date anachronism.

We are all the poorer as a result. Milliken's career marked the height of a Michigan political culture that was distinctly sane, and which endured for nearly half a century, from Soapy Williams' 1950s to John Engler's election as governor in 1990.

Some would call it moderate, others bipartisan and others faintly elitist. And the glow of those days disguises the tough partisan conflict that always characterizes politics, then and now.

But Milliken's style was distinctive and effective. "Good government is good politics," he would say time after time. Above all, he was a gentleman, seldom harsh in his rhetoric, unfailingly civil even to his opponents and rarely going for purely partisan advantage.

The governor consulted with everyone, worked tirelessly to forge bipartisan coalitions and almost always found ways to reconcile differing points of view. Those who he appointed to senior positions in state government were amazed that he never asked their partisan affiliation during job interviews, but concentrated instead on how they proposed to carry out their responsibilities.

Many of his highest concerns seemed unusual, even radical at the time. But as the years passed, they became important parts of the canon of good, sensible, broadly acceptable public policy.

His concern for the environment and the Great Lakes perhaps was the most notable. "The Great Lakes (are) the world's largest collection of fresh water, and water will be for the Midwest almost like oil is to the OPEC countries," he said.

Seeing the catastrophic effect of the swings in prosperity of the auto industry in his state, he predicted that Midwestern states would have to restructure themselves if they were to recover.

He urged schools to start emphasizing computers and what we would now call "high tech" to prepare young people for a globally competitive economy. He urged an end of

the hostile relationship between business and labor. He was consistent in supporting a woman's right to choose an abortion.

And he was preoccupied with the concerns of the poor and the poorly treated; he forged an unlikely partnership with Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young, and later said that his support for harsh mandatory sentences for those involved in minor-level drug crimes was among his greatest mistakes.

In retrospect, it now seems clear that Milliken's decision not to run for re-election in 1982 marked the end of an era in Michigan politics. Author Dempsey quotes political scientist Peter Kibrak as saying that while Williams had campaigned for higher taxes and better services for the poor and Milliken had called for open housing and aid to Detroit, "(James) Blanchard and (Richard) Headlee, by contrast, stood for election."

What that meant was that both men largely had turned control over to "professional campaign consultants and pollsters who coin(ed) slogans and images to capture public sentiment rather than fashioning strong issue stands."

Dempsey thinks Blanchard governed in Milliken's guise, but also in his shadow. The Democrat won fairly narrowly in 1982 against an unbelievably clumsy Richard Headlee and in 1986 against a weak black opponent, William Lucas. As someone who had an occasional hand in the Blanchard administration, I agree that Blanchard took to heart the axiom that to win elections you need to occupy the middle.

But the rise of Engler in 1990 marked the statewide comeback of what were once called "Neanderthal Republicans," conservatives who were anti-tax, anti-government, anti-choice, harsh and unsparing in their political tactics and self-assured in their condemnation of opponents. To this day, Michigan politics are enormously influenced (perhaps even dominated) by them.

No wonder Milliken from time to time after leaving office would come down from his Traverse City "mountain" to condemn extremism, self-righteousness and a political system so obviously out of touch with the everyday concerns of most people.

Sadly, as right as that is, he has been largely reduced to a voice crying in the wilderness.

In his entertaining memoir, *Off the Record* (U-M Press, \$29.95), Lansing correspondent Tim Skubiek said he regretted not being there when Milliken and his wife "got in the Lincoln for the last time on Inauguration Day 1983. Guys who were there tell me there wasn't a dry eye despite the bitter cold and the even more chilling feeling that a civil era of Michigan politics was walking out the door ... never to return in the same way."

They were, sadly, all too correct. In these days when our politics seems captured by ideologues of both left and right and our political system seems so dysfunctional and out of touch with ordinary people, it's hard not to be nostalgic for the contributions of William Milliken, an admirable politician and truly civilized man.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economic and education issues in Michigan. He can be reached at ppower@hcn.net.

Nation's duty is to take action on behalf of uninsured people

"God give us the courage to address and the dauntlessness to act on behalf of those who are uninsured and underinsured. Strengthen our desire to see America work to rid herself of this atrocious and lurid issue. Make us advocates who will put the health of our brothers and sisters on the focal point for these efforts. Amen."

This prayer was offered up at thousands of churches, synagogues and mosques as faith communities across the country came together recently to tell our nation's leaders that too many Americans are living without health care coverage.

It was four years ago that I got involved in an event titled "Cover the Uninsured Week." At that time, I was stunned to learn that there were so many Americans who were either uninsured or underinsured. The count was around 41 million, and I couldn't believe that a country so rich with materials and technology could dare allow this to continue.

Faith leaders all agreed that for us, it was a social injustice that wouldn't go away unless we banded together to eradicate this problem.

After the Cover the Uninsured Week 2002 ended, many of us didn't want the flame to die out so we formed the Interfaith Health & Hope Coalition. The coalition's main purpose is to address this macabre way of life for so many of our fellow Americans. In hundreds of communities across the country including Michigan, events were held to energize faith leaders, physicians, business, educators, health systems, uninsured and others who join our fight.

No matter your religious belief, ethnicity, or address, chances are someone you know — a friend, a neighbor, a family member, or a member of your faith community — is living without health insurance. As a faith leader, it is rare that a week goes by when I am not confronted by the challenges a member or a family in my church faces because they are uninsured. Here in Michigan, we have 1.1 million living without health coverage, forced to gamble every day that they won't get sick or injured.

Today, nearly 46 million Americans — one in seven — are living without health coverage, and more than 8 million of

them are children. Eight out of 10 uninsured are in working families.

Being uninsured means going without health care when it is needed. It means minor illnesses become major ones because care is delayed.

Faith communities have a long tradition of caring for people who suffer in mind, body and spirit. An individual without health care is denied not only a healthy body, but a healthy spirit as well. While we work together across all faith traditions to sustain and uphold those who suffer, they await healing and necessary medical treatment.

Caring for our fellow Americans without health insurance is a problem that can not be solved by one community alone. A problem of this magnitude and moral urgency requires the leadership of the religious community as well as the power of Congress.

"There are certain issues in our nation's history that call people of faith to come together to urge action, and the issue of health coverage for all Americans is one of them," said the Rev. Eileen Lindner, chairperson of the National Interfaith Advisory Board for Cover the Uninsured Week, and deputy general secretary of research and planning for the National Council of Churches. "While our theological and moral perspectives on many issues differ, people of faith agree that ensuring that all people have access to health care coverage is a moral imperative. It is our duty to urge our nation to take action on behalf of the millions of Americans who do not have health care coverage."

The national effort of Cover the Uninsured Week is sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which focuses on the pressing health and health care issues facing our country. More than 300 faith leaders, Christian, Jewish and Muslim, recently gathered to give testimony on the issue of health care as a right for all Americans. I hope you will study the issue of the uninsured, many of whom are the most vulnerable in our community and make your voice heard in Washington by contacting your elected representative. I urge all members of our community to go to www.CoverTheUninsured.org to e-mail their members of Congress and tell them to make health coverage a priority. The Rev. John Duckworth ministers at Getsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Westland.



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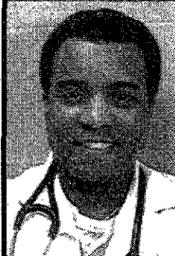
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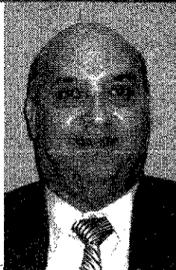
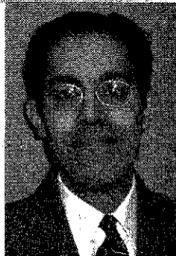


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Milliken urges Granholm, DeVos to stick to the issues

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Former Michigan Gov. William Milliken hasn't yet decided whom he will back in the 2006 gubernatorial campaign, but he has one wish for the two candidates: Keep it clean.

Milliken, in Plymouth Monday to sign copies of his biography at the Plymouth Historical Museum, said he hopes incumbent Democrat Jennifer Granholm and Republican hopeful Dick DeVos will keep the campaign about issues, not personalities.

"I'm hopeful the campaign will be a civilized and issue-based campaign," said Milliken, Michigan's longest-serving governor (1969-1982). "So far, I'm very encouraged. From what I've observed, (DeVos) is going to conduct that kind of campaign."

DeVos, who has grabbed the early lead in some polling, is obviously pointing to the economic struggles of the state in an effort to separate himself from Granholm. But Milliken said the state of Michigan's economy isn't Granholm's fault.

Milliken said the condition of the automobile industry is a large factor.

"The state is in severe stress because of the economy," Milliken said. "But it's not the fault of the governor. It just happens the auto industry

THE BOOK ON MILLIKEN

■ Title: William G. Milliken: Michigan's Passionate Moderate

■ Author: Dave Dempsey, policy adviser for the Michigan Environmental Council, a coalition of more than 65 environmental advocacy organizations

■ About the book: The story of one of the Great Lake State's most fascinating political figures, the "gentleman governor" of Michigan, who served 1969-82.

■ Publishers: University of Michigan Press and Petoskey Publishing

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is in great difficulty, and that is reflected throughout Michigan."

Granholm, he said, is "doing everything a governor can do. I don't envy her."

Though he doesn't blame Granholm for the state's struggles, Milliken also said he "doesn't agree" with her on everything. He's also not sure where he stands on DeVos, whom he's only met once. He has talked with DeVos' people several times, he said, and plans to meet with the Republican candidate "in a few weeks."

Until then, Milliken hopes the two will focus on issues. Two of the big ones, he said, are the environment and the state's relationship with Wayne County and, more specifically, the City of Detroit.

"I'm hoping the environment can be discussed by both candidates," Milliken said. "I hope both of them recognize Detroit is important to the whole state. If Detroit is in difficulty, and it is, it's going to need the support of the governor of our state."

According to state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, who arranged for Milliken's book signing appearance at the Plymouth museum, it was Milliken's attitude toward the city that helped him take a majority in Wayne County in



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State Rep. John Stewart and former Michigan Gov. William Milliken talk before the book signing event.

1978, Milliken's last term.

"It has been said Governor Milliken governed in the spirit of (Abraham) Lincoln," said Stewart, who invokes the memory of Milliken in describing himself as a moderate conservative. "There's nothing wrong with the phrase, 'We should be moderately conservative.'"

Whoever wins the 2006 race - Democrat incumbent Granholm or Republican challenger DeVos - the next governor faces stiff challenges, according to Milliken.

"He or she will have to bring the state back together again to deal constructively and forthrightly with our economic problems," Milliken

said. "It's always a challenge to recognize we are blessed with one of the most beautiful states on Earth, and what we do to protect our environment will be critically important."

Milliken said it might be awhile before he decides which candidate to back, because he still has to meet with DeVos and he wants to see how the campaign shakes out.

"I disagree with her on some things (but) under very difficult circumstances, (Granholm) is doing a good job," Milliken said. "I want to see how the campaign progresses and the positions the candidates take."

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Pat Ganzberger, at right, talks with Milliken biographer Dave Dempsey while Bill Milliken inscribes her book. She's a longtime friend of the governor and served four times as a delegate to Republican National Conventions.

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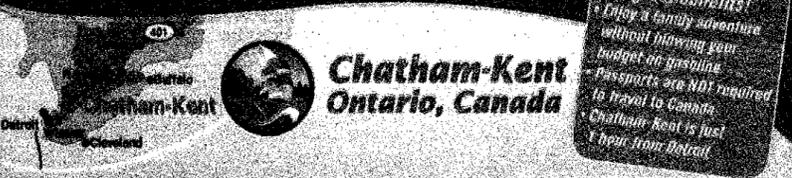
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AMVETS events

AMVETS Post 171 and the auxiliary will have a breakfast 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at the AMVETS hall at 1217 Merriman Road, said spokeswoman Pat Weldon. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Also, the auxiliary will sponsor a blood drive 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at the same location. No appointment is necessary.

"We need 20 pints of blood," Weldon said.

Summer Picnic

Sunshine, lightening bugs and the sounds of ice cream trucks - it's time for summer and the annual Westland senior Friendship Center summer picnic.

The get-together will be noon-3 p.m. Friday, June 16, at the center. There will be the customary barbecue fare of chicken, ribs, salads and strawberry shortcake as well as dancing and listening to the music of the Tommy James Trio.

Tickets for the picnic are \$8 for Friendship Center members and \$12 for non-members. They're available at the center, 1119 Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

Lincoln roundtable

Famed historian and author Frank O'Reilly is the scheduled guest speaker when the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table gets together 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

O'Reilly is the author of *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*, hailed as the definitive study on the Battle of Fredericksburg. In addition, he has served for several years as staff historian at the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania National Military Park. O'Reilly is renowned as speaker, guide and authority on Civil War subjects.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main, at Church, in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited, and admission free. For more information call (734) 459-7324.

Enrollment offered

St. Damian Catholic School is accepting enrollment for fall. It offers preschool for children ages 3 and 4, kindergarten either three full days or five full days, and classes for students in grades one through eight. The school is located at 29891 Joy Road in Westland. Summer hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information call (734) 421-6130.

Antiques appraisals

The Westland senior Friendship Center will host its fifth annual Newburgh Road Show, an antiques appraisal, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 28.

Admission will be \$1. Col. Thomas Moody of Blue Willow Antiques will be doing the appraisals. He specializes in glass, pottery, furniture, radios, kitchenware, war memorabilia, quilts, dolls and toys.

There will be a charge of \$3 per item appraised, with a limit of three appraisals. Refreshments will be available for a small donation.

The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh, south of

Ford, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-7628.

'Remember When'

Bonnie Hilberer will be at the William P. Faust Public Library Wednesday, June 21, for a seminar on preserving memories.

Hilberer will teach participants how to preserve life events to create an oral history of a parent or grandparent's life.

Each participant will receive a copy of the book, *Just a Few Memories to Share*, to help them organize their memories and translate family history into print.

The workshop is free, but participants need to register in advance at the library's reference desk.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Charger alumni bash

All alumni of Churchill High School - Class of 1971 through Class of 2006 - are invited to the annual Churchill Alumni Summer Bash from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Waterford Bend Park at Six Mile and Northville Road.

"Three years ago, we decided to throw a gathering for every person who ever attended Livonia Churchill," writes "Don" Chris Nicholson, Class of '73. "This has become an annual gathering called the Churchill Alumni Summer Bash."

There's no fee, but donations are accepted. The pavilion, park and baseball diamond are reserved and picnic-attendees are invited to bring their own food, beer and sports gear. No other alcohol or glass bottles are allowed. Charcoal is provided. Bring a camera and yearbook.

For more details, send an e-mail to Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com.

Summer camp

Pancake breakfast

The Westland senior Friendship Center holds an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 8:30-11 a.m. the second Thursday of the month at the center on Newburgh south of Ford.

The cost \$4 per person for buttermilk or multi-grain pancakes, coffee, juice, low fat milk, sausage and bacon. Sugar free syrup will be available.

Eclectic Crafters

Ever thought of trying a craft but were afraid of investing too much before you knew if you were going to like it? Ever wanted a quiet place to do your scrapbooking? Ever wonder if there are others as crazy about art and crafts as you are?

The answer to those questions could be the Eclectic Crafters which meet 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and third Monday of every month and 5:30-8:30 p.m. the first Monday from at the Bailey Center in the Westland Civic Center Complex on Ford Road west of Carlson.

The program is offered in association with the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. For \$3, participants can try out different crafts, art materials and tools or bring their own project to work on. There will be inexpensive make-and-takes available.

For more information, call (734) 620-3938.

Senior volleyball

The Westland senior citizen Friendship Center hopes to start a co-ed volleyball team to compete in Wayne County's 2006 Senior Olympics.

If interested, call Mel



Washington Elementary's former and current students, staff and parents gathered Friday, June 2, to bid farewell to the school, which is closing this year. Their party included four inflatables, like the one shown above.

District's smallest school throws big bash

Washington Elementary School drew a crowd of more than 700 on Friday, June 2, to celebrate the building's history as it prepares to close its doors.

Organizer Kathy Bartoszyk called the event "a huge success." She thanked Ken Knapp, owner of Eccentric Entertainment and a former

Washington student, for providing four inflatables, an air brush tattoo artist, five carnival games and staff members to assist with the event.

"Let's give her (Washington) the proper send off for a lifetime well spent serving the families of southwest Livonia," said Knapp.

The party also included a disc jockey, clowns, prizes, food, and a performance by Zeemo The One Man Circus. "The kids were able to see teachers and staff that had previously been at the school," said Bartoszyk. "The kids had a great time and that's all that matters."

Federal food distribution dates are set

Westland city officials have announced the next distribution of federal surplus food.

Most residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Dorsey Community Center, on Dorsey south of Palmer and east of Venoy.

Residents south of the avenue would get their commodities Monday, June 19, at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers should call their building manager for their day of distribution.

Food distributed for the month of June will include tuna, apple juice, mixed fruit and northern beans.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center surplus food hotline at (734) 595-0366.

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Gratz defends affirmative action ban as civil rights measure

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Gratz, director of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, insists that the proposed ballot initiative amending the state Constitution to ban preferential affirmative action programs is a civil rights issue.

"The opposition wants to make this about affirmative action," she said. "They say affirmative action, equal-opportunity programs will be eliminated. This only affects certain kinds of programs, programs that give preference."

"It won't affect affirmative action programs that make sure wide nets are cast for positions, that you're not just going to the old boys network. It won't affect programs that make sure testing isn't biased toward one group or another. Those affirmative action programs can and should continue forever. We should always be looking at things to make sure they're not biased. But we want to go back to original intent of affirmative action."

Gratz met Tuesday with *Observer & Eccentric* editors the day after the Michigan Civil Rights Commission released a report finding that efforts by Gratz's group to place the issue on the November ballot "appeared to be based on a massive campaign of fraud and deceit."

"The commission is calling on the Michigan Supreme Court



Jennifer Gratz from the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Committee.

to reverse an earlier decision declining to hear complaints about fraud in efforts to overturn the 2003 Grutter vs. Bollinger U.S. Supreme Court decision and called on Attorney General Mike Cox to investigate charges of criminal fraud in the gathering of petition signatures.

"It's ridiculous," Gratz said of the complaint. She said she had worked with the petitioners and helped with their training. She said there may have been some misunderstanding of the purpose of the initiative but no attempt was made to deceive anyone.

She said the commission's real problem was the name "Michigan Civil Rights

Initiative," because they define "civil rights" differently.

"It's important to note that the Michigan Civil Rights Commission have become completely political. They had no authority to do anything with the signatures," she said. "Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm appointed them to investigate even though she knew they had no authority."

David Waymire, a political consultant with Martin Waymire and spokesman for One United Michigan, which was organized three years ago to oppose the initiative, said in a telephone interview there is evidence of "excessive fraud in the collection of signatures."

"There was a disproportionate percentage of people who signed who were minority or from Democratic areas. They (MCRI) had handlers sent out to say this was a civil rights issue."

He said their intent was to "fool people."

SUCCESSFUL SUIT

In 1997, Gratz sued the University of Michigan after being rejected for admission to the university, claiming she was discriminated against because of the university's use of a two-track admissions grid system. In 2003 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the preference program used in U-M's undergraduate Literature, Science and Arts program. In the separate

Grutter case, however, involving the UM Law School's admission's program, the Court upheld the university's policy based on promoting diversity on campus.

The MCRI Web site and Gratz have linked all opposition to the initiative to a radical group called By Any Means Necessary. But the amendment has been opposed by both Granholm, her gubernatorial opponent Dick DeVos, both Michigan United States senators, several business, labor and civic organizations. One United Michigan's board of directors includes representatives from the AFL-CIO, UAW, the Michigan Catholic Conference, the ACLU, Detroit Renaissance, New Detroit, the AFT and the MEA and the NAACP. Waymire said the group also has the support of many chambers of commerce.

Gratz said the chair of the MCRI drive is state Rep. Leon Drolet. She said initiative supporters also include Michigan Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche and Attorney General Cox.

"BAMN is our most vocal opposition and who we deal with most often," Gratz said.

She called BAMN the "storm troopers" for One United Michigan. She also said the Michigan Civil Rights Commission has been "co-opted by BAMN" for political purposes. She also accused the commission of being part of

Granholm's re-election campaign.

Gratz questioned the sincerity of some Republican political leaders who oppose the ballot initiative.

"It's convenient for them to say that," she said. "It's politically convenient. They don't want it to be part of their campaign."

Waymire said he didn't see what political advantage a Republican candidate would gain by opposing the initiative.

"Our response is that it is vital to our state's economy to encourage diversity. The states that are doing the best are those that have incorporated diversity," Waymire said.

AFFECT ON WOMEN

Gratz said opponents were being deceptive in saying that the amendment would be detrimental to women.

"It's important to note that the initiative only affects three specific areas -- public contracting, public employment and public education," she said. "Our opponents often talk about things outside of this that the initiative would have no impact on. They talk about girls' sports. A constitutional amendment in the state of Michigan will have no effect on Title IX and you need only look at California, they've had 10 years of history with the initiative."

She said the amendment would not affect state supported domestic abuse centers or breast cancer screening programs.

Waymire said the amendment would affect women's programs including special programs to involve girls in science, proposals for all-girl schools and other measures

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Jennifer Gratz
Michigan Civil Rights Initiative

meant to help women.

He said it would return Michigan to the 1960s in terms of gender equality.

"I believe women should be judged on their character, their merit and their accomplishments, and not on their sex," Gratz said. "I want to know when I get called for a job opportunity that it's based on what I've done and not on my sex."

Gratz, who was living in San Diego, came back to Michigan this year to lead the campaign launched by California's Ward Connerly, who successfully led a similar campaign in California.

Gratz said she filed her original lawsuit because she saw the effects of the Michigan program on others who had sought admission to the school.

"You're taught all your life to work hard, do well in school, get good grades, be active in the community and good things will happen to you," she said. "You're taught all your life that race shouldn't be a factor."

She acknowledges that "we have had a horrible history when it comes to race, but I don't think you right that by discriminating against others."

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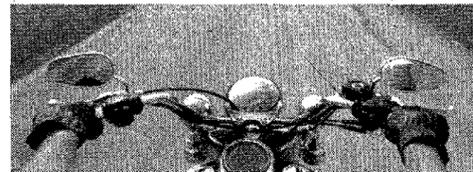
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Theatre workshop

Aspiring actors and actresses entering grades seven through nine can conquer stage fright, learn audition techniques, make-up techniques, dance moves, and be coached in acting, diction, and singing at the Youth Musical Theatre Workshop hosted by the Madonna University Lyric Theatre Program. Workshop participants will perform for family and friends in the evening on the last day of the workshop. The workshop will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, with a finale performance at 7 p.m. Friday, June 30. It will be held at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia. Registration is \$375 and includes a light breakfast, lunch and a snack each day. Applications can be obtained by contacting Barbara Wiltsie at (734) 432-5715, or by e-mail at bwiltsie@madonna.edu.

FOR SENIORS

Friendship Center

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland, offers a variety of programs for older adults. The Web site www.ci.westland.mi.us offers more information. Call (734) 722-7632.

Senior dinners

The Wayne Ford Civic League hosts Senior Dinner Dances with live entertainment several times each month for couples and singles 50 years and older. The cost is \$8 donation for members of the league and \$10 donation for non-members. All dances start at noon and run until 3-3:30 p.m. Meals include beer, wine, and fountain pop. For information and schedules, call (734) 728-5010.

Crochet & Knit

A crochet and knit group meets 9:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Friendship Center on Newburgh near Marquette. Beverly Kaminski is the instructor. Participants should bring a type "G" crochet hook. Those interested can sign up at the center's front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

Visually Impaired

The Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Participants

share information and meet others. Those interested in joining can be scheduled on a bus route for transportation. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

Choir

The Senior Choir, under the leadership of Robert Cassidy, is open to those who like to sing. It meets 9:30 a.m. Thursday. For information, call the Friendship Center, (734) 722-7632.

Hearing checks

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

Exercise

Simply Jazzercise is designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates simple dance routines with walking or jogging patterns and resistance exercises. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Classes are 10:15 a.m. Monday, 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. Friday, at \$3 per person per class. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

Travel Group

The Friendship Travel Group meets 1 p.m. the second Friday of each month (unless a large event is scheduled) in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Programs include celebration of birthdays, door prizes, description of new classes or programs, speakers from four companies, overview of day/overnight trips and refreshments. Call (734) 722-7632.

Dyer Center

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, kitchen band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club can help people overcome their fear of speaking in front of people by teaching public speaking in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 Wayne Road at Cowan. For more information, call

John Elbe at (734) 414-3401 or Curt Gottlieb at (734) 525-8445.

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.

Friends of library

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The group also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

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) 421-1652, or attend a rehearsal.

Civil Air Patrol

Emergency service is just one of the congressionally mandated missions of the Civil Air Patrol, which includes ground and air search-and-rescue operations. The Civil Air Patrol, which is the official U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is made up of civilian volunteers. To learn more about CAP or training as an air crew or ground team member, contact the Willow Run Composite Squadron (MI-260). Call Capt. Dane Hansen, deputy commander/recruiter, at (734) 485-3021 or visit the Web site www.members.home.net/capliberators/.

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.

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 of homeless and wants a better quality of life can call (734) 728-0527.

Pet-A-Pet

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Marie Johnson, (734) 326-1200), and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

Zonta Club

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, a service club to advance the status of women, meets every month on the fourth Monday at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. For more information, call Pat Harris at (734) 420-2920

Franklin PTSA

The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia MI 48150.

Tutoring 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.

M.O.M.S.

M.O.M.S. Club of Canton/ Westland is a nonprofit support group for stay-at-home mothers. There are weekly events, Mom's Night Out, age-oriented play groups and more. For information, call Wendy, (734) 398-6957.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Eating Disorders

Get help, get real information and real expectations, at an eating disorder support group which meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All meetings are closed - for people of all ages with eating disorders and are free of charge. Family and friends support is on the second Wednesday of the month while parents support is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, call Darlene at (734) 324-3089.

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. For more information, call (734) 362-8825.

TOPS

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Weigh-in is 6:30-7:15 p.m., with the meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Rosalie at (734) 728-0299.

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. For more information, call (734) 655-1100.

Support group

A support group for people with chronic illness meets on Fridays every other week, at the Westside Mental Health Services, 32932 W. Warren, Suite 103, Westland. The support group is a service of Awareness Counseling Services. There is a \$10 for each meeting which will be facilitated by a professional. For more information, call (734) 513-8295 or (313) 562-2800.

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Getting to know DeVos - 'Grumpy' style

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

"Don't let this nice demeanor fool you. We really are grumpy."

That was the warning Grumpies leader Ray Dubin of Farmington Hills gave gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos during a recent chat.

DeVos accepted the Grumpies' invitation to visit the contingent of concerned citizens who often write letters to the editor and voice their opinions to local, state and federal officials.

Members hail from Farmington Hills, Livonia, Birmingham and Franklin. DeVos met the group at the Livonia Civic Library.

"We're all ordinary citizens, but together as a group, we hope to show that ordinary citizens can make a difference," said Dubin.

DeVos began with a history of his yearlong, statewide travels to every Michigan county and said, in a nutshell, why he

is running for governor this fall.

"If Michigan was doing fine, I wouldn't be here," said DeVos.

The Grumpies asked questions related to various topics, but DeVos focused on the immediate concerns that prompted him to run for governor.

"Everybody in this state is concerned about jobs. Everybody is concerned about the economy and everybody is concerned about their kids staying here," said DeVos.

DeVos said growing up in his family's business, Alticor Inc., formerly called Amway, afforded him the skills and the business know-how to turn Michigan's economy around. He said the marketplace for success is the world — and Michigan shouldn't cower away from global trade.

"Since the 1980s, I've been involved in business enterprise... which is a valuable skill for the people of Michigan," said DeVos.

Making tough decisions and turning things around, economically, is what DeVos said he is all about.

Farmington Hills Grumpy Patricia Alspach asked DeVos what tough decisions he would have to make as governor.

Michigan's single business tax must go, said DeVos. "The SBT is a bad tax," he said. "We need to get rid of it, but we have to replace at least a portion of it."

There are "structural issues" that must be handled within the state's budget, he added. Michigan must "unpack" the issues of Medicaid, public education and corrections, for example.

Grumpy Barry Wolk, of Farmington Hills, is a small business owner who said the SBT is "punitive" and "outrageously expensive" for small businesses to deal with. Wolk suggested the state eliminate the SBT and the income tax and increase the sales tax.

"That way, everyone pays a fair share," he said.

DeVos said he would focus on eliminating the SBT and replacing it with a tax that has "profit sensitivity."

Grumpy Ray Dubin asked DeVos how he "justifies discrimination" in the form of affirmative action.

DeVos said affirmative action is a result of a "more fundamental problem" with public education systems that are turning out students who are not prepared for college.

DeVos and his wife, Betsy, gave scholarships to low income students who wanted to move out of low-achieving schools and attend private schools or neighboring school districts.

"I don't like where we are (with affirmative action), but it's not the time," said DeVos. "We need to deal with the fundamental issues."

He said he is an advocate of parental choice in education. "I believe there should be a tapestry of educational options," he said.

Grumpy Steve Sutton of



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Invited by the local citizens group, The Grumpies, Michigan gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos introduces himself and the issues he is focusing on.

Farmington Hills asked DeVos's opinion of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

DeVos said it was once a vibrant and effective program, but he believes the current governor has taken it in a different direction. If he is elected governor, he said he plans to restructure it and turn it back to the governor's office.

"I would be the CEO of economic development for Michigan," he said.

DeVos, who retired from Alticor and is one of the wealthiest men in Michigan, said he is "offering his services" to the citizens of Michigan.

"It's not like I need the paycheck," he said, noting he has no further political aspirations. "My motive is to do a good job and leave."

"I've offered myself to serve this state and serve it well with all that I have."

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Ordinance A 06-004 ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to provide revenue for municipal purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, by adopting a budget and appropriations.

Whereas, the City Manager has submitted to the City Council a proposed budget upon which a public hearing was held on June 5, 2006, as required by Article VI, Section 6.06(B) of the Charter of the City of Garden City;

Therefore, be it ordained that there is hereby appropriated for said fiscal year the amounts set forth in the following tabulations which, pursuant to the "Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act" (M.C.L.A. 141.421 et. Seq.)

Be it further ordained by the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Garden City that the Annual Budget of the City for the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, as summarized below, representing the various budgetary centers of the FY06-07 Annual Budget as defined by P.A. 621 of 1978, as last amended, be and the same is hereby adopted.

General Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
General Property Taxes	11,537,782.00	Mayor & Council	50,710.00
Business Licenses/Permits	20,000.00	21st District Court	729,046.00
Non-Business Licenses/Permits	15,000.00	City Administration/Personnel	407,923.00
State Shared Revenues	4,058,026.00	Clerk Treasurer	912,946.00
Grants - Local Units	225,891.00	Non-Departmental	6,173,494.00
Charges for Services	799,920.00	Police	4,649,736.00
Fines and Forfeits	545,000.00	Fire	2,281,142.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	963,300.00	Building & Protective Inspections	0.00
Contributions/Public Enterprises	230,000.00	Dept. of Public Services	2,184,690.00
Contributions/Other Funds	938,500.00	Parks & Recreation	739,973.00
		Boards & Commissions	83,190.00
		Debt Service	1,120,569.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$19,333,419.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$19,333,419.00

Major Street Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Gas & Weight Tax	1,183,692.00	Expenditures	804,180.00
Interest on Investments	30,000.00	Increase in Fund Balance	409,512.00
Decrease in Fund Balance	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,213,692.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,213,692.00

Local Street Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Gas & Weight Tax	500,120.00	Expenditures	907,700.00
Transfer - Major Streets	405,580.00	Debt Service	0.00
Interest on Investments	2,000.00		
Decrease in Fund Balance	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$907,700.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$907,700.00

911 Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Revenues	110,000.00	Expenditures	0.00
Interest	500.00	Transfer to General Fund	185,000.00
Decrease in Fund Balance	74,500.00	Increase Fund Balance	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$185,000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$185,000.00

Cable Franchise PEG fee			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Payments by Cable Companies	30,075.00	Expenditures	34,075.00
Use of Fund Balance	4,000.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$34,075.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$34,075.00

Community Development Block Grant Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
County Grant Transfer	196,000.00	Salaries	0.00
Rehab Funding		Housing Rehab	144,900.00
		ADA Compliance	0.00
		Administration	14,600.00
		Planning expenditures/facility impr	36,500.00

Rehabilitation Revolving Fund			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Repayments of Loans	30,000.00	Housing Rehabilitation	30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$30,000.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$30,000.00

Building Department			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Transfer from Other Fund	0.00	Personnel	493,796.00
Permits/Inspections	399,600.00	Operating/Services	3,150.00
Planning / Zoning Fee's	10,700.00	Capital Outlay	0.00
Rental Inspections	189,076.00	Prof / Tech	102,430.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$599,376.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$599,376.00

Police Drug Forfeiture Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Confiscations	25,000.00	Expenditures	72,200.00
Use of Fund Balance	47,000.00		
Interest	200.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$72,200.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$72,200.00

Incinerator Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Property Tax Levy	62,000.00	Increase Fund Balance	0.00
Personal Property Tax Levy	0.00	Incinerator Debt Service	312,681.00
Interest on Investments	10,000.00	Tax Tribunal Refund	2,967.00
Use of Fund Balance	243,648.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$315,648.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$315,648.00

Capital Improvements Projects Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Use of Fund Balance	0.00	Expenditures	50,500.00
Transfer - General Fund	50,000.00		
Interest Earnings	500.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$50,500.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$50,500.00

Water & Sewer Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Water/Sewer Revenue	6,825,978.00	Expenditures	8,251,732.00
Other Revenue	777,500.00		
Decrease Retained Earnings	648,254.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$8,251,732.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,251,732.00

Downtown Development Authority			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Incremental Property Tax Revenue	411,297.00	Development Projects	115,000.00
Use of Fund Balance	213,090.00	Administration	442,617.00
Interest on Investments	25,000.00	Debt Service	182,689.00
Misc Revenue	90,919.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$740,306.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$740,306.00

Library Fund Summary			
Revenues		Expenditures	
Transfer from General Fund	245,000.00	Personnel	248,500.00
Fees / Fines	48,110.00	Operating/Services	3,900.00
Grant's / Aid	22,000.00	Capital Outlay	18,110.00
Interest	700.00	Prof / Tech	45,300.00
Use of Fund Balance	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$315,810.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$315,810.00

ALL FUNDS	ALL FUNDS
TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$ 34,356,282.00	\$ 34,356,282.00

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Keeping it safe on waterways: Sheriff warns boaters who drink

Memorial Day weekend marked the beginning of boating season in metro Detroit, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Marine Division has been preparing to make sure the season is a safe one.

Sheriff Warren C. Evans has ordered an increased crackdown on people who operate recreational watercrafts under the influence of alcohol. It is estimated that half of all boating accidents are alcohol related.

"We want people to have fun this boating season, but above all, we want them to do it safely," said Evans. "I have instructed our marine officers to be extra vigilant in enforcing alcohol laws on the water."

Under state law, boaters are allowed to drink alcohol, as long as their blood alcohol limit does not exceed 0.10 percent. The legal limit in Michigan for boaters did not go down to .08 in October 2004 as it did for motorists.

"The limits may be different, but the penalties are the same," Evans said.

The penalty for a first offense of Operating While Intoxicated is a maximum \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail. A second offense could bring a \$1,000 fine and up to one year in jail or significant community service. A person caught for the third time could face felony charges and possible prison

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time, Evans said.

The Sheriff's Office has six patrol boats in its marine division, and deputies will spend much of their time focusing on the county's primary waterway - the Detroit River - including areas of Lake St. Clair at the north end and Lake Erie at the south.

The Marine Division is staffed with six officers, specially trained in marine law enforcement and search and rescue. The unit performs law enforcement duties as well as search and rescue operations, boat livery inspections, boat accident investigations, alcohol enforcement and regatta patrols. Marine officers make about 6,000 stops per year in order to check boat safety.

Something else that boaters need to keep in mind as they take to lakes and rivers is the

fact that water temperature is still dangerously cold.

Even though the air temperature is starting to get up into the 80's, today's water temperature is still only 54 degrees. At that temperature, hypothermia can set in very quickly and the risk of drowning increases. Evans said that boaters need to be extremely cautious to avoid falling in the water and to always wear a personal flotation device.

There are more than 280,000 registered boats in Wayne County. Evans said each of them represents a potential accident or tragedy if the operators aren't cautious. Each year sheriff's deputies provide basic boater safety classes to more than 2,500 residents and classes are still being held. Class information is available online at

www.waynecounty.com/sheriff

Additional safety tips:
 ■ Though it is not illegal, all occupants of a watercraft should refrain from consuming alcohol while boating

■ Have enough life jackets for everyone on board and wear them at all times

■ Make sure life jackets fit properly

■ Know your boat's capacity
 ■ Boats should also be equipped with an adequate fire extinguisher, horn or whistle, lights or signal flares and a flotation device with a line attached.



Wayne County Sheriff's deputies will be out on the county's lakes enforcing water safety laws.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

JUNE

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. June 15, on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Strawberry festival

5-9 p.m. Friday, June 16, on the grounds of Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. Fresh strawberries, baked goods and beverages will be served. Bake sale, craft boutique, face painting for children. Square dancing troupe will dance and give lessons. In

case of inclement weather event will be held indoors in church fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Call (734) 421-7620.

Benefit concert

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, to sponsor medical mission trip to Togo, West Africa, at Memorial Church of God, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (248) 348-5471 for more information. Concert features Cameron Warne (violin) and Rachael Kerr (piano).

Sock hop

Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization to provide peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 16, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost is \$15, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Choir concert

Sacred music by the High School Chancel Choir from Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Illinois 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit Birmingham-First Music, a community music outreach organization which is sponsoring the event. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from Kmart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Sunday message series

Inspired by The Da Vinci Code 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, What about Mary Magdalene?, and June 25, Women, Jesus and Christianity, at Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Call (248) 477-9144 or visit www.fhchurchofgod.org. Carillon series Begins 10 a.m. and noon Sunday, June 18 and continues July 9, 23 and 30; Aug. 6, 13 and 20, and Sept. 10, features guest carillonneurs from Australia, France, South, Carolina, Ann Arbor, East Lansing, and Illinois, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. All are welcome. Call (248) 626-2515 or visit www.kirkinthekills.org.

Eucharistic adoration

Continues Wednesday, June 21, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service. Everyone is welcome to participate. Call (734) 261-

1455.

Anniversary celebrations

Grace Baptist Church's 50th anniversary celebration begins with a family picnic 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at Boulan Park in Troy. A concert will follow at 6 p.m. at the church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. A special Sunday morning Recognition service (June 25) will be held 10 a.m. to noon. On Monday, ladies enjoy a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the church. The men play a 9-hole golf tournament starting at 9 a.m. at Sylvan Glen Golf Course followed by a cookout. For information, call (248) 646-2000, ext. 10, or visit www.gbministries.org. Visitors are welcome to come to celebrate the Golden Jubilee.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. Weigh in is from 6:15 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Scripture studies

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.

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academics in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy Road, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 East Joy Road, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

UPCOMING

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays beginning July 12, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiawasee (by Middlebelt and 9 mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Free event

For students entering fifth through seventh grade, meet new friends, bring old friends, games, ice cream, make no-sew blankets for charity 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 21, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. RSVP to (734) 425-9333.

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a'Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Learner's Bible study

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 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Donuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Leverage, Redford. After school, care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

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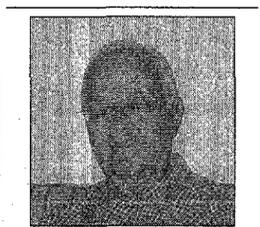
Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 1171 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

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HERBERT LESLIE BROWNFIELD,
Age 95, June 12, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Helen. Loving father of William (Carolyn). Proud grandfather of Laura (Paul) Andoni, Michael, and the late Brian. Beloved great grandfather of Christopher and Matthew. Herbert worked at Chrysler Corporation from 1941 through his retirement in 1976. He was active in BASCC (Birmingham Area Senior Citizens Council) and Kiwanis International. Visitation, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Friday, 3 to 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass, St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln Drive at Lahser, Bloomfield Twp., Saturday, June 17th at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, tributes may be made to BASCC or Kiwanis International.

ALICE M. PATTON
Age 91, of Birmingham, died Wednesday, June 7, 2006 in Gaylord. Mrs. Patton was born in Detroit on August 7, 1914. During the 1930's and the early 40's she worked as a bookkeeper for the National Bank of Detroit and volunteered as an ambulance driver for the Red Cross during World War II. On October 6, 1942 she married Harvey William Patton, a reporter, then managing editor of the Detroit News. After her marriage, she became a homemaker and raised four children. During the 1980's to the mid 1990's she volunteered at Providence Hospital in Southfield. For the last 15 years, she had been working-out 3 times each week at the Beaumont Cardiac Rehabilitation Center and taking classes in Tai Chi. Mrs. Patton was preceded in death by her husband Harvey William; her son and daughter in-law Harvey William Jr. and Pamela; her grandson, Scott Patton and her brothers Martin and James Jeremiah Gibbons. She is survived by her children, Anne T. Patton and her husband, George Mesritz of Birmingham, James M. Patton and his wife, Heidi Cook of Farmington, Mary Alice Patton of Chicago; and grandson, Daniel Colby Patton of Farmington. A memorial mass will be held Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 11 AM at Holy Name Catholic Church in Birmingham. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207. Arrangements were handled by Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

VIRGINIA K. GIBBONS
Age 88, a resident of Bloomfield Hills since 1965, died June 12, 2006 at Mercy Bellbrook in Rochester Hills. Mrs. Gibbons was born November 24, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Gibbons graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor's of Science, with a major in Chemistry and became DuPont's first female chemist. Mrs. Gibbons was a member of the Christ Child Society and an active member of the Church of St. Owen in Bloomfield Hills. She enjoyed golf, gardening, travel, shopping, lunch, jewelry, but especially spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Gibbons is survived by her children, James, Patrick (Phyllis), Mary Lynn (Ron) Esak and Kathleen Ann Potter; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Gibbons is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years, Martin Gibbons. Funeral from St. Owen Church, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Thursday 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Wednesday 5-8pm. Scripture service 7:30pm. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Contributions appreciated to the Parkinson Foundation. 30400 Telegraph Rd., Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-5819.



WILLIAM "BILL" STOUT
Age 76, of Plymouth, passed away June 13, 2006. Bill was a real estate agent in the Plymouth area since 1978. He retired after 30 years of service in 1978 with the Wayne County Road Commission serving as a Fleet Manager. He came to Plymouth in 1937 from Howard City, Michigan. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth. Bill was a avid sports fan; U of M football and playing golf, he enjoyed very much. Bill's family, especially his grandchildren, is what he lived for. He is survived by loving wife of 40 years, Mary; his children, Thomas (Jeanne), Michael (Beth), and Susan (Daniel) Gerken; grandchildren, Zachary, Kiersten, Brendan, Madelyn, Alex, Jack, Lauren, Conor, Abigail; brothers, John and Robert (Colleen), and sister, Mary Maxey; Many nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral service Saturday, 11:00am, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Thursday, 3-9pm, and Friday, 1-9pm. Memorials may be made to the Bill Stout Memorial Fund, c/o the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter, 1421 East 12 Mile Rd., Bldg. A, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071.

MARGARET E. "PEGGY" HEBER
June 8, 2006. Age 84. Beloved mother of Mitchell (Christine), Patrice and Kim (Howard) Campbell. Dear grandmother of 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, and a son, Eric. Memorial service will be Monday, June 19 at Saint Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, Clarkston at 10 am.



MARLENE VAN PATTEN
Age 62, June 12, 2006. Beloved wife of William. Dear mother of Deanna Harper (Dennis Pechler), Martin (Elizabeth) and Steven (Michelle). Loving grandmother of 12, great grandmother of 9. Sister of Shirley Kropidowski, Harley Jerde, Eugene Jerde and Larry Jerde. Visitation Wednesday 4-9pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, (E.I.-275). Funeral service 1pm at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9415 Merriman Road. In state noon. Memorials may be made to Huron Valley Lutheran High School.

PHILLIP CALVIN VAILS
Born in Detroit, Michigan on January 21, 1987. He was preceded in death by his mother, Yve Loren Vails and his great-grandmother, Dorothy Howard. Phillip accepted Christ at an early age and was very active at Friendship Baptist Church from then on. He was a member of the Jubilee Chorus, served as President of the Youth Department as well as President of the Junior Usher Board. Phillip also served as Vice-President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Midwest Region Youth in addition to other spiritual activities. Phillip graduated from Southfield Senior High School in 2005 with honors. He spent his summers working as a Day Camp Counselor for Southfield Parks and Recreation. He was a member of Thespian Troupe 1509, Technojays, and the Madrigal Choir. Phillip was among the first people to receive the Alexander Hamilton Award for Achievement. He was also Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee, a Southfield community service organization. Through Y.A.C., Phillip was asked to travel to South Carolina in order to promote the importance of community service during his senior year of high school. Phillip continued his education at Michigan State University where he majored in General Management and succeeded as an honors student. His activities included Professional African-Americans Networking, the Multi-Racial Unity Living Experience, and an internship for CollegeWorks Painting as a manager. Phillip made sure that God came first in his life and through all the hardships and adversity he faced, he never faltered. He was warm and kind, as well as genuinely nice and loving. He loved his family and had nothing but high hopes for them. Phillip loved music and was always rapping his gospel or his feelings. He went by the name of Preach. He was very proud that his music was positive, creative, and unique. He never failed to mention his love of God. Phillip's sense of humor was transcendent as he often managed to leave a room in stitches. His outlook was extremely positive, his spirit was strong, and he will always be remembered for his unforgettable smile. Phillip is survived by his aunts, Vivian Williams, Nancy Andrews (Michael), Juliette Crawford (Wallace), uncle Marlon Vails, guardians Paul and Linda Cooper, cousins Andrea Humanic, Terrance Vails, Thomas Vails and a host of family and friends. www.sullivfunerarydirectors.com

MICHAEL G. CAPPEL
Born February 28, 1940, died June 11, 2006. Michael is survived by his partner, Joy; his four children, Michele, Melissa, Maureen, and Mick; his sisters, Gayle, and Jayne; and his grandchildren, Amanda, Ashton, and Pierce. He is loved and will be sorely missed and will be welcomed into his new home by his granddaughter, Alexandra. All are welcome and encouraged to attend a memorial service, at the Iverson Residence (please call 248-477-5985 for more information/directions) to celebrate Michael's life, at 5pm on June 16, 2006. To commemorate his service to the U.S. Air Force, an honor guard salute will take place at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there and helping us to share in his memories.

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Debbie Pranschke and son Joseph can't wait for the Vacation Bible School June 19-23, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. This year's theme is a treasure hunt.

Vacation Bible schools create Christian adventures

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
In the next several days Debbie Pranschke plans to move a large, black trunk to Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. No, she's not donating it for a rummage sale, but borrowing it from a church member for this year's Vacation Bible School. The chest demonstrates the theme that Jesus is our greatest treasure.

Vacation Bible Schools around the area are assembling decorations to turn churches into treasure hunts, fiestas and the arctic this summer.

Pranschke, director of VBS and Sunday School at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, promises students (ages 3 to sixth grade) will have fun looking for clues that lead them to treasure 6-8:40 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23. In fact, her son Joseph has invited several of his friends to come along.

For the first time this year, parents have the opportunity to stay for a Timeless Treasures Bible Study while their children attend the Treasure Cove VBS at the church, 9600 Leverage, north of W. Chicago, east of Inkster. Children, who are registered in advance, receive a CD of the music played during VBS. For more information, call (734) 591-6367 or (734) 422-3536. There is no charge.

Joseph attended his first VBS at age 3. He's now 7 and looking forward to the Bible stories, music, crafts, games, skits, and snacks at VBS.

"He very much enjoys learning about God," said Pranschke. "He's excited about that, particularly about VBS because there is so much fun involved. I think it's a great thing to have the kids learn about God in a fun setting."

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

A Very Veggie VBS is sure to intrigue children from ages 4 through

sixth grade 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at Covenant Community Church off Beech Daly, north of Five Mile, in Redford. No charge. Pre-registration appreciated, but not required. Call (313) 535-3100.

"It's based on Veggie Tales, a popular cartoon. The characters are vegetables," said Tammy Davey, who teaches the adult Bible school running concurrently with the kids' Veggie Tales directed by Kelly Govan.

"There will be crafts, music, games, snacks, and prizes for the kids. This is the first time for the adult Bible school. You can come and grow in Christ while you participate. Come alone or bring a friend even if you don't have a child in VBS. There's a nursery provided and it's also free. Adults will also do a craft - garden stones."

MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

It's a chilling experience at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Redford. An Arctic Edge Vacation Bible School takes place 6:15-8:35 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, for ages 3-17, at the church, 8828 Wormer. No charge. Call (313) 537-7480.

TRINITY CHURCH

This year's theme is 'No matter where you are, Jesus makes a world of difference' (for kids entering kindergarten through sixth grade, 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gottfredson, Plymouth. There is no charge for the kids VBS or a special program for parents. Parent Time is for parents of VBS kids. There will be presentations, projects and an opportunity to become familiar with the Bible stories your child is learning.

"We'll be traveling to five different countries," said Karen Hader, children's director. "Trading Places is the theme. We'll make it look like an airport in China, Brazil. It will be a busy week."

For more information, call (734) 459-9550.

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MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jerusalem Marketplace: Where Jesus Walked to the Cross, is the theme of this year's VBS 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-23, at the church, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vacation Bible School to seek the treasure found in the Bible 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 26-29. Each day children take part in an actual dig and find treasures that remind them of the Bible story and God's promise for that day, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. To register, call (734) 421-7620. There is also a light dinner and adult Bible study.

BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE

SonTreasure Island is the VBS theme 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30. Activities conclude with a Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m. June 30, at Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 525-3664.

HOLY CROSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasure Cove theme 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, for ages 3-11, at the church, 30650 Five Mile, Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fiesta: Where kids are fired up about Jesus 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at the church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$15 each additional child. A CD of the week's music may be pre-purchased for \$6. Call (734) 464-0211.

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NOTE TO COFFEE-LOVERS

Beaner's Coffee, an East Lansing-based franchise, has come to Western Wayne County. The Canton store, located on the corner of Canton Center and Ford roads, opened its doors on May 30, while the Livonia store, on the corner of Farmington and Plymouth roads, began serving its customers on June 5.

Both locations offer cozy areas to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee, or take advantage of free wireless Internet access.

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for several years and loved the Beaner's experience, so when we decided to open a business of our own that factored heavily in our decision," said Steve Auvenshine, Livonia store owner. "Everybody wants to own a place they love."

Beaner's offers more than 30 specialty coffee, tea and frozen drink choices. Each day, customers can choose from six

special coffee varieties, as well as pastries, fruit, soups and sandwiches.

Canton's Beaner's Coffee is at 45430 Ford Road. Hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

The Livonia Beaner's Coffee store is at 33328 Plymouth Road. Hours are 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

For more information see the Web at www.beaners.com.

FATHER'S DAY GIFT FOR ALL

Livonia's Bright House Networks office wants you to reach out and talk to Dad this week. Just in time for Father's Day - June 18 - the company is offering free use of its video e-mail and digital phone services to metro area residents.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer these free services for Father's Day to our customers and other people in the area," said Robert McCann, president

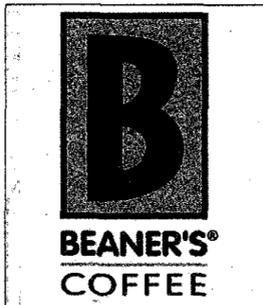
of Bright House Networks of Michigan. "This would be such a great surprise for fathers who might be serving in the military overseas to receive a video e-mail from a loved one."

Stop by between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, or Friday, June 16, at 4525 Farmington Road in Livonia - all to take advantage of the communication technology.

Video e-mail services allow visitors to send personalized video greetings to family mem-

bers. And the company's digital phone service can be accessed to call loved ones for free - anywhere in the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands or N. Marianna Islands.

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



State increases summer gas pump inspections

State officials noted that with the start of the summer driving season, consumers can pump gas at Michigan service stations confident that they are receiving both the quantity and quality of fuel they are expecting.

"While Michigan consumers wait for the Bush Administration to address to rising price of gas, they can rest assured that the state is doing everything that they get what they pay for at the pump," said Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm. "We have significantly increased the number of trained inspectors in the field and they are on the road seven days a week testing motor fuel quality and calibrating pumps to make certain consumers are protected."

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) inspected 7,000 pumps in fiscal year 2005 and is expected to increase that number by 50 percent during this fiscal year. MDA typically responds to complaints within 24-48 hours, with gasoline quality complaints receiving top priority. With the increased number of inspectors on the job, there will be additional random and unannounced inspections, as well.

"As the consumer watchdog at the gas pump, we take our motor fuel responsibility very seriously," said MDA Director Mitch Irwin. "Our inspectors are in the field seven days a week, but true vigilance requires everyone's help."

Irwin encouraged consumers to help by:

Looking for the green Weights and Measures sticker on the gas pump, which verifies that the pump has been inspected and is in proper working order.

Making sure that the price display on the gas pump is set to zero before the attendant starts the pump.

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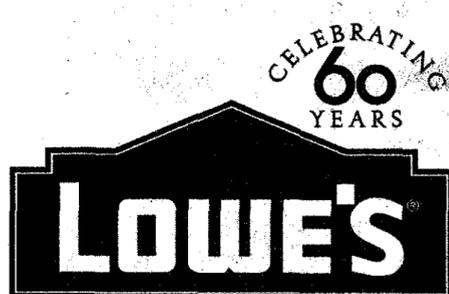
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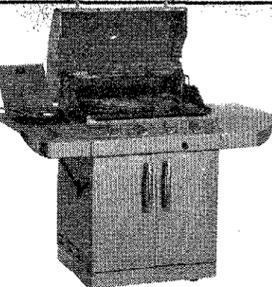
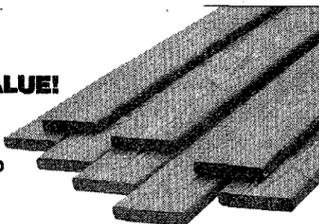
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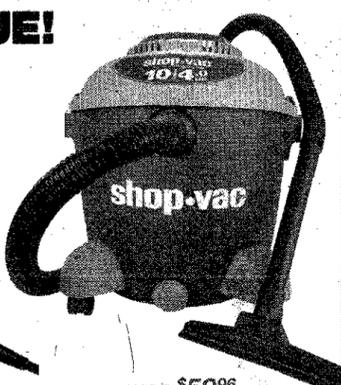
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