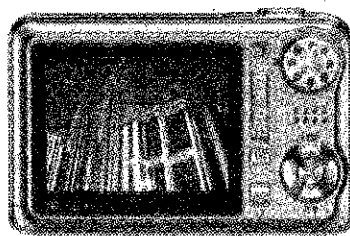




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## Council split over vote on Maida Woods

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A citizens group appears to have won a skirmish in its larger battle to block the 36-home Maida Woods subdivision on Westland's southwest side.

Barring a shift in position, four Westland City Council members confirmed this week that they will not vote during a Feb. 20 meeting to approve a site plan.

Royal Oak-based developers Kentmoor LLC had implored council members during a study session Monday to approve a site plan that they say meets all legal requirements, including protecting wetlands on the site.

But a council majority has indicated that such a vote could be premature until a state administrative judge rules on a challenge filed by the citizens group, which is contesting an October wetlands report as potentially flawed.

City Attorney Angelo Plakas has indicated that the judge's decision could be issued as late as April, although a hearing is set for early March. Developers have proposed building 36 homes on the heavily wooded south side of Palmer Road between John Hix and Hannan.

During Monday's session, council members James Godbout, Cheryl Graunstadt and Bill Johnson said they don't feel prepared to decide the site plan until they receive more information

about such issues as the disputed wetlands and a storm-water system plan.

On Tuesday, Councilman Robert Stottlemeyer responded to questions from the *Observer* by saying that he also isn't ready to vote on the site plan. His decision gives Maida Woods critics the council votes they need to stall the project, and it's possible the council majority could become larger.

"I'm not ready to vote on that," Stottlemeyer said.

Earlier Tuesday, Douglas Monroe, one of the developers, confirmed that Kentmoor LLC wants the issue placed on the council agenda for Tuesday, Feb. 20. The item had been tabled last September.

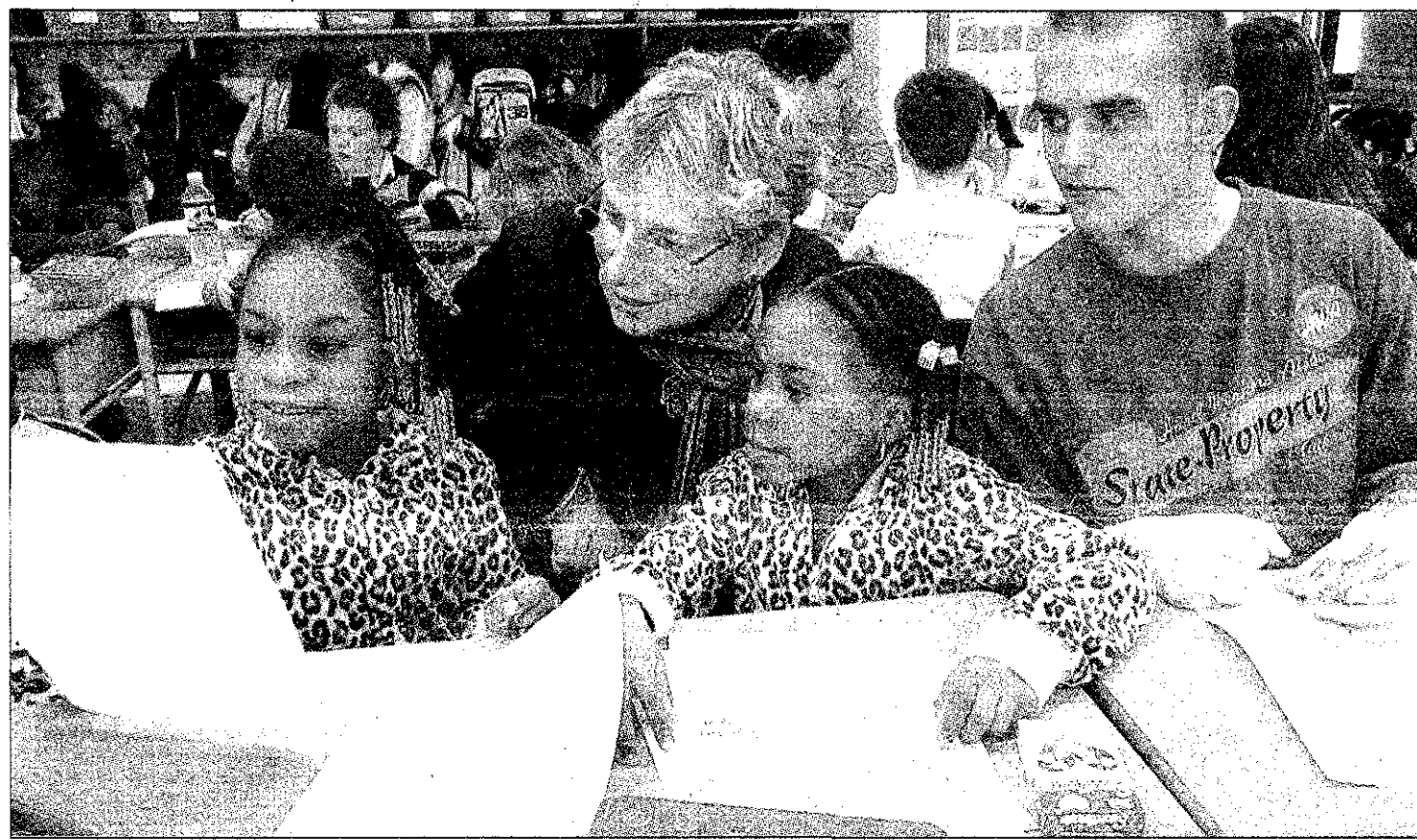
Council President Charles Pickering pledged to

place the Maida Woods project on the agenda. He said the city's past practice has been to vote on a site plan and, if approval is given, then have developers get all the permits they need from government agencies, such as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Wayne County.

"I think the developer needs to have an answer," Pickering said, indicating the city could face legal troubles by holding Kentmoor LLC to a higher standard than other developers.

The citizens group - the Westland Homeowners Committee for Environmental Conservation - brought its own attorney and engi-

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Westland ATHENA Award winner Lynn Malinoff watches Vandenburg Elementary first-graders, twins Alona (left) and Alexa Hill work on a Valentine craft they were doing with the help of Wayne Memorial High School senior Justin Newman.

## 'We can't afford not to do that'

ATHENA winner Malinoff has zeal, dedication to help women

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Lynn Malinoff admits that she's had a few bumps in her life, but every one has made her a better person. Life, she said, is a journey, not an event.

She also admits that she has had many mentors over the years, women older than she is who have helped steer her to the place where she is today, the 2007

Westland ATHENA Award winner.

"I'm overwhelmed, completely humbled by the experience," said Malinoff who received the award at the Women of Westland's annual Chocolate Ball Saturday evening. "I'm very grateful for the honor."

Ronaele Bowman, former director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program, nominated Malinoff for the honor, saying that she "can think of no one more deserving

of this honor for her dedication and zeal in helping women, young and old, to reach their full potential."

"Her goal in life is to promote, support and educate strong, independent females in the Wayne-Westland district and in her community," Bowman wrote in her nomination.

Malinoff has been with the Wayne-

PLEASE SEE **ATHENA, A5**

## Baracy is 'humbled' by state award

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

It's not quite the description of a school superintendent you'd expect to hear, but it was how Lynn Malinoff chose to describe Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy.

"He's our big cheerleader,

but he's also not afraid to get his hands dirty planting a tree or pulling a red wagon," said Malinoff.

Malinoff was talking about Baracy's support of district-wide service-learning, support that has earned him the Michigan

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Under Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Gregory Baracy's leadership, programs like the Literacy Corps which pairs up students from John Glenn, Wayne Memorial and Tinkham Alternative High Schools work with students like these first-graders at Vandenburg Elementary.

## Shooting suspect awaits extradition from West Virginia

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A 25-year-old man wanted in Westland for attempted murder was awaiting extradition this week after being captured in West Virginia.

Vincent Edward Emery, accused of fleeing Michigan in a Greyhound bus, faces multiple felony charges in a warrant authorized in Westland District Court.

Emery is wanted in connection with a shooting and armed robbery that happened just after midnight Feb. 3 inside a residence on Belding Court, in the Norwayne subdivision, police Sgt. Michael Harhold said.

Acting on a tip, authorities captured Emery last Thursday near Huntington, W.Va., where he had found a job with a work crew for Red Roof Inn, Harhold said.

Emery has waived his extradition, although it wasn't clear when he might be brought to Michigan. He faces charges of assault with intent to murder, armed robbery, being a felon with a firearm, felonious assault and felony firearms. He faces charges as a third-time felon.

In a related development, Westland co-defendant Jason David Shuford, 24, faces a preliminary hearing today in district court after his earlier arraignment on charges stemming from the same incident.

Shuford faces charges similar to those against Emery except that Shuford isn't charged with assault with intent to murder. A not-guilty plea has been entered for him, and he remains jailed on a \$100,000 cash bond as he awaits his hearing, which will determine whether he should stand trial.

**Vincent Edward Emery has waived his extradition, although it wasn't clear when he might be brought to Michigan. He faces charges of assault with intent to murder, armed robbery, being a felon with a firearm, felonious assault and felony firearms.**

If convicted, the two men could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

According to police reports, Emery and Shuford were in the Belding Court residence when a woman who knew Emery from high school was visiting with her fiancé.

Emery is accused of robbing the 29-year-old fiancée of money, his cell phone and keys. The victim told police that Emery beat him in the face with a handgun and ultimately fired a shot that struck him in the left forearm.

According to police, Emery then handed the gun to Shuford, and Shuford is accused of threatening the 23-year-old woman at gunpoint.

The two victims were finally allowed to leave, Harhold said, and police found a trail of blood inside the residence and leading from the front door. The woman was driving her fiancé to Garden City Hospital when she was stopped by authorities in that city. The man was taken to the hospital.

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### Coming Sunday in Health



Psychotherapist talks with pedophiles



# LPS offers early retirement plan

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Hoping to improve next year's budget outlook, Livonia Public Schools is offering \$40,000 buyout incentives to teachers, principals and central office administrators near retirement.

The early retirement package may save the district \$2.7 million next year, by replacing long-term employees with those at the lower end of the pay scale and eliminating jobs through attrition, said Supt. Randy Liepa.

At least 70 teachers must accept the offer, or LPS can rescind. Those eligible have until early April to decide.

The buyout plan was designed to triple the number of retirements and provide a short-term fix to the budget, Liepa said.

"This would be a valuable component to our budget planning for next year," he said.

LPS typically has 20 to 30 retirements each year, Liepa said.

School board members voted 5-1, with trustee Steve King voting no, on each of the three buyout packages. Teachers, educational administrators and cabinet members were given the same offer.

King criticized the timing, saying that the item appeared near the end of a long agenda and that it was something board members should have discussed first at a committee of the whole meeting.

Liepa said the buyout package was in response to a potential \$224 per student state budget cut for the current school year, which was first reported in January and is still being decided in the Legislature.

Although Gov. Jennifer Granholm's budget proposal included more funding for schools next year, Liepa and other school district officials are wary.

"We're looking at a pretty bleak picture in the state, with regards to how they're going to be able to help us out," Liepa said.

In addition, the district's enrollment is falling, with a further decline expected for next year, which affects revenue and staffing needs, Liepa said.

The \$40,000 would be paid out over four years. Retirees would also collect severance pay.

The district arrived at the \$40,000 figure by looking at what other districts offer.

"It's also a question of what is the right amount that will generate interest. ... What would entice people to accept the plan?" Liepa said.

Liepa said the district is "not enamored with retirement incentive programs." They disrupt the normal retirement cycle and provide only a short-term fix, he said.

"This is a way to help us in a short term ... to address these problem as we wait for the state budget situation to turn around," he said.

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# '1 dose can hook you,' mom tells crowd

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Danielle earned A's and B's at Franklin High School, held a job and participated in youth group. When she reached her senior year, she says she got bored.

"I wanted a change. I wanted to have some excitement in my life," the 20-year-old said. She tried alcohol and drugs and was hooked on heroin within months.

"I was doing it at school. I was doing it in the bathroom. I was doing it in my car. ... I didn't care anymore," she said.

Danielle, who didn't give her last name, shared her story of addiction and ongoing recovery Thursday at a town hall meeting organized by the Save Our Youth Task Force.

Doug Noble, also in recovery, started smoking cigarettes the summer after fifth grade. By sixth grade, he was smoking marijuana and encouraging friends to try it. He never turned to heroin or "hard drugs," Doug stuck with alcohol and pot.

His parents caught him. He even got kicked out of the house at age 16. One morning, back home again, his mom intervened for good.

"It turned into the worst argument we ever had," Doug said. "I think the last two words I said to my parents that day were FU." They placed him in a long-term treatment center, and he stopped fighting.

"I just got sick and tired of being sick and tired," he said. Now a University of Michigan senior, he's been sober since Sept. 17, 2001.

The town hall meeting was the first event for the four-month-old task force. It drew nearly 300 people to city hall, many of them high school students.

Andy Spolsky, a Thurston High School junior, attended the meeting with his mom.

"(I was surprised) how young they were using the drugs. In eighth-grade I wasn't doing anything like that," the 16-year-old said.

"It really shows you how it can happen to anybody," added Churchill sophomore Jacob Robison, whose mom, a social worker in South Redford Schools, encouraged him to attend.



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About 300 people packed Livonia City Hall for a town hall meeting on drug use organized by the Save Our Youth Task Force.



Mark Menestrina, a doctor who specializes in treating addiction and is a recovering addict himself, addresses the crowd at a town hall meeting on drug use.

## HE 'NEVER HAD A CHANCE'

Diane Montes of Livonia talked about finding her 22-year-old son Brian's stiff, cold body in his bedroom in June.

"As soon as I touched him, I knew he was dead," she said. Brian had been using heroin for five to six weeks.

"Young people need to know they cannot experiment with this drug. One dose can hook you," Montes said. An autopsy revealed the last dose Brian used was pure Fentanyl, a pain killer often mixed with heroin or cocaine to extend the drug, and potentially fatal. "Our son never had a chance," Montes wondered: What

would make him think of doing heroin? Who does heroin? Her concern led to forming the task force, to look for solutions and make people aware.

Although alcohol and marijuana are still the primary drugs high schoolers use, "to a growing number of kids ... cocaine and heroin aren't necessarily the scary drugs they were years ago," said Dennis Hinze, student assistance coordinator at Stevenson High School.

Danielle started out by snorting heroin. Then she began shooting up.

But she kept her job and 9 p.m. curfew because she didn't want to get caught.

"I made every effort to keep it off (my parents') radar," she said.

Friends knew, though, just like in Brian Montes' case.

## TELL SOMEONE

"Don't be afraid to tell someone," Diane Montes told the

crowd. "Young people cannot (beat addiction) themselves. They need help."

"We all need to have help and not feel ashamed to ask for it," added Doug's mom, Ellie Noble. "All of us have to decide we're not going to care about the reaction, we're going to do what is right."

The panel also included Ron Harrison, a treatment provider for 25 years; Dr. Michael Calice, director of the emergency center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital; and moderator Dr. Mark Menestrina, a Livonia resident and medical director at Brighton Hospital.

Calice said St. Mary's emergency room treats 2,000 patients each year whose primary diagnosis is related to substance abuse. That's about one every four hours, he said.

The task force's efforts will continue with a quarterly speaker series starting in March and a run on June 9. The group's Web site is [www.saveouryouthtaskforce.com](http://www.saveouryouthtaskforce.com).

After the meeting, Franklin freshman Victoria Hollins signed up for the friends committee, which will organize events for young people.

Brian Montes' story stuck with her. "I thought you would have to use it for a long time to pass away from it," she said.

Bright House Networks filmed the panel. The show will air on cable Channel 12 at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13; 8:30 p.m. Feb. 16, with repeats all weekend; 4:30 p.m. Feb. 21; and 5 p.m. Feb. 27. It will also be available through cable's On Demand option.

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3007 - Edward Kowalik - construction equipment  
1033 - David Simmons - 20 Boxes, 15 Totes, Toys  
5026 - Yvette Passament - Boxes, Love Seat, Portable Television  
5043 - Yonne Blanding - bikes, filing cabinet, sofa  
5055 - Robert Howell - Boxes, Totes, Toys  
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B193 - Nakia Barber - Dryer, Washer, Dinette Set  
B233 - Gloria Fier - Bags, Clothing, Mirrors  
B245 - Sonya Dickens - Couch, Love Seat, 10 Totes  
B277 - Mettalikka Lewis - Mattress, Box Spring, 4 Dressers  
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### Surplus Vehicle Auction and Other Miscellaneous Items

The City of Westland will be holding a public auction to dispose of surplus vehicles on Saturday, February 17, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. Vehicles will be available for inspection beginning at 8:00 a.m. The auction will be held at the Department of Public Service yard, located at 37137 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. These vehicles are offered "AS IS" only. The City of Westland makes **NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND** with respect to these vehicles.

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# For Mr. K, 'kids were his life'

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Jack Kalousek, the revered student activities director at Franklin High School, died suddenly Monday, Feb. 12.

Although he was 60, Student Congress president Cassie LaPrairie said Kalousek "had such an insight into the life of a high schooler." He had all the answers, she said.

The popular social studies teacher, known as Mr. K, collapsed while attending the funeral of a Franklin student's father.

Kalousek was with students at the time, said Franklin Principal Dan Willenborg. "Kids were his life."



Mr. Kalousek

in particular," Willenborg said. "They've lost a mentor and a friend." "We lost an absolutely wonderful and beloved educator in our school district," Supt. Randy Liepa said.

As student activities director since 1996, Kalousek oversaw Franklin's Student Congress and planned events like homecoming, prom and community service activities.

Kalousek treated students like equals, LaPrairie said.

At last week PTSA Founder's Day event, LaPrairie named Kalousek as an influential

teacher in her life. It's an honor many students had bestowed over the years.

"Jack always felt that those kids were his kids," said Kathy Kalousek of Westland, his wife of 35 years, who works as a paraprofessional at Hayes Elementary. "I think he learned as much from them as they did from him. The high school age seemed to be a golden age for him."

Working as a coach, Kalousek developed such a rapport with teenagers that he decided to go back to college to finish his teaching degree, his wife said. The Army veteran had put his studies on hold to serve in Vietnam.

While Kalousek finished his courses, he worked as a custo-

dian and paraprofessional in Livonia Public Schools. He later earned a master's degree and developed a high school course on the Holocaust, which was a particular source of pride, Kathy Kalousek said.

In addition to his wife, Kalousek's survivors include his son, Kenneth of Novi, and daughter, Kristi of Westland, as well as an aunt, Mary Stan, also of Livonia.

Visitation is 1-9 p.m. today, Feb. 15, at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile in Livonia. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh in Livonia.

Franklin will host a memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday. Alumni are invited.

## 5 file for Wayne-Westland school board election

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Five candidates will compete for two seats on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in the May 8 school election.

Incumbent board members Skip Monit and Martha Pitsenbarger will face challenges from Dr. T. Cortez Spann Jr. of Wayne, Brian Mulligan of Westland and Bagwhan Dashairya of Westland.

Monit, a Wayne resident, is seeking his third four-year term on the board. He decided to run again because "I have the confidence and the drive to help the kids and the school district."

"It's a special time for the board, we're working together for student achievement and development," Monit said. "I'm proud of the buildings and the technology. I'm a tech guy and I'm glad to see the technology so our kids can compete."

Pitsenbarger, also a Wayne resident, is completing her 12th year on the board and like Monit has seen a lot of changes in the district since taking office.

"I've seen so many wonderful things, so many important changes," she said. "I'm proud of this school district. When students come here, they can be proud of it."

Spann is a retired educator. He is the former principal of the Academy of Oak Park charter school and served as an assistant principal in the Ann Arbor schools and in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He is a graduate of Morris College in South Carolina, Antioch College in Ohio,

Payne and United Theological Seminaries in Ohio and the University of Michigan, where he received his doctoral degree in administration, guidance and counseling.

As a candidate, he wants to see student scores on state tests continue to improve by making sure they "have the knowledge to pass the exam."

"I know what education is all about," the Wayne resident said. "I understand the need to get students to go to school and to finish school."

Dashairya is president and CEO of Dashairya & Associates, a management consulting firm. He also has served as executive director of the Council of Organizations and Asian Indians in Michigan.

He has served on the Westland Economic Development Corp., Downtown Development Authority and the Building Improvement Team in the Wayne-Westland schools.

He has campaigned for the Westland City Council, Wayne County Commission, for governor as the representative of the US Taxpayers Party and most recently for the state's 20th House District seat last year.

Mulligan had not returned phone calls about his decision to run for school board by deadline Wednesday.

The candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw from the race. Residents new to the district, which includes the city of Wayne and portions of Westland, Canton, Inkster, Dearborn Heights and Romulus, have until Monday, April 9, to register for the election.

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## LPS board race draws 8 candidates for 3 seats

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Four candidates are running for a one-year seat on the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education.

Their names will appear on the May 8 ballot along with four previously announced candidates who will vie for the two four-year seats.

Candidates for the one-year term are Laura Sokana, who owns a party store with her husband; Patrice Mang, a special education teacher in the Allen Park school district; Ralph McComber, an ironworker; and Gregory Oke, an assistant principal at Wolfe Middle School in Center Line. Incumbents Lynda Scheel

and Robert Freeman will face challengers Steve Futrell and Eileen McDonnell for the four-year seats.

Both Scheel, a mortgage banker, and Freeman, who works as a Web designer for a software company in New York, are in their first four-year term on the board.

Futrell is president of Technology Solutions Communications Specialists. McDonnell is a mortgage consultant. They have been part of Citizens for Livonia's Future, which formed in the aftermath of the Legacy Initiative restructuring plan and led an unsuccessful recall of five school board members last summer.

The one-year seat became available after Trustee Kevin

Whitehead resigned last week after his residency was challenged.

The opening attracted candidates who said it would be a good chance to become involved with the school board.

Sokana, whose son, Gary, died suddenly last June, said she is running "as a parent advocate" who wants to work with school resource officers and help educate parents. She also has an eighth-grade daughter.

McComber, who has three children in the district, said he would be "a fresh voice on the board."

"I want to see both sides," he said. "I want to see if I can get involved and make a difference." Oke, who has a Garfield

Elementary kindergartner and a 1-year-old, said he "has the skills needed to mend the fences of the district" and would focus on learning and improving achievement within LPS.

Mang, who has two children at Roosevelt Elementary, said she wants to bring positive academic programs and fiscal responsibility to the district and would like to see "a school district that the community supports." She has been part of the CFLF.

A would-be fifth candidate for the one-year term, Tamara Bonifield, reported Wednesday that she was withdrawing from the race and supporting Oke.

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## Parking lots, water mains on LPS sinking fund jobs list

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Snow covers it now, but Livonia Public Schools plans to cover plenty of ground during its summer construction season.

Most of the \$3.8 million the district plans to spend from its sinking fund will go toward fixing parking lots, sidewalks and improving drainage on muddy fields, a preliminary project list shows.

The district also plans to go underground — to fix water mains and storm sewers.

LPS administrative services director Rod Hosman gave school board members an overview of projects and cost estimates on Jan. 22.

"The projects on (that) list are those we know about at this time," he said. "As always, we are going to get bids on these projects and then we would bring them back to the board for approval."

The 1.12 mill sinking fund,

which runs through February of 2009, generates \$5 million per year that must only be used for school building and site improvements.

Fixing pot-holed parking lots at Buchanan, Cass, Coolidge, Rosedale and Webster elementary schools and part of the bus yard would cost an estimated \$575,000.

Adding more parking spots and improving traffic flow at Cass, Coolidge, Cooper, Garfield, Rosedale elementary schools and Churchill High School are also on the list.

Hosman is still monitoring traffic flow at Coolidge and Grant to see where improvements can be made.

"We don't think in either case we're going to have to do a total bus loop," he said.

Water mains at three schools need to be replaced, for an estimated \$425,000.

In January, a water main break at Buchanan required an emergency repair. Fortunately,

water pressure remained high enough that school did not have to be canceled, but Hosman said, "occasionally we're not that lucky."

"The whole main has been on the list for a number of years," he said.

LPS will also try to take charge of its outdoor lighting situation. Instead of leaving the job to the utility company which can take months to make repairs, the district is looking at installing and maintaining its own lights at seven schools.


"We expect to see some savings and some more timely response when the lights go out," Hosman said.

Other projects include play structures at Cleveland and Hayes, track repairs at the high schools, a new hoist at the Livonia Career Technical Center auto lab and asbestos abatement at Riley and the Ford Skills Center.

LPS also needs storage buildings and press boxes for

the high school stadiums, but Hosman rated all those as second-priority jobs.

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# Grant helps police update in-car cameras

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Remember *Dragnet* and police Sgt. Joe Friday – if only from television reruns?

Well, the story you are about to see is true, even if the names have *not* been changed to protect the innocent.

The plot centers around a criminal making false accusations against police officers during a traffic stop.

The episode ends with the criminal being brought to justice for making false allegations.

Westland police officers have a tool that street cops in Joe Friday's days didn't have – cameras in their patrol cars.

The moral of the story: Think twice before making false accusations against a police officer during a traffic stop.

New digital, in-car cameras are being installed in all 30 patrol cars that Westland officers use to roam city streets and catch criminals.

Police Chief Daniel Pfannes hopes the changeover from older in-car cameras will be complete within a month.

Officials say cameras have become a useful tool for capturing what happens during traffic stops and refuting false allegations ranging from police brutality to sexual assaults.

"We've successfully prosecuted several people (for false claims)," Pfannes said.

At a cost of \$160,000, the new cameras are being bought from New Jersey-based L-3 Communications Mobile Vision Inc.

Mayor William Wild said Westland saved some money – \$15,000 – by receiving a

grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, through which the city is self-insured.

Pfannes said the city is involved in a lease-to-purchase plan.

The new system is replacing older in-car cameras that the city bought in late 2000 and early 2001, the chief said.

"They have reached the end of their operational life span," he said.

Hey, even *Dragnet* ran its course.

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# Suspect nabbed in gas station robbery

## CRIME WATCH

Westland police officers captured a suspect following a robbery that occurred around 3 p.m. Saturday at the Speedway gas station at Wayne and Cherry Hill roads.

The incident started when a man went into the station, approached the counter, pushed a customer aside, reached over and grabbed money from the cash register, according to police reports.

Three witnesses described the suspect, who was captured nearby by police officers. One officer was slightly

injured after getting out of his patrol car and chasing the fleeing suspect on foot. The officer was ordering the suspect to the ground at gunpoint when another police car, responding to the scene, accidentally hit the officer, who rolled onto the hood and then onto the ground, according to police reports.

The officer wasn't seriously hurt.

## Home invasion

A 32-year-old man who lives in the 32600 block of Steinhauer told police he came home and found the side door of his home kicked in about 5:30 a.m. Sunday.

The man told police several items were missing from the home, including a coin bank, jewelry and a laptop computer.

The man said the home invasion occurred between 11 p.m. Saturday and 5:30 a.m. Sunday.

## Forced entry

Police reported that a break-in occurred sometime between Feb. 6 and Feb. 10 at a home where residents had been evicted in the 33600 block of Fernwood.

Police went to the house after a neighbor noticed that the front door was open.

Authorities found that the door had been pried off and left on the ground. Officers found the interior of the home to be empty except for garbage that appeared to have been left by the eviction crew.

The company that has a lien on the house was contacted.

– By Darrell Clem

## ACHIEVERS

Named to the honor roll for the first marking period at the Tinkham Alternative High School in Westland were:

Jamie Caudron-Griffin, Desiree Clark, Laciasha Damron, Matthew David, Larry George, Ashley Holland, Joanna Klein, Laura Lambert, Terri Mack, Brittany Neal, Nicholas Portis, Asheauna Staley, Amanda Sweet, Markeisha Thurman and Vanessa Wilson.

Named to the honor roll for the second marking period at the Tinkham were Ashley Cannon, Laciasha Damron, Matthew David, Larry George, Ashley Holland, Laura Lambert, Terri Mack, Asheauna, Amanda Sweet, Markeisha Thurman, Todd Treviso and Vanessa Wilson.

Bill Rudnicki of Westland has been named director of quality of the Jervis B. Webb Company, a world leader in material handling solutions.

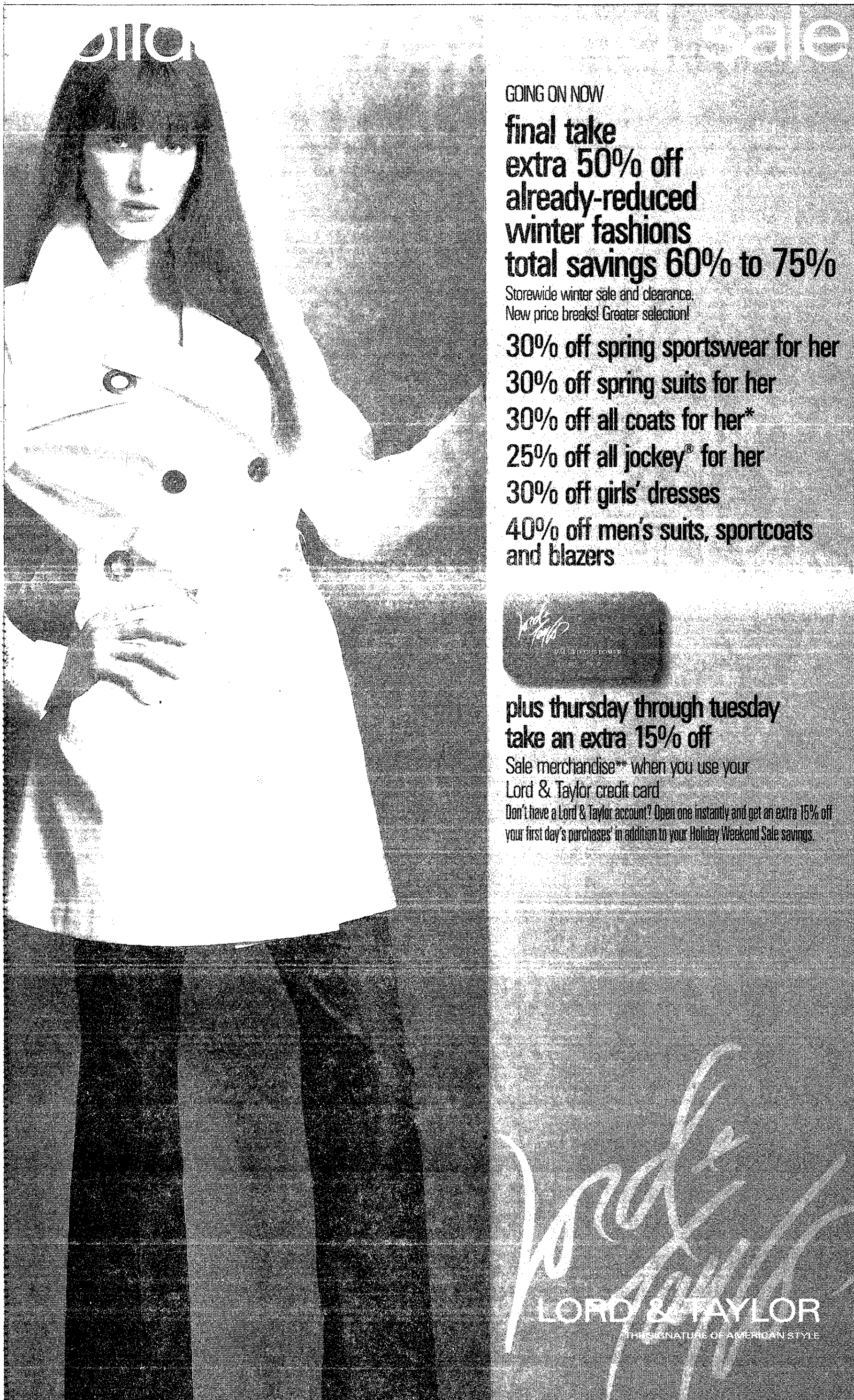
In this role, he is responsible for Webb's International Standards Organization (ISO) certification, as well as the company's lean manufacturing and lean office efforts in the United States and Canada.

Before joining the Webb Company, Rudnicki was quality manager for RCO Engineering Inc., overseeing the quality function of a large, multi-site prototype manufacturer with an ISO 9001:2000 certified quality system. Prior to that, he served as quality manager for United Metal Products, overseeing the quality function of a QS-9000 tier one automotive metal stamping supplier.

Rudnicki earned a master of science degree in business administration from Madonna University, a bachelor's degree in business administration from Detroit College of Business and an associate's degree in science with a major in quality management from Henry Ford Community College.

PublishAmerica has announced that it will publish *The Weeping Pages*, a collection of poetry by Jerry D. Pickens of Westland. Titles include *The Tainted One*, *What Have I Done?*, *My Pain* and *The Last Poem*.

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The Literacy Corps is one of the service-learning programs ATHENA Award Lynn Malinoff has fostered during her years with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

## ATHENA

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Westland Community Schools for 27 years and is currently assigned to the Tinkham Alternative Center, where, among other things, she is a teacher consultant and special projects coordinator. But it is her work as the service-learning coordinator that has let her pay it forward what she has gotten from her mentors over the years.

"I've always looked for the magic bullet and never found one, but this (service-learning) is the closest thing to it," said Malinoff. "It's a wonderful strategy. Reading, writing and arithmetic are necessary, but students have souls and have feelings, they need to have relationships."

Malinoff has helped bring the Youth Mentor Program, a partnership with The Henry Ford, the Red Wagon Literacy Project which provides books to youngsters in the Norwayne community, and Rooting for the Rouge in which fourth-graders in the school district have combined science with becoming stewards of the Rouge River.

For Malinoff, her mentoring began in elementary school when she approached the principal about school being boring. When she expressed an idea that the school needed something like a talent show, she found herself organizing one.

In 11th-grade, she approached the school superintendent with the same message, but instead of listening to her solution, he rebuffed her, telling her "I don't like self-appointed leaders."

"I learned how to assert myself and how to be resilient," Malinoff recalled. "I just needed to find someone else to listen."

They were two educators, Jane Kuckel and Beverly Geltman. Kuckel taught her to be a leader, while Geltman encouraged her to get her doc-

toral degree "back in the day when women didn't get" such degrees.

She also recalls her father taking her to a civil rights march in Grand Rapids when she was a child, but her biggest influence was her mother. "A 'fabulous mentor and role model,' her mother's philosophy was that each person had a gift, but they had to give it away, if they wanted to keep it, Malinoff said.

"My mom was a positive influence, she was civic-minded and civically engaged always," Malinoff said.

Both of her parents were at the dinner Saturday evening to watch as their daughter was honored for sharing her gift with others.

"There's a word in Yiddish - kvelling (burst of pride) - that's what they were doing," said Malinoff. "They were talking about how important it was for them to be there and how rewarding it was to be there. They were overwhelmed, that was most touching for me."

Malinoff's husband Herbert also was there, fielding cell phone messages "every two seconds" from family and friends who had received his text message that she had won the award.

"He's wonderful, he shares in everything I do," she said. "All of my family is very supportive."

Through her work in the schools, Malinoff has the opportunity to mentor many students, some who are now in their 20s and 30s whom she continues to mentor. One has become a successful businesswoman who is trying to pay it forward.

What she does, she said, reflects what schools were designed to do when set up in the early 1900s, to teach citizenship.

"We can't afford not to do that," she said. "Democracy can't last, if we don't create citizens. It's a big thing."

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## Glenn accepts alumni nominations

The Faculty Council at John Glenn High School is searching for a few good nominations.

The council is in charge of the school's Distinguished Alumnus award and is looking for a graduate who has gone on to achieve excellence in his or her life.

Presentation of the award is a part of the high school's graduation ceremony. The council believes the recipient can have a positive, motivational effect on the graduating seniors as well as

the school community and the faculty.

Residents can nominate a John Glenn graduate who has earned distinction in his or her field of endeavor following graduation by contacting Robyn Brennan at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

The Faculty Council will review all nominations and select the winner who will be honored at commencement ceremonies on June 2.

## BARACY

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Community Service Commission's 2007 Administrator Award.

"It's quite an honor and I'm very humbled to be nominated," Baracy said during a presentation at Monday evening's school board meeting. "I accept it on behalf of the Board of Education that provides support and funds for service learning and on behalf of all of those who have made this such a successful program."

It was Malinoff, the district's service-learning coordinator, who nominated Baracy for the award.

"I have a great passion for this practice and I shared it with Greg Baracy; he has been a leader of service-learning in the district from the day he started," said Malinoff.

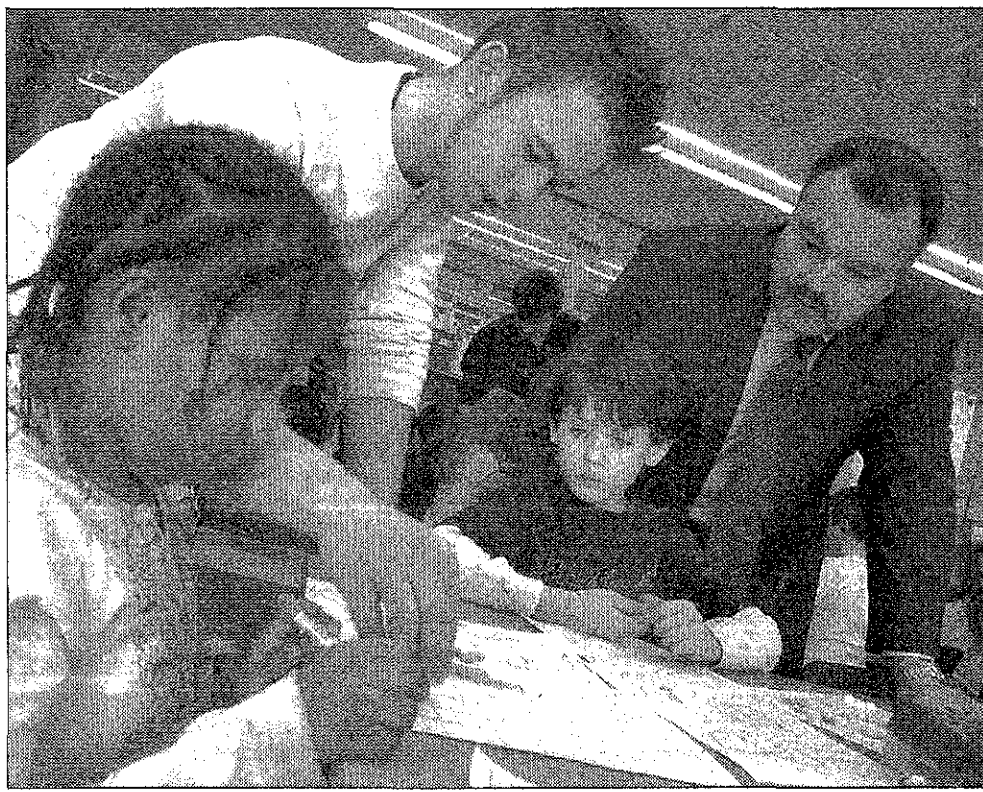
The award recognizes Baracy for serving as a model for service-learning leadership, for his demonstrated vision and direction toward expansion of service-learning at both the building and district levels through education and advocacy.

"Dr. Baracy's unwavering enthusiasm, advocacy and willingness to provide scarce financial and human resources are an inspiration to all," the MCSC said in announcing the award.

Under his tutelage, service-learning has expanded to include all 25 of the district's schools. Programs like the Literacy Corps and Red Wagon summer program that brings books to youngsters in the Norwayne community have received state and national awards, while the Youth Mentor Program partnership with The Henry Ford is in its 17th year.

The Rooting for the Rouge program which has given fourth-graders hands-on learning about improving the water quality of the Rouge River and dovetails with their science curriculum is now in all 17 of the district's elementary schools.

"Without the support of Greg and the administration, these programs would have died before they got going," Malinoff said. "Under Greg's superintendency, the district developed an academic service-learning program where the service is tied into the school and into what we teach."



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy watches John Glenn High School junior Bryan Walden work with Vandenburg Elementary first-graders Cheyanne Brown (left) and Brandon Brozowski.

Service-learning garnered Baracy's support because of the positive impact it can have on large numbers of students, especially at-risk students "who need strong mentoring and strong purpose."

"To grow the program was one of my goals when I became superintendent," he said. "I had a strong feeling that what we had in place was a very viable program."

"I see students in the Literacy Corps out mentoring elementary children, reading to them and establishing a relationship. As a result of that, they feel a strong purpose in life, a strong sense of pride because they're serving as a role model."

Baracy believes service learning is a program the district cannot afford not to fund. He points to a student he met last week at Vandenburg Elementary who told him her work with the Literacy Corps has made her

feel successful and has given her the motivation to give back.

"When that happens you know everyone has done their job," he said. "These programs change the lives of many youths. These programs have saved many lives."

Malinoff credits Baracy with educating the board about service learning so that they are now engaged with their own Project 180 Can Do!

"He has dedicated his time, resources and I know his passion shines through," she said.

"We are blessed to have Greg Baracy as superintendent," added board President Fred Weaver. "Not only does he have the knowledge and the skills for the job, he has the passion for the job."

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## MAIDA WOODS

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neer to Monday's study session. The group also videotaped the session.

The wetlands report from last October found just over 1.5 acres of state-regulated wetlands on the 14-acre Maida Woods site, developers have said. The report prompted them to scale back the number of pro-

posed homes from 41 to 36.

"We think we've put together a plan that the DEQ is going to accept," Monroe said Monday.

However, David Lipski, an attorney representing the citizens group, said the state administrative judge's ruling hasn't happened.

"There is going to be a fresh and new determination made," he said.

Developers have portrayed Maida Woods as a subdivision that would comply with all legal

requirements. Critics have said that it could threaten wildlife and wetlands and that it could cause their property values to drop.

Graunstadt said Maida Woods critics have every right to help educate elected officials about issues surrounding the project.

"This is their home. This is their back yard. ... They have every right to point the way for their elected officials," she said.

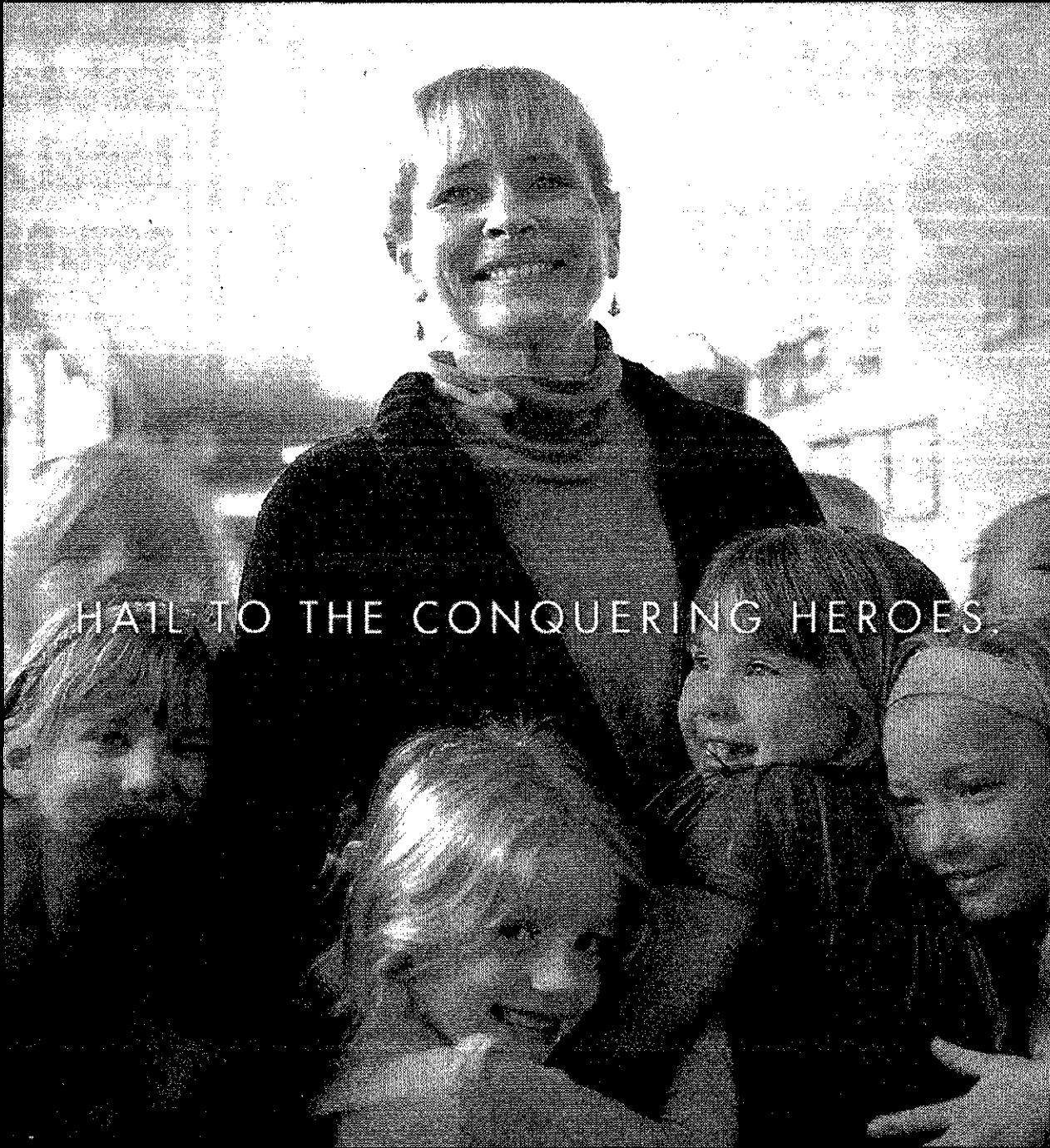
But Pickering said that the

council has to comply with its own procedures for doing business and that its members can't suddenly legislate new rules.

Meanwhile, the citizens group's president, Jim Rubasky, appeared satisfied that elected officials listened to all concerns during Monday's two-hour session.

"I think we got a fair shake," he said, "and we'll see what happens."

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### Pancake breakfast

The Westland Jaycees will be having a pancake breakfast at the Applebee's on Warren Road at Central City Parkway 8-10 a.m. to Saturday, Feb. 24.

Tickets are available for \$6 and this will include all-you-can-eat pancakes, meat and juice. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the Westland Jaycee hotline at (734) 226-0400.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Community Hospice of Westland.

### Swearing in

The public is invited to a swearing in ceremony for new Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli at 6 p.m. this evening (Feb. 15), at the city of Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh.

A reception also is scheduled. Judges are encouraged to bring robes.

### Vehicle auction

The Department of Public Service will hold a surplus vehicle auction 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at its facility at 37137 Marquette, just south of Ford Road. A wide selection of items, including former city vehicles, automobiles from the street enforcement team for the Westland Police Department, clothing, computers and other electronics will be auctioned off. Viewing starts at 8 a.m.

### Mentoring program

The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Westland is sponsoring "Educating Youth Through Mentoring" as part of its African American History Month in February.

The featured speakers will be Christopher Lindsey, principal of the Academy of Westland, at 7 p.m. Feb. 15, and Kay Williams-Hales, principal of Winship Elementary School in Detroit, at 7 p.m.

Feb. 22.

The public is invited to attend. The Lutheran Church of Our Savior is at 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-3440.

### Euchre games

Friday Night Euchre/Pinocle Card Parties start at 7:30 p.m. at St. Bernardine Parish in Westland. Doors open at 7 p.m. No partner is needed. Admission is \$5 and includes refreshments, snacks and cash prizes. A 50/50 raffle also is available. The scheduled dates are Feb. 16. For more information, call (734) 427-5150.

### Baseball registrations

The Wayne Ford Civic League, at 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland, is registering children ages 4-10 years old for its co-ed baseball league 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, Feb. 10 through

April 14, 2007 or until all the teams are filled, which ever comes first.

T-Ball players (ages 4-6) and Coach Pitch players (ages 7-8) cost \$65 per player, Mustang players (ages 9-10) cost \$80 per player. There is no residency fee charged for children living outside Westland and no fund-raising requirements associated with this year's program.

Managers, coaches and umpires are always needed. Online registration forms can be obtained at [www.wayne-ford.org/youth/youth.html](http://www.wayne-ford.org/youth/youth.html).

### Churches meet

Churches United Against Hunger will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Lighthouse Home Mission on Palmer west of Venoy.

CUAH is a coalition of 20 Westland churches whose aim is to provide for the needy in the Westland community. For more information, call (734) 326-3885.

### Veteran's Haven

Veteran's Haven and Towne & Country Lanes will hold a Bowling for Homeless Veterans benefit 12:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the bowling alley at 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The cost will be \$20 per person which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and raffle ticket for drawings going on throughout the event.

For more information on how to help or about Veteran's Haven, visit the Web site at [www.vetshaveninfo.org](http://www.vetshaveninfo.org) or call (734) 728-0527.

### Cigar party

Firing Line Indoor Gun Range and Gun Shop in Westland will sponsor its annual fund-raiser to benefit the Westland Police Department's Tactical Response Unit.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Hellenic Cultural Center for the fifth annual cigar party fund-raiser. The center is located on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

The evening will include food, drinks, a silent auction, Vegas-style games, prizes and mock video horse racing, dubbed *A Night at the Races*.

Tickets are \$50 until Feb. 16 and \$60 after that. They may be purchased by calling The Firing Line at (734) 326-7320, the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222 or Westland police Officer Jeffery Kavanaugh at (734) 722-9600.

### Bowling event

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2007 Winterfest Charity Bowling Event 1-5 p.m. Saturday,

March 4, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Four-person teams will bowl alternating every fourth frame. There will be contests and prizes and a buffet dinner at Marvaso's Italian Grille.

Tickets cost \$120 per team or \$30 per person. The price includes bowling two drinks and dinner. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. with the tournament starting at 1 p.m. For more information, call the Chamber office at (734) 326-7222.

### Bingo

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris Kehler VFW Post 3323 will hold a marathon bingo noon-5 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the post, 1055 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Money raised will go to support the Youth Activities Adopt A Troop project for overseas veterans.

### Poker tournament

The Westland Jaycees will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament and Vegas Night on Saturday, March 10, at the Bailey Recreation Center on Ford Road.

The tournament will begin at 6 p.m. for a shot at a top prize up to \$1,000.

Spots are available at the door and through pre-registration.

The pre-registration price is \$50 until March 1. After that date, there will be a \$10 late registration fee.

The games in the Vegas Room will include Big Wheel, Blackjack, 7 Card and Let it Ride. Food and beverages also will be available.

For more information, call (734) 226-0400 or visit the Jaycees' Web site at [www.westlandjaycees.org](http://www.westlandjaycees.org).

#### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**Case #2159 - Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from CB-3, General Commercial Business and R-1, Single Family Residential to PUD, Planned Unit Development, Parcels #018-99-0014-000 and -0015-703, East Side of Newburgh, South of Joy, Paul A. D'Orazio**



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

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

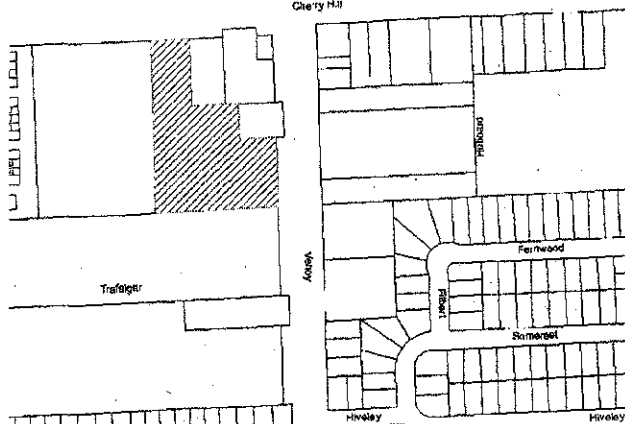
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#### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

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

**Case #1453E - Public Hearing for Proposed Adult Day Care Center, 400 Venoy, Cherry Hill Venoy Shopping Center, West Side of Venoy Road, South of Cherry Hill Road, Parcel #066-01-0543-301, Renee Peeples (Harry Attisha)**



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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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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 Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 36001 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185-6591 (734)729-7095 on 2/28/07 at 10:30 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:  
3004 - Tammara Johnson - clothing, lawn equipment, 20 bags  
3122 - Mike Matthews - 2 Bicycles, 3 boxes, misc items  
4168 - Latrice Graves - Big Screen TV, 5 bags, misc items  
5034 - Timmy Cokley - Microwave, vacuum, portable TV

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# Taj Mahal, Great Wall: Vet recalls war duty

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

John Schwartz of Canton graduated from high school in 1943 and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Schwartz, who served as a flight engineer in the Burma-Chinese theater during World War II, recalled seeing the Taj Mahal in India.

"We made it up to Agra, India," he said during a Thursday, Jan. 25, Westland Rotary lunch at the Sgt. Stanley Romanowski VFW Post in Westland. While there, he and fellow crew members saw the Taj Mahal.

"I couldn't describe it all, if I stood here for two hours," said Schwartz, who operated a greenhouse business in Canton for many years before retirement. He's been active in Canton Rotary, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the VFW, Canton Public Library's

board and more.

"He's done more in his life than I would in five lives," Westland Rotarian and neighbor Don Douglass of Canton said in introducing Schwartz.

Schwartz described his training in the U.S. during World War II, which took him around the country to places like Chicago, Miami Beach, Cincinnati, San Antonio and Biloxi, Miss.

He recalled the military feeding 2,500 for each meal from the mess hall.

"We were training on the B-24s, the ones that were built here at Willow Run," he said.

He spent some time at a small base by Willow Run before going to southern Illinois to work on cargo planes. The men left from Ft. Wayne, Ind., for overseas April 1945, stopping along the way in the southern U.S., Puerto Rico and South America.

They left the U.S. with sealed orders, which they opened to see they were headed for Burma, not good news at the time. He recalled navigating along the Amazon, and sending a dozen pairs of silk hose, priced at \$1 each, home to his mother.

Rotarian Kim Shunkwiler of Wayne, who served in Vietnam, asked about availability of alcohol for service personnel. Schwartz recalled being paid \$30 a month, and sending \$20 of that home.

He and crewmates flew over a ship en route to Africa: "They wanted us to identify ourselves." The men sent flares from the plane, and got a message back: "We know you're Yanks because you gave us the code for yesterday." (Changing times/days led to the confusion.)

Schwartz and fellow crew members flew gasoline and

other supplies, getting rid of the gasoline if it leaked. When the war ended, a civics teacher who was serving told the others about the atom bomb and said, "The genie is out of the bottle now."

Schwartz went on to Shanghai at war's end, flying until April 1946 to Peking. At one point, he and others flew over China's Great Wall for a newsreel, and people from home later saw him.

"That's always a glorious sight," he said of seeing the bridge when they came into San Francisco on the way home. The servicemen mustered out at Chicago, and Schwartz got off the train in Ypsilanti because it was closer to home.

"The engineer said 'Thank you,'" he said, noting there was no parade at Ypsilanti as he was the only one to get off the train.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Medical lectures

Dr. Carol A. Fischer will discuss Fixing Thyroid/Adrenal Ailments Naturally at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Do you have cold hands and/or feet, tired all the time, weight issues or depressed? Your thyroid or adrenal glands may be the problem. Learn about the thyroid and adrenal glands and how they affect your life. Discover simple, natural solutions to help detect and solve the unwanted health conditions that these hormones create. Dr. William H. Karl will discuss Treating Thyroid Disorders Naturally at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Civic Center Library, 32888 Five Mile, Livonia. If you suffer from hair loss, cold hands or feet, stubborn weight gain or unwanted pain, there may be help. Learn the hidden reasons behind these health concerns and learn the safe, natural, effective alternatives to help yourself. There are no charge for the classes. Call (734) 425-8588 to make a reservation.

#### Academic Pathways

Academic Pathways Cooperative

Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, will host an open house from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. Enroll in classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Potty training not required; certified teacher. (734) 459-6689 or visit [academicpathways.tripod.com](http://academicpathways.tripod.com).

#### "Eat for Education"

"Eat for Education" Taste Fest with Silent Auction will be hosted by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Tickets are \$10, as a fund-raiser for the school. Local restaurants and bakeries will serve signature dishes, while the auction features hotel packages/weekend getaways/spa packages, etc. (734) 261-9540 or visit [academicpathways.tripod.com](http://academicpathways.tripod.com).

### BINGO

#### VFW Bingo

Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 Auxiliary has bingo 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. There is a snack bar. The post has bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday at the same place. Call (734) 326-3323.

## CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-58

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENAL TIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

### THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

*Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-3 district classification where CB-2 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:*

ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHERLY 26 ACRES OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHERLY LINE OF HUNTER AVENUE, 86 FEET WIDE, AT A POINT DISTANT NORTH 0 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 43.00 FEET ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE AND NORTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 550.17 FEET ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID HUNTER AVENUE FROM THE WEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 321.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 318.40 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF WAYNE ROAD, 120 FEET WIDE, SOUTH 19 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 342.65 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID HUNTER AVENUE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 200.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

*Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.*

*Section 3. Severability.* The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

*Section 4. Repeal.* All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

*Section 5. Publication.* The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

*Section 6. Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

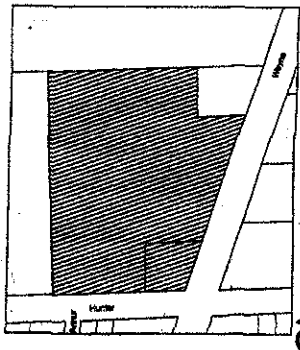
ON MOTION OF by the following vote: **Godbout**, SUPPORTED BY **Reeves**, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted

**ROLLCALL:** AYE 7 NAY 0 ABSENT

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EILEEN DeHART,  
City Clerk

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## ORDINANCE 109-K-B-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WESTLAND CITY CODE, CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 62-127, 62-130, 62-131, 62-157, 62-158, and 62-164, BY INCREASING THE POTENTIAL IMPRISONMENT OF EACH SECTION TO 93 DAYS, AMENDING CHAPTER 62, SECTION 62-126 TO SPECIFY THAT THE OFFENSE OF TRESPASSING IS PUNISHABLE BY A \$50 FINE OR A MAXIMUM OF 30 DAYS IMPRISONMENT, AND TO ADD CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE V, SECTION 62-133, TO PROHIBIT THE EMBEZZLEMENT OF PROPERTY

### THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

*Section 1.* That Chapter 62, Article V, Section 62-126, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

#### Trespass

- Any person who shall wilfully enter, upon the lands or premises of another without lawful authority, after having been forbidden so to do by the owner or occupant, agent or servant of the owner or occupant, or if the owner or occupants has posted, or caused to be posted, a notice forbidding trespass, or any person being upon the land or premises of another, upon being notified to depart therefrom by the owner or occupant, the agent or servant of either, who without lawful authority neglects or refuses to depart therefrom, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as set forth in subsection (c) of this Section.
- No person who is not a regularly enrolled student, parent or guardian of a student, school official, teacher, or other public or school employee shall enter or trespass upon or loiter in or upon any school building or school property for any reason whatsoever unless such person has received written permission from the principal or other person designated by the principal to be in or upon or to remain in or upon such school building or school property; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to persons engaging in or attending a school or recreation department authorized activity or to persons lawfully using the school playground or any playground equipment after school hours or when school is not in session, unless such entry or use shall have been otherwise prohibited by an order, rule or regulation of the school board, school principal, or other person, department, board or committee with authority to prohibit such use, or entry.
- An individual who engages in trespassing is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days or by a fine of not more than \$50.00, or both, in the discretion of the court.

*Section 2.* That Chapter 62, Article V, Section 62-127, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

#### Destruction or damage of property

No person shall wilfully or maliciously mar, destroy, deface, damage, or injure the personal or real property of another person. A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine.

*Section 3.* That Chapter 62, Article V, Section 62-130, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

#### Larceny

No person shall steal or unlawfully take any goods, money, chattels, or property of any other person. A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine.

*Section 4.* That Chapter 62, Article V, Section 62-131, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

**Buying, receiving, possessing or concealing stolen, embezzled, or converted property**

No person shall buy, receive, possess, conceal or aid in the concealment of stolen, embezzled, or converted money, goods, or property knowing the money, goods, or property is stolen, embezzled, or converted. A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine.

*Section 5.* That Chapter 62, Article V, Section 62-133, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to add as follows:

#### Embezzlement

(a) A person who as the agent, servant, or employee of another person, governmental entity within this state, or other legal entity or who as the trustee, bailee, or custodian of the property of another person, governmental entity within this state, or other legal entity fraudulently disposes of or converts to his or her own use, or takes or secretes with the intent to convert to his or her own use without the consent of his or her principal, any money or other personal property of his or her principal that has

come to that person's possession or that is under his or her charge or control by virtue of his or her being an agent, servant, employee, trustee, bailee, or custodian, is guilty of embezzlement. A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine.

(b) In a prosecution under this section, the failure, neglect, or refusal of the agent, servant, employee, trustee, bailee, or custodian to pay, deliver, or refund to his or her principal the money or property entrusted to his or her care upon demand is prima facie proof of intent to embezzle.

*Section 6.* That Chapter 62, Article V, Section 62-157, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

#### Fraud

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any fraudulent scheme, device or trick to obtain money or other valuable things, or to aid or abet, or in any manner to be concerned therein. A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine.

*Section 7.* That Chapter 62, Article V, Section 62-158, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

#### Checks - Insufficient Funds

(a) A person shall not make, draw, utter, or deliver any check, draft, or order for the payment of money, to apply on account or otherwise, upon any bank or other depository with intent to defraud and knowing at the time of the making, drawing, uttering, or delivering that the maker or drawer does not have sufficient funds in or credit with the bank or other depository to pay the check, draft, or order in full upon its presentation.

(b) A person shall not make, draw, utter, or deliver any check, draft, or order for the payment of money, to apply on account or otherwise, upon any bank or other depository with intent to defraud if the person does not have sufficient funds for the payment of the check, draft, or order when presentation for payment is made to the drawee. *This subsection does not apply if the lack of funds is due to garnishment, attachment, levy, or other lawful cause and that fact was not known to the person when the person made, drew, uttered, or delivered the check, draft, or order.*

(c) A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine.

*Section 8.* That Chapter 62, Article V, Section 62-164, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

#### Retail Fraud

A person who does any of the following in a store or in its immediate vicinity is guilty of retail fraud in the third degree, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both imprisonment and a fine:

(a) While a store is open to the public, alters, transfers, removes and replaces, conceals, or otherwise misrepresents the price at which property is offered for sale, with the intent not to pay for the property or to pay less than the price at which the property is offered for sale, if the resulting difference in price is less than \$200.00.

(b) While a store is open to the public, steals property of the store that is offered for sale at a price of less than \$200.00.

(c) With intent to defraud, obtains or attempts to obtain money or property from the store as a refund or exchange for property that was not paid for and belongs to the store, if the amount of money, or the value of the property, obtained or attempted to be obtained is less than \$200.00.

*Section 9.* That all other provisions of this Chapter of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

*Section 10. Severability.* The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

*Section 11. Repeal.* All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

*Section 12. Publication.* The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

*Section 13. Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Service learning shines in awards

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools had two of its employees showered with honors last week – Supt. Greg Baracy and Lynn Malinoff.

Baracy received the 2007 Administrator Award from the Michigan Community Service Commission for being a model of service-learning leadership, while Malinoff – who, among other things, coordinates service-learning in the district – was the recipient of the 2007 Westland ATHENA Award.

Baracy was honored for his “unwavering enthusiasm, advocacy and willingness to provide scarce financial and human resources” to service-learning which can be found in 25 schools in the district.

Described by the MCSC as “an inspiration to all,” he is credited with creating partnerships that have lead to sustainable service-learning in the district.

The ATHENA Award honors individuals who actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential and recognizes excellence, creativity and initiative in their business and profession. Malinoff has shown all that in her career and private life. She works with women who have an alcoholic in their family, mentors young educators through her work at Eastern Michigan University and has conducted parenting classes and training for mothers in John Glenn High School’s parenting program. According to Ronaale Bowman, who nominated Malinoff for the award, “her goal in life is to promote, support and educate strong, independent females in the school district and the community.”

These two awards exemplify the quality of leadership and commitment to students and staff by both Baracy and Malinoff. They are tremendous achievements that reflect the good things that are happening in the Wayne-Westland school district. We congratulate Greg Baracy and Lynn Malinoff on the receipt of these awards. We can think of no other individuals more deserving of these awards. What they have done for Wayne-Westland is a reflection of the motto: Great futures start right here.

# Tax proposals start debate over budget

Whatever direction Gov. Jennifer Granholm took toward balancing Michigan’s budget, she would have created controversy and dissent. That’s how the political process works – the executive proposes and the Legislature disposes.

Last week, Granholm followed her State of the State address with a budget that included cuts in state spending, some actuarial sleight of hand and proposals for replacement and new taxes. But even members of her own Democratic Party were cautious about her tax proposals.

Granholm and the Legislature face a delicate balancing act. On the one hand, it is important to maintain essential state services as well as create new state services to meet emerging needs, such as health care. On the other hand, the state must remain competitive with other states in the tax burden it levies on its businesses and residents.

A new Michigan Business Tax to replace the Single Business Tax, which expires at the end of this year, has been respectfully received. The proposal creates a broader based tax that eliminates the taxes on payroll and health care benefits that were so onerous in the SBT. The tax spreads across more businesses and is actually a tax cut from the SBT, to be made up by other taxes.

Granholm also proposes increased tobacco and liquor taxes, elimination of tax loopholes, an estate tax and targeted taxes. But the most controversial suggestion is the implementation of an excise tax on services. Many small service businesses are skeptical of a tax they claim would be complicated to impose and report. But many states do impose a tax on services, especially as the economy has shifted more and more toward services.

The governor has told public schools that she will not cut this year’s foundation grant, as had been anticipated, and proposes increasing the grant by \$178 per pupil for the 2007-08 school year. She also proposes increases for state colleges, for early childhood education, for tourism, for a nursing education program, for alternative energy, child welfare and removing urban blight.

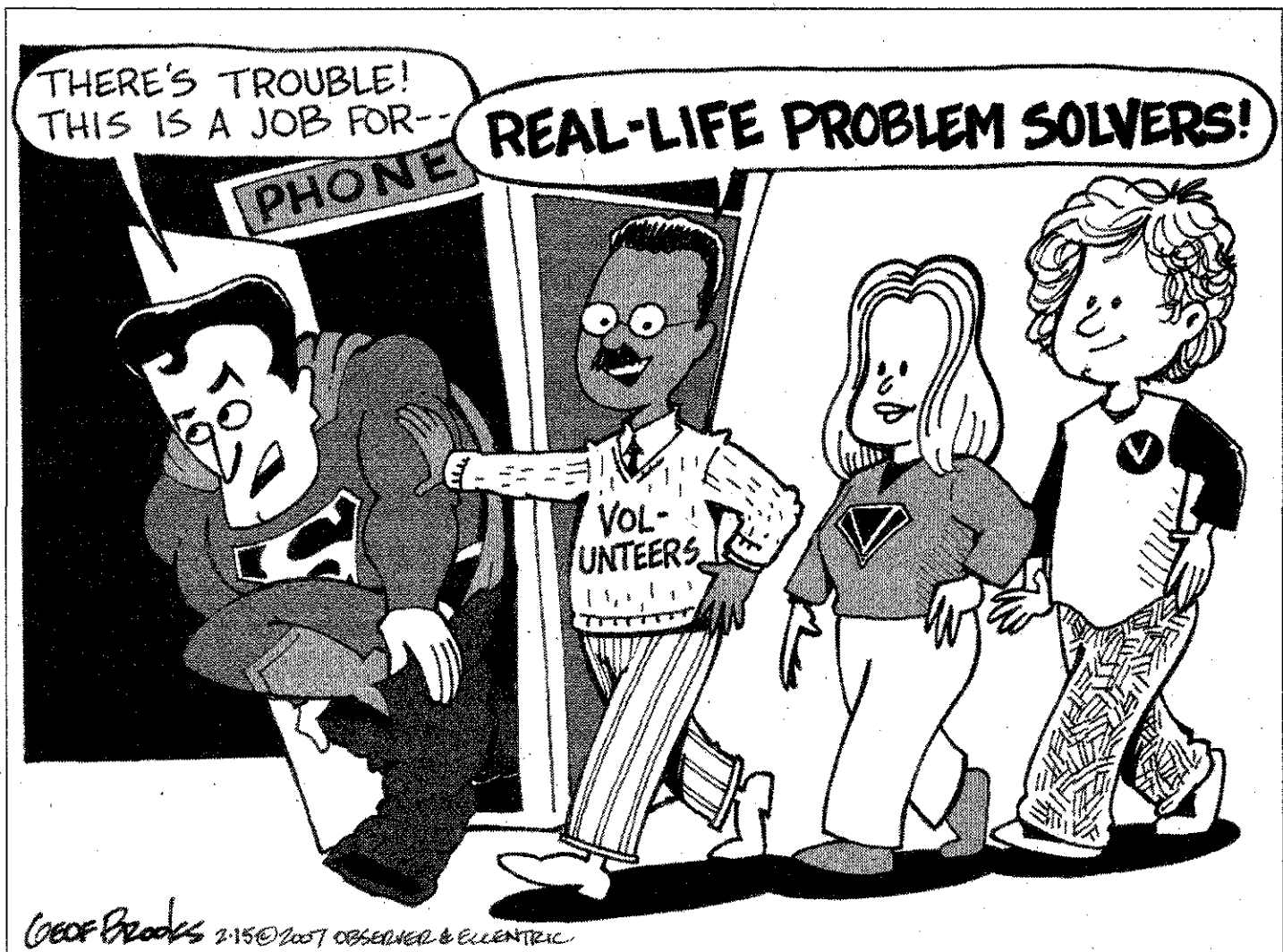
She is also proposing \$310 million in spending cuts. Leading the way in cuts would be major reforms in the state’s criminal justice system to reduce the state’s large correction’s population. Her budget calls for some major cuts in state grants, including a 50-percent cut to local libraries. And the governor has put local governments and school districts on notice that they need to consolidate services, or risk losing some state block grants.

We support the governor’s view that state spending is investing, especially in such key areas as public education, health care, security, conservation and transportation.

But we believe the governor must do a better job of defining areas where the state can make more cuts (and it can) and in defending those parts of the budget that absolutely must not be cut.

As she said, this needs to be done quickly as a crisis is looming, and she needs to make her case aggressively.

As always, we welcome reader comment.



## LETTERS

### Let's just get along

Our new black councilman did not take much time to remind people that this is Black History Month and that “you need to get to know us as we had to get to know you.” I haven’t heard the race card played in a long time in our great city, but I sure was reminded that it is still there.

I was hoping that that type of business was gone from our community but I was wrong. So let’s take a step backward and start over again and try to just get along.

Robert Williamson  
Westland

### Proud to be American

Well, I am not just sure where I should start this letter, but here goes. Last night, Feb. 7, 2007, when I went to sleep, I was a fairly happy retiree from UAW/Fords, I was happily married, I was a veteran from a long line of veterans which included the following:

My grandfather served in the Army in World War I ... Deceased.

My uncle served in the Army in World War II ... Deceased.

My father-in-law served in the Navy in World War II ... Deceased.

My oldest brother Johnny served in the Army and was in Berlin when they built the wall. ... Deceased.

I served in the Dominican Republic and in Vietnam where Agent Orange blessed me with a little cancer.

My brother Jack served in the Army in Korea. ... Deceased.

My brother Curt served in the Navy during Vietnam ... Deceased.

My brother Dennis was in the Marines off the coast of Iran during the rescue attempt of the hostages.

My brother-in-law served in the Coast Guard.

My step-brother served in the National Guard.

I was about 80 percent Democrat, I was somewhat active in my city. But when I got up Sunday morning, Feb. 8, 2007, and read the letter from Frances Meese, I found out that not only was I not an American, but I was also a Republican.

Now I don’t overly take offense at being called a Republican, but I do take offense at being told that I am not an American, and especially for the reasons stated by Meese, and that reason is that I have an opinion that disagrees with Meese.

I don’t believe in or support affirmative action. Now I never did fully believe in affirmative action but it took an African American from California to make me totally understand why I don’t support it.

Now, based on the results of the vote that did away with affirmative action, I would say that a whole lot of Democrats agree with a whole lot of Republicans that the time for affirmative action has passed.

In closing, I say to Frances Meese, thank you for waking me up a little, about how narrow-minded some Democrats are and giving me one more reason to take a better look at the Republican Party.

I also hope you and yours slept well while me and mine made it possible for you to voice your opinions without any fear of reprisals.

Roger Caldwell  
Westland citizen and an American

### Support the governor

As many of us are already aware, our state is in a pretty bad spot. On Tuesday evening, Gov. Jennifer Granholm laid out a choice for all of us: We can either invest in our people so they can succeed and our economy grow, or we can fail them and let our state fall further behind. We can’t afford the latter.

As the governor explained, these are tough times and they require tough leadership. The governor has cut more out of state government than her predecessors, but she believes government should be lean and not mean. We can’t just keep cutting.

We must support our governor in these tough times. I’m standing with her and invite you to do the same. We have to believe in Gov. Jennifer Granholm because the fact of the matter is she believes in us! She made that clear in the State of the State address as she said every citizen should be given the opportunity to build a great life in Michigan.

Times may be tough but our governor is not just sitting back letting the state unfold. She is aggressive and is doing everything in her power to diversify our economy. As citizens of Michigan, we must believe in our governor and help her fight through this crisis.

There is light at the end of the tunnel and it’s to a brighter Michigan. I can honestly say without any reservations, the people of this great state are in the extremely capable hands of Gov. Jennifer Granholm!

God bless us all, and God bless our Michigan.

Mark Blackwell  
Wayne

### A good government is ...

I’d like to let our governor and her associates know that it’s a good thing to use coercion against the bad gals and guys who violate our unalienable rights. But it is not a good thing for government to violate the unalienable rights of the good gals and guys. Because that is exactly what is causing most of the political problems in our country.

A good government understands its own nature. A good government does not violate its citizens’ unalienable rights. A good government understands it cannot protect citizens from themselves and tells them so. A good government’s services consist only of police services, military services and court services. Everything else government does now has to be cut immediately or phased out over the shortest period possible in order to have a good government.

No one group or business gets handouts from a good government. All property is privately owned in a free country and there is no government licensing of jobs, everyone lives on their own reputation. If you need a good doctor, call your friends, your relatives, *Consumers Reports*, plan ahead, buy good health care insurance, etc. A good government has health care but only for its employees and to varying degrees, depending on your type of government employment and length of your service.

A good government understands it is not a business and its place in society, and

it stays there, doing its job. A good government has open immigration as long as you are not a criminal or have a contagious disease. A good government tells immigrants what their unalienable rights are, that one’s unalienable rights don’t supersede another’s unalienable rights, that when you come here have money and a job to support yourself or someone who supports you, otherwise forget it.

A good government does not own, operate, control any business. A good government knows it cannot do its citizens’ thinking, so do your own and learn how to understand, speak and write English. In fact, it might even get you a job.

I’m betting that our government will continue going backwards because although the fix might be in, it’s not going to work. And in the long run, our government will have to change into what the Founders started but couldn’t finish because they didn’t have enough information and couldn’t live long enough. Let’s all learn to use reason to learn what has to be done.

Paul Gruchala  
Westland

### Let's warm up

Don’t be hasty in reducing global warming. Ten degrees would improve comfort levels, save energy and keep our schools open. Temperatures increased one degree in the past century. If we keep doing what we have been doing for the next 1,000 years our descendants can adjust their whims. Perhaps we can even hurry it a little.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

### Sure losers

The State of Michigan is losing money on the lottery and wishes to sell it. That figures. And the state wishes to tax us more so that it can misuse more of our money.

Since the dawn of recorded history a lottery bank, any gambling bank has never been known to lose money. Only sheer ineptness would make it possible. History is being made.

George Haddad  
Franklin

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“Times are hard enough. We’ve already had so many clients leave Michigan, it’s not even funny. Families are uprooting and leaving to find jobs. I just hope this doesn’t affect our clients and our business.”

Stylist Jeannie Asimakis about the Governor’s proposed 2-cent service tax.

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# Leaders need to communicate better on state's money crisis

Gov. Jennifer Granholm summed up our situation perfectly in the first few lines of her State of the State speech: "Tonight we are at a turning point — a decisive moment in Michigan's journey. The decisions we make in the years ahead will shape Michigan's future for decades to come."

Nobody can quarrel with that.

Though the governor was largely upbeat in her Feb. 6 speech, the facts on the ground are nothing short of scary.

The clearest and best outline of the real situation is sketched clearly in the authoritative report of her Emergency Financial Advisory Panel — a group that included two governors, two university presidents and some of the state's best leaders.

They produced a report that was inexplicably and scandalously downplayed by the major news media. Some of the findings:

■ **Fiscal crisis:** The school funding shortfall that must be resolved this month comes to \$377 million, \$224 per pupil. By September, the state must plug a \$500 million deficit in the general fund. The state faces a potential shortfall of another \$2.6 billion for the 2007-08 fiscal year, assuming the Legislature does not find a way to replace tax revenue from the now repealed Single Business Tax. All that adds up to \$3.5 billion in state services and programs promised, but without money to pay for them.

■ **Economy:** Michigan has experienced six straight years of job losses, the longest since the Great Depression. We've lost 246,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000. That's one out of every four jobs that existed as recently as when Bill Clinton was president.

The state's per-capita income is now 5 percent below the national average, the lowest point since 1933. And in the latest index of economic momentum, Michigan is dead last among all the states.

■ **State revenues:** General fund revenue is today lower in absolute dollars than in 1996 and down 15.8 percent since the start of the economic downturn in 2000. During that same period, Michigan ran up cumulative budget shortfalls of nearly \$10 billion.

Since deficits are illegal, it avoided them by using up reserves (including \$1.4 billion in rainy day funds), tapping one-time resources (\$5.4 billion) and cutting more than \$3 billion in spending.

■ **Tax cuts:** Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, Michigan has enacted tax cuts that have reduced current state revenue by \$3.2 billion per year, while local property taxes have been cut by \$5.4 billion. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Michigan ranked 25th in the nation in state and local tax revenue in 2004 as a share of personal income. We've cut taxes since then, too.

We're facing a financial train wreck.

So — what do we do? Ideologues and those in a

state of advanced denial claim cutting spending alone will do it.

That's pure nonsense. A \$3.5 billion deficit represents one in seven dollars in the general fund and the School Aid Fund combined. Cutting this much would eliminate funding for all our universities and community colleges and all mental health services. That, or it would take \$2,000 from per-pupil aid to public schools.

I've argued in the past that the state needs first to face the music and make serious, structural cuts in the way our government works and spends. We could cut the costs of our prisons by \$500 million to get in step with our neighboring states.

We could encourage, or even require, consolidation of some of the myriad expensive local government units. We could push, or even require, school districts to consolidate business office functions.

We could cut back on top-heavy health care and pension programs for public employees. We could repeal Public Act 312, which requires expensive binding arbitration in labor disputes for police and fire.

Then and only then does the state have legitimacy for changing our tax system, whether by extending the sales tax to services or making the income tax more graduated so the rich pay more.

Trouble is, not many people understand or care about how bad a fix we're in. Pollster Ed Sarpolus of EPIC/MRA says his surveys show most people have heard the state is financial trouble, but 38 percent said they have not felt any effect from the budget cuts already enacted, with another 22 percent saying they felt "only a little."

Sarpolus told Gongwer News Service, "Unless you tell how bad things are, how will people know things are so bad?"

Quite right. Our new legislative leaders, House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester Hills, are smart, interested in doing the right thing, aware of the depth of the problem. They should get together and take part in town hall meetings around the state to put the depth of our crisis in terms that Joe Six Pack can easily understand.

They should urge the governor to join them, as well. After all, who truly understands what the abstract number \$3.5 billion really means? Every Michigan citizen should have a chance to find out. For only if our citizens understand the facts will there be public pressure to find common ground to resolve our financial train wreck and lay the foundation for a better Michigan.

(The text of the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel's report is available at [www.publicsectorconsultants.com](http://www.publicsectorconsultants.com).)

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## LETTERS

### Need to protect identity

You recently had a front page article ("Garden City police unravel national identity theft case") regarding 80 identity theft victims with a financial loss of approximately \$400,000 in fraudulent charges.

The February 2007 issue of *Consumer Reports* states that more than 97 million sensitive consumer records were subject to security breaches in the past two years and the consumers are in danger of becoming identity theft victims — am I, or you, one of them?

Twenty-one states now allow residents to block access to reports from the nation's credit bureaus — and Michigan is not one of them. A freeze on your credit reports would prevent anyone from using your Social Security number and other vital information to open accounts without your knowledge. They could not get new lines of credit or get new loans, or pose as you at hospitals, get driver's licenses.

The banking industries (credit card companies, etc.) argue that you could not get an immediate loan or credit card and that it would be a great inconvenience. That is not true — you can unfreeze your credit reports within minutes once you contact the credit bureaus (Equifax, TransUnion, Experian).

I wrote to my representative, John Pastor, in Lansing and he replied that there are two pieces of legislation — House Bill 5911 referred to the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services and SB 833 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions. This correspondence was in September before the election and Mr. Pastor responded within a few days. I wrote to him again in November and have not yet received any response. These bills probably died in committee after the election, and I have no word whether they were reintroduced.

Please join me in insisting that we get the opportunity to freeze our credit before any identity theft occurs. Just being "careful" with your credit cards and Social Security card is no longer enough. Vital information on you is in many data banks and these are subject to theft and you will not be aware that your credit is being ruined and may take years to correct.

Ann Peterson  
Livonia

### Stem cell research needed

How unfortunate that Rep. McCotter voted against stem cell research. This research could help those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes. It could also help many young soldiers returning home damaged in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Nancy Lightbody  
Livonia

### Column deceptive

Reading Mr. Rosenbaum's rather "rosy" and cleverly deceptive article (in the Feb. 4 *Observer*), which is more suitable as Israeli propaganda, I was left shaking my head in total shock and incredulity!

Unlike Mr. Rosenbaum, I travel to the Holy Land along with my children every summer to visit family in our ancestral village of Beit Hanina, which is located near Jerusalem. In fact, I happen to have been born in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which the vast majority of Palestinian Muslims and Christians are forbidden from entering.

The memories and experiences of our annual pilgrimage to Palestine that my children and I come away with, contrast rather starkly with the "warm and fuzzy" description that is painted by Mr. Rosenbaum.

While Mr. Rosenbaum was able to freely travel to Jerusalem and drive "straight through" the occupied, not "disputed" West Bank, he fails to mention that he was traveling on Jewish-only highways, which are forbidden to the Palestinians whose lands these apartheid thoroughfares cut through.

Also, the realities of the "Jewish villages" that he refers to are nothing more than illegally built Jewish-only colonies which were built on stolen Palestinian lands, serviced by an extensive highway system that is off-limits to the Palestinians, which is also the reason that Mr. Rosenbaum never encountered any of the more than 700 documented checkpoints and roadblocks that strangle the fabric of Palestinian society, whereby common everyday tasks that we take for granted here in America, such as going to school, seeing a doctor, or visiting loved ones, becomes an impossibly arduous task.

Next time Mr. Rosenbaum decides to visit the Holy Land, I hope he can break away from his Israeli handlers and see the cruel realities of Israel's nefarious occupation and oppression of the Palestinians. A simple visit to the village of my birth, Beit Hanina, which is bisected by a Jewish-only highway, a 30-foot-high Israeli-constructed concrete wall imprisoning its inhabitants, and three Jewish-only colonies built on lands which were stolen from my family and the rest of its inhabitants, would be a more accurate portrayal, even though there are many Palestinian villages that are in worse shape.

I find Mr. Rosenbaum's article to be nothing more than yet another attempt to shore up Israel's image by the pro-Israeli supporters designed to counter the damning indictment of Israel and her policies by former President Jimmy Carter in his latest book, *Palestine: Peace not Apartheid*.

Mike Odettalia  
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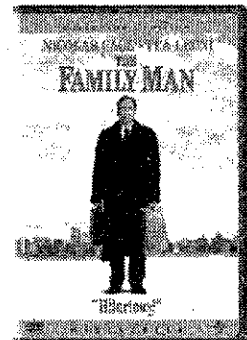
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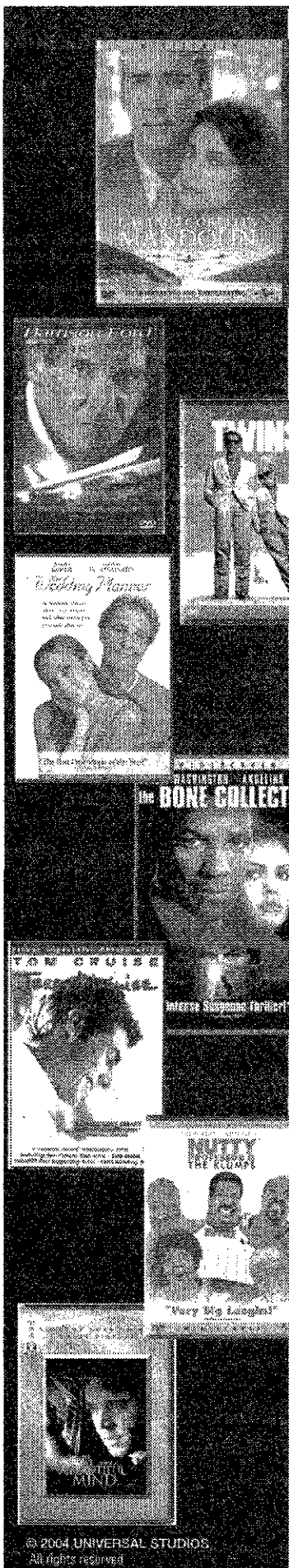
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# Biomed building will give Schoolcraft a high-tech edge

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Community college is "the place you want to be" if you're just starting a career in education, according to Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress.

"If you had to pick and choose, and were just walking into a career, you couldn't pick a better one than the community college side of the business to be in," Jeffress said in an interview Tuesday. "It has the most potential growth in education and the largest potential for social impact."

It is community colleges that will be providing a lion's share of the new, technologically savvy workforce in the years to come.

Schoolcraft is currently in the midst of constructing a major new facility to address those technological needs. A new Biomedical Technology Center is rising on the campus on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

## STEM and GRIN

When the building opens in fall 2008, it will provide a state-of-the-art facility for STEM and GRIN, acronyms for the science center curricula that will be offered. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information and nanotechnology.

Jeffress said the new facility is being designed to meet two needs. One is a burgeoning enrollment, about 33,616 this year, with 17,832 credit students. The other is a new emphasis on career education that emerged from the Cherry Commission, a state commission on higher education chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry. Jeffress served on the commission.



Jeffress

are all in this STEM and GRIN area," Jeffress said.

The 48,000-square-foot facility was designed by DSA Architects of Berkley. At a cost of \$12.5 million, the center will have 16 classrooms, four laboratories, small group gathering spaces and faculty offices. It will have labs for biomedical technology, physics/engineering and cellular and molecular biology. The center will also feature the latest in energy conservation.

The building's name suggests the importance being placed on medical education. The new building is adjacent to the applied sciences building which recently installed a new nursing laboratory.

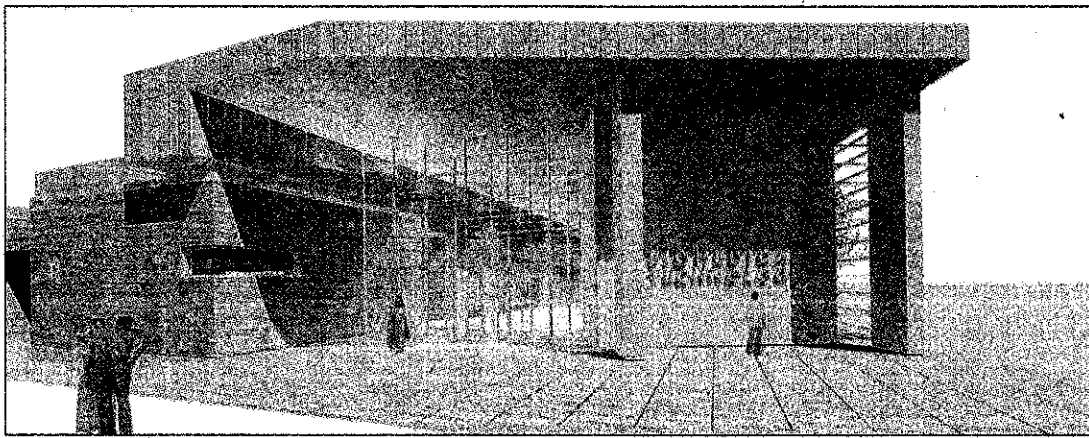
"In the state there are major shortages in nursing, major shortages in a lot of the health care areas, and this is where the community colleges have a major advantage," Jeffress said.

Enlarging the school's nursing program is another part of this emphasis on biomedical technology. The school currently has 180 students in the associate nursing program and 30 students in the one-year practical nursing program.

Last year, Jeffress proposed asking the Legislature for approval to offer a bachelor of science in nursing degree at Schoolcraft. He said the Michigan Community College Association has gone on record supporting the idea that community colleges could offer a B.S.N.

"It's not a full baccalaureate program, as you would see at

"They were pushing the notion of aligning the colleges and universities of the state with those areas of high employment and they



The Biomedical Technology building, designed by DSA Architects, will provide classroom space for math, science and health classes.



Work began last fall on Schoolcraft's new Biomedical Technology Center. Construction crews are now putting walls in place. The \$12.5 million building is scheduled to open in fall 2008.

four-year institution, just the B.S.N., because that's where we see ourselves able to move to that area," he said. "We don't have a whole lot of work to do to make that possible."

The biomedical building will ease some of the pressures caused by the boom in enrollment, but Jeffress said it has another important purpose.

## SERIOUS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

"It tells the rest of the world that you're now in this business and you're in it in a serious way," he said. "You've got bricks and mortar in place, you've done the kind of things that change not just the curriculum but how you teach the curriculum. It's not just the square footage but the particular kind of square footage you have."

He said the building will allow Schoolcraft to offer new programs in nursing and medical technology as more and more duties formerly done by physicians are handled by technicians and high-tech machines.

Schoolcraft's last major building project was the expansion of the Waterman Center into the VisTaTech center, which includes a computer

center and meeting space for businesses and the school's acclaimed culinary arts program.

Jeffress said VisTaTech has been a good source of revenue though it hasn't fully realized in potential, partly because of the area's weak economy.

"One of the things we had in mind was much greater use of that facility by companies and corporations, where we were going to be involved in the training of their employees or helping them develop some new training capacity," he said. "With the slowdown of the economy, that aspect of the business has slowed down. You still have a lot of companies coming to use the facility, but they are treating it more as a nice place to meet."

He said the building has become a "nice icon" for the campus.

## GOVERNOR'S PUSH

Community colleges continue to be a major part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's economic recovery plan. In her State of the State address, she proposed a No Worker Left Behind program that would provide a community college education for displaced workers for a limited three-year period.

"It's a good, bold move in two respects," Jeffress said. "One, it has a time limit. It tells everyone up front this will be over at some time. Two, it puts a carrot out for those still young enough to consider another career."

The governor's budget proposal calls for a 2.5 percent increase in funding for community colleges. It would allot \$11,678,200 to Schoolcraft. The budget also includes a plan to decrease the escalating cost of retirement for community colleges, in exchange for reduced appropriations.

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**BRUCE E. CRISSMAN**

Of Frankfort, died Saturday, January 20, 2007 surrounded by loving family. Bruce was born in Mt. Vernon, MI on March 13, 1913, the son of Clayton and Grace Farmer Crissman. He was raised in Rochester, MI where his family owned and operated a local pharmacy and grocery store. His family also owned large orchards and one of Bruce's earliest jobs was taking fruit to the market in Detroit. Following College at the University of Detroit, he was employed by General Motors Corp. On April 7, 1938, he married Pauline Downes of Pontiac. He moved to Frankfort with his family in 1943 to manage Pontiac Millwork Co. When the company closed in 1954, desiring to stay in Frankfort, Bruce purchased the Park Hotel and Upton Hardware. Later he leased the mill building and started his own millwork business. In 1951, Bruce and Pauline purchased property on Platte Bay on Lake Michigan. A cottage was built and become the favorite spot for the family. Over the years, wonderful times were had there with friends, children and grandchildren. Bruce was a wonderful husband and father. An excellent cook, he loved to entertain friends and family. Bruce loved Frankfort and was active in community life. He was a member and president of both the Frankfort Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board of trustees of Northwestern Michigan College. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and a life member of the Manistee Elks Lodge #250. In 1972, Bruce and Pauline moved to St. Petersburg Beach, FL but continued to spend summers on Lake Michigan until Pauline passed away. Bruce was an active retiree and also cared for Pauline throughout her illness. He became a dedicated volunteer and supporter of Hospice of Pinellas County. Bruce had many friends and was always willing to lend a hand in any way possible. In December 2003, he returned to Frankfort to be near his family. Bruce was resident at the Pines Assisted Living Center, where he received excellent care. He remained there with the help of Munson Hospice until his death. Survivors include daughter, Judy (Thomas) Twigg of Frankfort; son, Robert (Peggy) Crissman of Schoolcraft; eight grandchildren, Tom (Kendra) Twigg, Mike (Tricia) Twigg, Christine (Scott) Twigg/Kubit, Laurie (Kevin) Twigg/Korach, Greg (Dez) Twigg, Brian (Jennifer) Crissman, Phillip (Faith) Crissman and Eric (Chris) Crissman and 13 great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will be held in the summer at the site of the cottage on Lake Michigan. Memorials may be made to the Munson Hospice or Friends of Betsie Bay. The Frankfort Chapel of McElduff-Jowett Funeral Homes and Cremation Service handled the arrangements.

**DELLMER P. FARRAR**

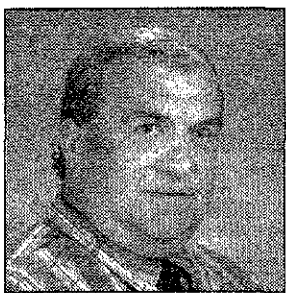
February 11, 2007, age 94, beloved wife of the late James. Dear mother of James V. Farrar and Brenda (Larry) Dolan. Grandmother of Vicki (Tim) Jasmer, Stacey Lynn (Tysen) Moore, Sean David (Emily) Farrar, Dan (Chris) Dolan, Mike (Jamie) Dolan and Jeff Dolan. Also leaves 9 great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Wednesday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Funeral services and burial to be held in Tennessee on Saturday.

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**ELLEN PATRICIA GOUGH SPARKES**

Born June 6, 1918, Paris, Ontario, Canada, passed into the hands of the Lord on Friday, February 9, 2007, Dallas, Texas to join her husband, Jack B. Sparkes, her father, Ogle Gough, her mother, Annie Gough and other family and friends who predeceased her. Ellen grew up and was educated in S.E. Michigan. It was there she met and married her husband on August 2, 1942. Shortly thereafter she moved with her husband and lived throughout the midwest and southwest during his service in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war they settled in the midwest to start their family. In the early 1950's they moved to the Dallas area where their two children were born after which she devoted her life to her family. Over the next several decades the family lived in Texas, California and S.E. Michigan, as her husband pursued his career in the automotive industry. In addition to her devotion to her family, she had many outside interests and pursuits including music, gardening, bridge, arts and crafts and especially the church and Altar Guild. Also, through the many years of her life she cultivated and maintained many deep and lasting friendships. She was known for her gentle, kind, warm and loving spirit. In addition to her son, Jay B. Sparkes of Dallas, Texas, her daughter, Julie E. Chater and son-in-law, Randolph J. Chater of Gold Canyon, AZ, she is also survived by her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Betty and Bob Galloway and many nieces, nephews and extended family members around the country and also Canada. The family wishes to express many thanks to all those who provided love, comfort and care during the last several years of her life especially Viola Record of Dallas, TX and the staff of Monticello West and Vitas hospice care. A private graveside service is planned. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice may be made if desired.

**JOHN F. BROGAN, JR.**

formerly of Livonia, Michigan died Sunday, February 11, 2007 at the Frances Georgeson Hospice House of Naples, Florida. He was predeceased by Karen M. Brogan, his beloved wife of 35 years, Born October 31, 1946 to Sally Brogan and the late John F. Brogan, Sr. in Peckville, Pennsylvania, he grew up with a knack for sports and was a proud Eagle Scout who loved camping and hiking the Appalachian Trail. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a focus in Accounting from Drexel University, and joined the Ford Motor Company. During his 33 years of dedicated service to Ford, he worked in Buffalo, New York, Dana Point, California, and Dearborn, Michigan and earned qualification as a Certified Internal Auditor. He engaged in extensive international travel, and at the time of his retirement, was the Manager of International and Corporate Staffs Audit in the General Auditor's Office. In Michigan, he volunteered financial services to St. Michael's Elementary School, Ladywood High School and Detroit Catholic Central High School. Upon retirement, he and his late wife moved to Naples to ring in the first day of the new millennium. While in Naples, he served as a board member of the Augusta Falls Homeowners Association and volunteered accounting services to Master Designer Flower Shop. He loved nothing more than spending time with his family, friends and neighbors and especially traveling with "his Kar". A devoted father, he spent many an hour cheering on his children at dance recitals, swim meets, and volleyball matches. He touched many hearts and funny bones with his caring and generous attitude and his quick wit. He leaves three loving children, John M. Brogan of le Mont-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland, Julie A. Brogan of Naples, and Kathryn E. Brogan of Detroit, Michigan. He is also survived by his mother, Sally Brogan of Clarks Green, Pennsylvania, his aunt, Elizabeth O'Connor of Jessup, Pennsylvania, his aunt, Marie Liebst of Chicago, Illinois, his sister Dr. Mary R. Brogan of Durham, Connecticut, his brother, Francis J. Brogan of Bangkok, Thailand, his brother-in-law and his wife, Kenneth and Josephine Huber, of Milford, Delaware Patricia Boyd the wife of his deceased brother-in-law Richard Huber of Naples, Florida, his nieces and nephews, many dear cousins, and numerous friends. A memorial service will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

**JOSEPH H. TOLKO**

Age 85, February 8, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Delphine (Dot). Loving father of Kimberlee Marie Ordway. Grandfather of Justin (Sarah) Lawrence and John Ordway. Great grandfather of Allie Marie Lawrence. Brother of Irving Tolko. Loved by nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation & Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Mio, Michigan.

**KATIE JUNE (SOUTHERN) CASTEEL**

Age 69, of Caledonia, peacefully went to be with the Lord, surrounded by her family on Monday, February 12, 2007. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, James Hollis Casteel; children, Cindy Figley, Jimmie Casteel, and Connie (Joe) Bosch. Funeral services for Katie were held Thursday, February 15th at Freeport United Brethren Church. Condolences may be sent online at: [www.mkdfuneralhome.com](http://www.mkdfuneralhome.com)

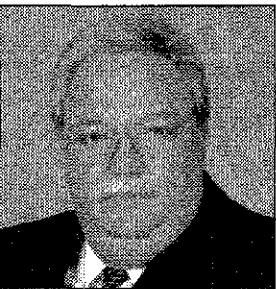
**LARRY JARED PILKINTON**

Age 68 of Redford. Beloved husband of Doreen for over 52 years. Dear father of Anne May, Larry B. and David (Lesa). Grandfather of Martin May, Keli May, Jared Pilkinton and Heather (Shane) Lakner. Eldest son of Marilyn and the late Jack. Dear brother of Terry "Mike", Brad and the late Jack (Margaret). Larry is also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Memorial Service Saturday, February 17th, 11:00 AM at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, (at Puritan), Redford, MI 48240. Those who wish to further honor Larry's memory may make contributions to New Beginning Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. (248) 474-5200. [heene-sundquist.com](http://heene-sundquist.com)

## May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

**MISS JEAN HARRIET "JEANNIE" HOSBACK**

Age 87 of Livonia, MI. Born January 13, 1920. Died February 11, 2007. Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Hosback, and precious twin sister of Miss Alice Leila Hosback, also of Livonia. resting at R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 2-9 p.m. on Thursday, February 15th and at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit, 17567 Hubbell St. at W. Outer Drive on Friday, February 16th from 12 noon until 1 p.m., the time of the funeral. Jeannie's family would especially like to thank the wonderful and caring staff members at Angela Hospice and Home Instead for helping to make her last days and hours as peaceful as possible. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Angela Hospice, The Parkinson Foundation or Westminster Church would be welcome. (Envelopes at the funeral home).

**RICHARD DUFOUR**

Age 55, February 11, 2007. Beloved husband of Debbie (Aguaño); preceded in death by loving parents John and Alice and brother Tom (Carolann); stepson of Barbara; stepbrother of Ann Marie and Susan; dear son-in-law of Guadalupe and Patricia; brother-in-law to Victoria and Paul (Clover); uncle to Vince (Nicole), Michael, Jacob and Nicole and many other loved ones. Visitation Tuesday 2-9 p.m. and Wednesday noon-9 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Scripture Service, Wednesday 7pm. Funeral Service Thursday in-state at 10 am until Mass at 10:30 at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Six Mile, Livonia. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Henry Ford Liver Transplant Emergency Needs Fund or the St. Aidan Parish World Youth Day Fund.

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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.

**FEBRUARY****Love's Secrets**

7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 and 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. The series examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, Deus Caritas Est - God is Love. Call (734) 425-5950, ext. 203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical. Read articles 1-8 before our first session.

**Religious talk**

Persecution in the Land of our Savior by Rev. Canon Naim Ateek, director of The Sabeel Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Sponsored by Friends of Sabeel-North American-Detroit Group.

**Catholic conference**

Rev. Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household, is the keynote speaker at a national conference celebrating the 40th anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Friday-Sunday, Feb. 16-18, at Detroit's Cobo Center. Cost is \$75 with one-day packages available. For more information, call (248) 593-4888 or visit [www.amazinggraceconference.com](http://www.amazinggraceconference.com).

**Recovery program**

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

**VBS preview**

Preview the offerings for this summer's Vacation Bible Schools 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. View exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, expand your skills by attending four of 20 workshops on timely topics including how to organize a VBS, plan a youth camp week, administer backyard Bible club, and make and take puppetry. Registration fee is \$35 by Jan. 17, \$40 by Feb. 13, \$45 at door, \$20 teen through college students, and includes lunch. Puppet workshop is \$25 extra. This event is non-denominational and open to the general public. Register now. Call (248) 557-5526 or [www.iceaOnline.org](http://www.iceaOnline.org).

**MAMA'S Coffeehouse**

Featuring Joel Mabus Saturday, Feb. 17, open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near the northwest corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Ruth and Max Bloomquist open. Tickets are \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Refreshments available. Call (248) 569-0965 for more information. To reserve a slot for open mic, call (248) 626-4650.

**Ministry to the Sick**

Join Msgr. John Kasza as he speaks about the church's ministry to the sick, highlighting the premise of his new book, Understanding Sacramental Healing: Anointing and Viaticum, 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Kasza's book will be available for purchase and signing. Those who are involved in any way with ministry to the sick will especially want to come. All are welcome. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

**Workshop**

Dealing with Unexpected Loss workshop presented by The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Multi-purpose room at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 474-4701. Cost: \$10; if your church does not hold a subscription. Presenter is Dr. Brun as he focuses on how caregivers can provide a sense of hope in the healing relations with their care-receivers.

**Concert**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's Music Ministry Department is excited to have the privilege to once again host the Light Metal Band Brass Quintet 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

**Brass concert**

Got the winter blues? Do you love the sound of a brass band? The Light Metal Band Brass Quintet Concert performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the sanctuary at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. They will be performing a variety of music including Classical, 19th Century American, Patriotic, Ragtime, and Jazz.

The concert is free and open to the public with a freewill offering being taken. For more information, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830 or visit the Web site at [www.christoursavior.org](http://www.christoursavior.org), or [www.light-metalband.com](http://www.light-metalband.com).

**Peacemaker series**

The six week class is designed to equip and assist Christians and their churches to respond to conflict biblically 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 to March 27, at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Hwy near Lahser, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-1020, ext. 137. Registration fee \$15. The class prepares church leaders, adults and children for peacemaking through educational resources, seminars and training, also provides conflict coaching, mediation and arbitration services to resolve church and ministry disputes, lawsuits, family divisions, and business conflicts.

**Christ on trial**

Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed, eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus, 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, and 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent, except for Maundy Thursday, April 5, when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880. Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus...for you?

**Ash Wednesday**

Pancake dinner at 5:30 p.m., service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Feb. 28 Lenten Service Project will be fun jobs around the church. (734) 464-0211.

**Lent and Easter services**

Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21, includes music, imposition of ashes and holy communion; In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 25 to April 1; Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. April 5, communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples; Community Good Friday Service noon, April 6; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April 6, an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final moments, and Easter Sunday Son-Rise Service at 8 a.m., Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-year-olds and under at both services) April 8, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860, or visit [www.nardinpark.org](http://www.nardinpark.org).

**Lenten fish fry**

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, pick-ups at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory, 13305 Grove, one block south of McNichols, one block east of Schaefer, Detroit. Lunch orders call in by 11 a.m. at (313) 342-5292. \$8 for catfish dinner, \$7 whiting, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 whiting, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.

**Vesper services**

The Council of Orthodox Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts the first in its 2007 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, call (734) 422-0010. The general public and Orthodox Christians are invited. Refreshments will be served afterward. All proceeds from the service will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia at (248) 476-3432 or [mmatsko@twm1.rccm.com](mailto:mmatsko@twm1.rccm.com). Livonia. The president of the COCC, the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Redford, presides at the service. The COCC Inter-Orthodox Choir will sing the responses during the service.

The COCC conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - March 4, at St. Stephen of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church 14235 E. 11 Mile, Warren, call (586) 7731940; March 11, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, call (248) 569-4833; March 18, at St. Michael Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford, call (313) 937-0970, and March 25, at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church 23300 W. Davison, Detroit, call (313) 533-3437.

**Church drama**

Television and film actor Frank Runyon performs in The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$20 a family. Group rates available. Call (734) 425-5950.

**Young people's ministry**

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. potluck or just come, we have food, 7 p.m. The Gathering with music, sharing, celebration, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-

1760.

**Church members wanted**

The solid Reformed Protestant doctrine and the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible may finally come together in a new church in your area. If you're interested in this type of preaching and teaching, write to Reformation Revival, P.O. Box 6156, Plymouth, MI 48170-0156 or send e-mail to [www.psalms12verse6@yahoo.com](mailto:www.psalms12verse6@yahoo.com) for more information.

**UPCOMING****Church women united**

Meets for World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

**Lenten retreat**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, Livonia. The cost is \$18, \$10 for students, faculty and staff, and includes lunch. Sponsored by Campus Ministry, the retreat theme is With Mary on the way of the Cross presented by Rev. Charles Fox, associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. To register, call (734) 432-5524 or send e-mail to [cmws@madonna.edu](mailto:cmws@madonna.edu). By Feb. 27. Walk-in registration will be accepted, the fee is \$22.

**Prim carnival night**

Family fun 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Includes carnival games, clowns, face painters, craft booths, candy making, prizes, costume parade, and a raffle for a family pack of tickets for the March 18 Music Fest Children's/family Passover concert featuring the award winning Peter and Ellen Allard. Children who come in costume will receive a special prize. Purim Carnival is free to JCC members. There is a charge for non-members, \$1 for under age three. For information, call (248) 967-4030.

**Book fair**

Scholastic Book Fair returns the evening of Friday, March 9, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Church members as well as the general public are invited to the book fair being held in conjunction with a pasta supper and magic show.

**Seminar**

Faith Baptist Church in Royal Oak host a seminar, Being Joyful in Tough Times, with Duane Cuthbertson, director of Growing Together Ministries 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Topics include Experiencing Joy That Is Full, Coping With Our Hurts, Changing Bitterness to Joy, and Curing Our Hurts. No charge but a free will offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 288-6415.

**Lenten symposium**

The Path to Sanctity 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R. Troy. Cost is \$40 per person, \$20 student. For more information, call (313) 277-8905 or (248) 625-2461, or visit the Web site at [www.holytrinityapostolate.com](http://www.holytrinityapostolate.com). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Holy Mass at 9 a.m. Featuring direct from Rome Rev. Msgr. Robert Sarno, Official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saint in Vatican City speaking on Holiness: The Way of Life.

**Organ concert**

5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-7400. There is no child care or charge for event. Concert features Tom Trenney, organist and Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church Birmingham and the popular Birmingham-First Concert Series. Reception follows.

**Cathedral Cultural Series**

Presents a concert by the award winning ensemble amarcord 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward at Trowbridge, Detroit. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and available online at <http://CathedralConcerts.tix.com>, by calling 1-800-595-411X (4849), by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope and check or money order payable to Cathedral Cultural Series, to 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202. Allow one week for delivery. Founded in 1992 by former members of St. Thomas Boys Choir, ensemble amarcord from Leipzig, focuses on music from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance to contemporary composers. Their repertoire covers all facets of vocal music from madrigals to romantic compositions and a capella arrangements of well-known songs. For more information, call (313) 865-6300 Ext. 227, or send e-mail to [CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com](mailto:CathedralConcerts@yahoo.com). Doors open at 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

**Tiny Tots Preschool**

Open registration begins March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

**TobyMac concert**

On his Portable Sounds Tour 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, March 16, at Northridge Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$22 reserved, \$18 groups of 15 plus. Call (800) 585-3737 or visit [www.startticketsplus.com](http://www.startticketsplus.com). Joining TobyMac are Thousand Foot Krutch, Building 429 and Family Force 5.

### Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860. No appointment necessary.

### ONGOING

#### Divorce recovery

Workshop 7-9:30 p.m. began Thursday, Feb. 1 and continues every Thursday for seven weeks, presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Registration closes after second week. Cost is \$30 pre-registration, \$35 at door, \$15 repeat participants with their man-

ual from previous workshop. If you're experiencing the emotional pain of divorce, no matter how recent or long ago it happened, this workshop will help you heal. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Grief support

For widowed men and women in all stages of grief, covers coping with loss of a spouse, loneliness and other issues dealing with grief, began 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 and runs for six weeks, at St. Columban Parish Center, 1775 Melton, north of I-4 Mile, between Woodward and Coolidge, Birmingham. A \$20 fee for materials is payable at first meeting. To register, call (248) 540-9848 or (586) 795-0477 by Feb. 2. Presented by Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

#### Bible study

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

#### Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, and continues for eight weeks, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

#### Sunday service

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

#### Bible study series

St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, and continuing for eight weeks, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

#### Scripture study

Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays

through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

#### Worship service

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

#### Worship services

Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

#### Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information,

call (313) 255-6330.

#### Adult literacy classes

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

#### Personal ministry

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

#### Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

#### Scripture studies

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

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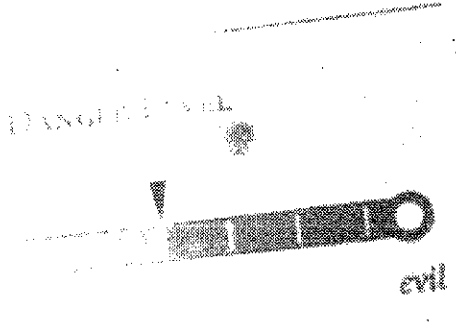
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