

DETROIT SWEEPS CLEVELAND WITH 6-5 WIN. 1B



TIGERS CAN TASTE TITLE

Team holds 3-game lead over Twins with just 10 games to go

BY LYNN HENNING
The Detroit News

A year ago, when Metro Detroit and Michigan at large were dealing with a careening auto industry and an economy crashing against the rocks, Detroit's baseball team seemed to believe misery required company.

The Tigers were finishing last in the American League Central with a 74-88 record, which meant that Comerica Park's final

Tigers magic number

8

against the White Sox, Detroit begins a 10-game rush to win the American League Cen-

game-dates were more like funeral farewells to the departed.

Next week will be different, very different.

Beginning tonight in Chicago, where the first-place Tigers open a three-game series

tral title and grab a playoff spot. Detroit's final seven regular-season games are set for Comerica Park next week against second-place Minnesota (four games, Monday-Thursday) and a grand finale, three-game series against Chicago. The Tigers increased their lead to 3 with Thursday's victory over the Indians.

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LIONS WON'T BE ON LOCAL TV

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FLYING HIGH FOR SCIENCE



Steve Boxall

Carrie Brunner, Courtney Poloney and Kara Kwolek were among 29 teachers who got a higher education in weightlessness over Metro Detroit on Thursday. The goal was to inspire teachers to spark students' interest in math and science. "It was surreal," said Kwolek of Powell Middle School in Romeo. **Story, 6A**

Detroit charity becomes one-stop shop for needy

BY SANTIAGO ESPARZA
The Detroit News

Detroit — St. Leo's Soup Kitchen has gone from an operation that feeds the needy to a one-stop spot for the poor, providing medical, dental and legal services.

Advocates for the poor say it is rare and important to have all of these services under one roof.

Mike Whitty, an adjunct business professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, said St. Leo's could be an example for other organizations that serve the poor. "I wonder if this could be a model for a connection with our major hospital systems," he said.

So far this year, the soup kitchen has served 40,000 people, supervisor Joe Mical-

lef said. He said the soup kitchen relies on donations from the public and area businesses for the food. St. Leo's, which has fed the needy since the 1960s, ventured into medical services about four years ago and dental services three years ago.

The volunteer-run medical and dental clinics each see about two dozen people in rotating three-hour windows for ailments that range from viruses to broken limbs.

Felicia Russell has received everything from teeth cleaning to meals to clothing. "They help out a lot," the 40-year-old Russell of Detroit said recently after filling out forms for free dental work. "It's a blessing."

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Daniel Mears / The Detroit News

Assistant Elly Mastromatteo calls Bonner Burton for his appointment at St. Leo's clinic, one of many free services the church offers.

Tension increases as budget talks stall

Cuts to Medicaid, aid to cities divisive; six days until shutdown

BY MARK HORNBECK
AND KAREN BOUFFARD
Detroit News Lansing Bureau

Lansing — A stalemate over the cash-starved state budget cut short Thursday what lawmakers expected to be a marathon session to bring them closer to agreement.

Lawmakers headed home in the early evening after tense negotiations over revenue sharing for local governments, funding for social programs and health care failed to bring about agreements. Also in doubt was whether the House had the votes to pass deep education cuts with the deadline for agreeing on a budget and avoiding a government shutdown just six days away.

The possibility that taxes will be raised to avert some of the painful cuts hung over the proceedings, and according to some Republicans, stalled any final agreement on closing a \$2.8 billion deficit.

"We're still working on all of it," said House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, shortly before the House ad-

journing. "The obvious budgets are still difficult."

He cited \$163 million in cuts to revenue sharing for local governments and hundreds of millions in reductions in Medicaid health care to the poor and other health programs. Committee

talks over reve-

lue sharing broke down and a House Senate conference

panel on the Community Health budget still hasn't scheduled a meeting.

Matt Marsden, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said the "budgets are progressing... we're confident we'll get this done" before the Wednesday midnight deadline. Committees are trying to meet a target of \$1.279 million in budget cuts.

While lawmakers are focusing on budget cuts, more than a quarter of Michigianians say that's not the way out of the budget crisis, according to a

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U.N. passes halt on nuclear weapons

New York — With crisp efficiency and a gentle gavel, the U.S. president shepherded a historic resolution through a rare U.N. Security Council summit meeting on Thursday, an all-embracing document on the world's nuclear future, a statement with a clear made-by-Obama label.

When the unanimous vote was in, it endorsed a sweeping strategy to halt the spread of atomic arms and ultimately to eliminate them.

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Charles Dharapak / Associated Press

President Barack Obama was the impetus behind a resolution against nuclear weapons Thursday at the U.N.

Main Street struggles to stay afloat

Main Street, the heart and identity of many Metro Detroit communities, is reeling from the lingering recession. Towns are rallying to keep their commercial hubs vibrant, hiring retail consultants, forming marketing cooperatives and launching "shop local" campaigns.

TODAY'S FOCUS, 14A

Neighbors allegedly 'evicted' renters

Clawson — Fed up with an unruly rental home on their street, two Clawson residents face jail time after police say they decided to stage their own eviction. The two allegedly broke into the home, hauled out the renters' belongings and nailed down the windows, police say.

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