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**IN BRIEF**

**Sweet event**

Tickets are currently on sale for the Women of Westland's seventh annual ATHENA Chocolate Fantasy Ball which will be held 6-10 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland.

Nominated this year are Judy Ellis, director of First Step; Barbara Schimmel Marcum, director of Westland's Department of Senior Resources; Phyllis Edwards, the CEO of Bridging Communities; Jenny Johnson, public relations liaison for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools; Maria Mitter of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Programs; and Thekla Szlinis, an administrative assistant at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Tickets are \$20 each and include cocktails, appetizers, dancing and a silent auction. Space is limited, only 250 tickets will be sold. They're available at Mary Denning Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland, or by calling (734) 261-3680. They also can be ordered by e-mail from Meghan Giersdorf at [mgiersdorf@mpgenterprises.com](mailto:mgiersdorf@mpgenterprises.com) or by calling (248) 255-8241.

The ball also serves as a fundraiser for WOW's community service projects, including the Barbara Douglas Scholarship Program.

**Apply for board**

The Livonia school board is accepting applications to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Trustee Dan Lessard, who is moving out of the school district.

Applications are available on the district's website ([www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org)) or at the board office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. They can be dropped off at the board office (Attention: Jill Wozniak) through noon Monday, Feb. 21. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Interviews will be conducted the evening of Feb. 23 and Feb. 28, if necessary.

Whoever is appointed to replace Lessard will serve until after the November election results are certified. The remainder of Lessard's term, which expires in 2013, would be filled by whoever wins the November election.

Qualified applicants must be 18 years or older, a resident of Michigan for at least 30 days, a registered voter, a resident of the Livonia Public Schools school district which includes the north end of Westland and a U.S. citizen.

For more information, call Wozniak at (734) 744-2510.

**Special Olympics**

A bowling fund-raiser for Westland Special Olympics will be held 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Ave., east of Newburgh, Wayne. Registration is noon to 1 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$3 for Special Olympics athletes including three games of no tap, none equals strike bowling. There will be

**Property value declines slow in Westland**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a sign of the economic times when a 9 percent average decrease in Westland's residential property assessments is seen as a move in a positive direction.

"We had a 16 percent decrease last year, so we've gone from a double digit decrease. It has slowed down but we're not out of the woods yet," said Westland Assessor James Elrod. "This is an average. Some neighborhoods will

see some increases in value, some will see decreases."

Westland's assessment decrease falls about mid-range among Wayne County communities and slightly above the 8.7 percent average decrease county-wide. Some neighboring communities saw larger decreases like a 15.7 percent decrease in Garden City, 15.9 percent in Wayne and 11.4 percent in Dearborn Heights.

Other communities had smaller drops in property values — 1.9 percent in Canton, 4.4 percent in Inkster and

6.1 percent in Livonia.

"Some communities in other areas have not seen the decreases but southeast Michigan is so auto-driven. You've got communities (in other areas) that have not had a big foreclosure problem," said Elrod. "We've got so many starter homes — 1,000-square-foot ranches. They got a lot of people in there who couldn't afford them, they lost their jobs and were foreclosed."

Part of the reason the decline of Westland property values has slowed compared to some other communities

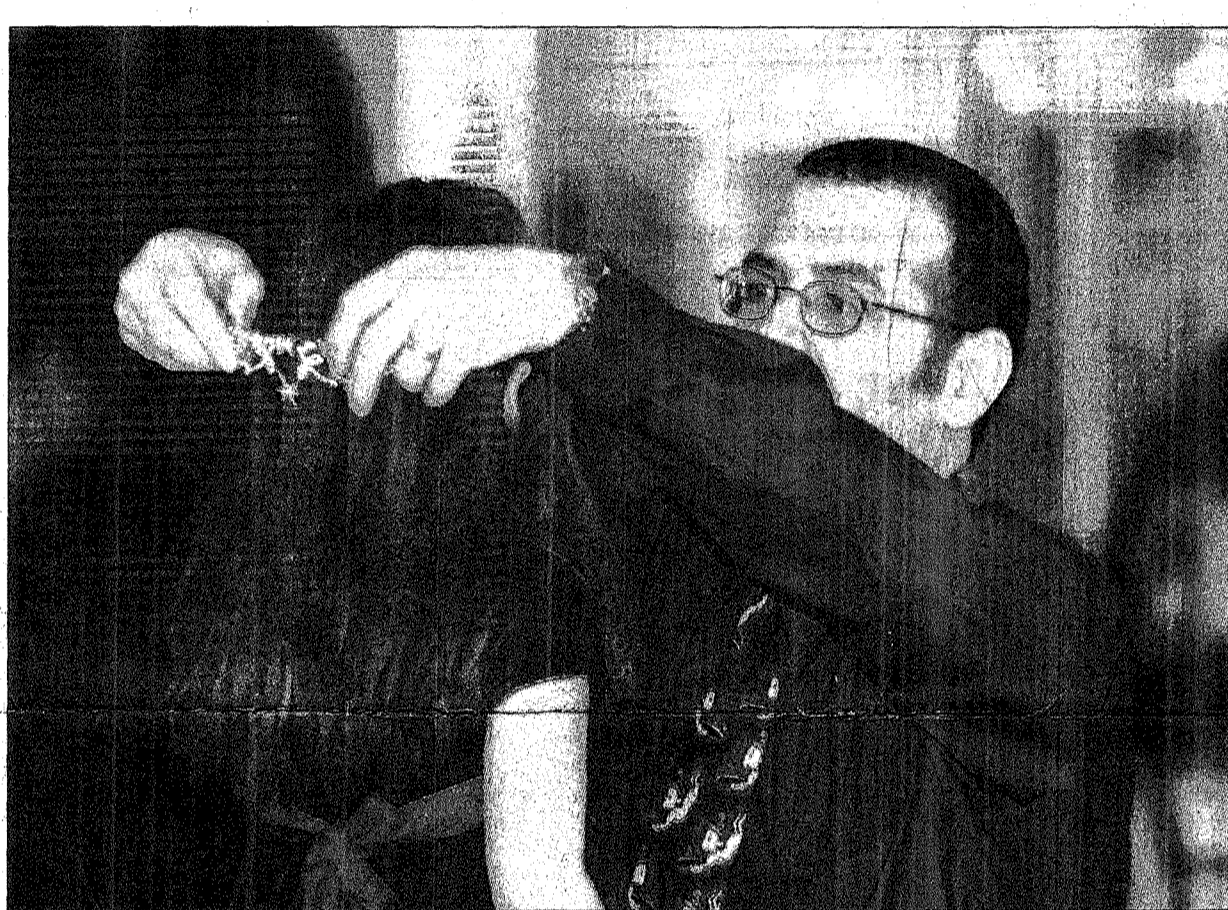
is the range of housing stock available in the city, Elrod said.

"In the early years, Westland concentrated on starter type homes. Later, they found the \$200,000 to \$350,000 homes would sell," said Elrod.

Noting that before real estate market crashed there are homes selling for \$50,000 to \$400,000 in the city, Westland Mayor William Wild agreed.

"Some communities have all their housing at one level," said Wild. "I

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**A royal engagement**

Dad Dion Angelosanto helps put a tiara on his princess, daughter Isabell, at one of two Fairy Princess Balls held Saturday at the Bailey Recreation Center. For the fairy-tale story and more photos, see Page A7.

**Mayor: Water pact a 'good compromise'**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An agreement to give suburban communities greater say in operation of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is viewed as a move in the right direction by Westland Mayor William Wild.

"Obviously, it's positive to settle it, I can definitely see both sides of the issue," he said.

The agreement to let Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties select their own representatives to the DWSD board, with appointment by Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, is part

of a settlement in a lawsuit filed by Oakland County in federal district court.

Detroit would main ownership, control and management of the DWSD and appoint four board members. Part of the agreement requires a super-majority of five votes to approve rate increases and other financial issues.

"I spoke with Mayor Bing in Washington, D.C. (at the U.S. Conference of Mayors). He doesn't dispute the problems," said Wild. "He's aware of the issues. This is a good compromise."

While water rates haven't been

approved yet, Westland is slated to see a 9 percent increase from DWSD plus an increase in fixed costs from \$5 to \$14.45 per bill and a 15 percent sewer rate increase from Wayne County.

On Monday, the Westland council will consider a 14 percent rate increase aimed at passing along the increase, paying a \$2.2 million flooding cleanup bill and bringing the strapped local water-sewer fund into the black.

Three-quarters of the DWSD customers live in the suburbans

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**W-W alternative ed director sees job as his 'reward'**

A lead teacher/building administrators with the Hillsdale Community Schools has been appointed director of Wayne-Westland's Alternative Education Program.

The Wayne-Westland school board meeting Monday evening approved the appointment of Christopher Adams.

The position had been vacant and filled by a substitute administrator for several months before Adams took over. He has been working

at the Tinkham Alternative Education Center since last week.

"I've already got my reward," said Allen of the appointment. "These are kids I enjoy working with and I say that from the bottom of my heart, not the top of my head."

A resident of Allen, Mich., Adams also has worked as a recreation director for the city of Hillsdale, as a teacher and counselor at the Montcalm School for Boys, as a science teacher with the Northwest Community Schools.

Adams has an associate of arts degree from Kellogg Community College, a bachelor of arts degree in social studies and biology from Spring Arbor College and a master of arts degree in K-12 educational leadership from Western Michigan University.

"My congratulations to Mr. Adams," said school board Trustee Carol Middel. "He's jumped right in and gotten to know the staff and the students. It's a great program and it's amazing what they accomplish there."

**Monit weighs write-in option in W-W school board election**

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board President Skip Monit is continuing to explore his options after being disqualified as a candidate in the May school election.

Pointing out that the "upcoming election is extremely important to the future of the district," Monit said he was disappointed that he "may not be there to help."

"I have looked into my options legally to challenge this decision and have determined that taking this matter to court will quite probably have a very low level of success," said Monit at Monday's school board meeting. "My last and only possibility is to run a write-in campaign. I am encouraged by the number of people who have urged me to run on this basis, but before I can finalize that decision, I have to explore the realities it will take to compete without my name on the ballot."

Monit was disqualified after submitting nominating petition containing too few signatures of registered voters in the district. State law requires a minimum of 40 signatures in school districts with populations of 10,000 or more.

Monit said he was given the "incorrect number" by the Wayne city clerk's office.

"I should have known the number needed," he said. "Since my last campaign was four years ago, I admit that I



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## WATER

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and operation of the system, including regular double digit increases, has been an issue for decades. That's in addition to corruption allegations that have resulted in federal indictments against former officials including ex-DWSD director Victor Mercado.

One person not satisfied with the settlement giving suburban communities more input is state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, who doesn't plan to drop a bill he introduced last month to regionalize control of DWSD.

Heise's bill would, among other things, eliminate the Board of Water Commissioners and create the Southeast Michigan Water Quality Authority and hire a



Heise

private company to operate the water/sewer system as a regional public utility.

"I am not backing down on my bill," Heise said. "I met with House leadership (Tuesday) and let it be clear I'm moving forward with the bill. It hasn't been slowed down or delayed in any way."

A concern for Heise is that Bing would still have to appoint board members nominated by the three counties and Detroit would still have four seats.

"It's going to be significant who (Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano) appoints," Heise said. "If he appoints a Detroit or someone who isn't aggressive, that person will be a fifth vote to go along

with the four Detroiters and undermine the super majority. A super-majority sounds like a great idea, but the Wayne County representative could undermine that."

The agreement also doesn't resolve long-term issues, said Heise, an attorney who formerly headed the Wayne County Department of Environmental and served as drain commissioner.

"It doesn't involve customer communities the way it should, and it's very dependent on the personalities involved," Heise said. "I don't know how this is going to be settled long term ... my bill addresses a lot of those issues so there's a long-term plan in place."

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# Grants add wellness program, radio upgrades to fire department

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Westland firefighters should benefit from a new wellness program funded by a \$102,000 federal grant.

The grant, along with \$14,800 to implement state-mandated radio upgrades, was awarded through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The council will have to approve a 20 percent match to receive the grants.

Following an International Association of Fire Fighters union-endorsed wellness plan, the grant would provide for a medical evaluation, peer-led fitness training and the purchase of some fitness equipment.

"The fact is, it's a dangerous job and creates hazards. There is a significantly higher rate of cardiac deaths (among firefighters) than other occupations," said Westland Deputy Fire Chief Martin Reddy. "This

wellness and fitness program combats that. You have to go from a relaxed state to fully directed in seconds."

Statistically, nationwide about 100 firefighters die on the job each year with heart attacks causing about 45 percent of those deaths. With a higher percentage death rate compared to other public safety occupations, the wellness program is aimed at helping firefighters be more fit.

"There are probably different ways to do it — it's any type of program that gets us in better shape," said Reddy. "Part of it is nutrition education and a medical evaluation. The grant provides for training six or seven firefighters as fitness trainers."

The wellness program, Reddy stressed, is to benefit firefighters and would not be used in any punitive way.

"We allow and encourage employees to exercise each day. If they have a gym membership in the city, they are allowed

to work out while on duty as long they continue to be able to respond," said Reddy. "They work 24 hours on a shift. It's ridiculous to say they can't exercise 10 or 12 days a month."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program also awarded \$14,800 to the City of Westland to implement new state mandated radio upgrades. This technology will increase firefighter safety through better communication and interoperability with the surrounding communities.

"The physical and mental demands of fire and EMS personnel are very demanding and the City of Westland is excited to implement this wellness program," said Mayor William Wild. "The upgrade in communication equipment is beneficial in protecting the residents, and we are extremely proud to receive this help to provide our residents with the best service possible."

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## MONIT

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forgot the number needed and asked for the official number from the clerk's office."

Monit said his trust that the information given was official "was in vain," adding that he found no number of signatures needed recorded on the paperwork he was given.

**FROM CITY CHARTER**

Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller acknowledges that nothing in the information given candidates indicated what was needed and that the requirement of 25 signatures comes from the Wayne City Charter. That is the number needed to run for city council. However, he declined to comment on how the wrong information was given out.

Miller did say that "the candidate is responsible for the filing process, the city

clerk verifies that the signatures are indeed registered voters and that the signature matches their voters card."

The affidavits also are sent to Wayne County as part of the process.

Miller said the petitions were submitted to the staff on Monday and the signatures were checked on Tuesday during the day. After the deadline of 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the affidavits of identity for Monit and Thomas Buckalew were faxed to Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, who is in charge of the election. It was DeHart who found that Monit had submit 29 signatures, 11 short of the 40 that was required.

The affidavits were not checked when they were submitted on Monday or before they were sent to DeHart, he said.

"The City of Wayne from the City Council to the City Manager apologize for this grievous error," Miller added.

"He is a wonderful school board member and a great asset to our community."

**DECISION TO MAKE**

Monit had planned to seek a fourth four-year term on the board, and now faces a decision on whether to run as a write-in candidate. The campaign would be far more costly and would require people to write in his proper first name of Lorne, not Skip, on the ballot.

In saying that he will continue to weigh his options, Monit said he was encouraged by the number of residents interested in filling a vacancy on the school board.

"I hope this gives us a new influx of talent and energy to help us to continue to offer the best for our kids," he said. "Many of these people have entered the election race and I would strongly suggest a closer look at each candidate before casting your vote."

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# Rotarians score with mystery dinner

It took 40 audience members to help "solve" the crime, and 230 guests to raise money to benefit Westland Youth Assistance Program and other Westland Rotary charities.

"I believe this was the best attended dinner event we have ever hosted and raised funds beyond the goals the club set," said Antoinette Martin, who organized the Rotary's Mystery Dinner Theater and Auction.

"Many thanks to all who participated and donated to make this a fun evening."

Held Saturday evening, the sold-out event featured the Murder Mystery Players who offered a light hearted play, "Murder Most Romantic." The play took place during the steak and shrimp dinners. The story line involved a Hollywood star murdered and a cast of suspects with ample motives, including a couple of jilted lovers. It took the help of the audience to figure out solve

the crime of the century and learned how the ex-wife committed the crime.

The live auction featured Dan Karrick and Greg Angelosanto, Westland deputy police chiefs, as auctioneers. A Comerica Park Detroit Tigers suite, donated by Pepsi and Toarmina's Pizza, drew \$1,200.

Other live auction items included golf at Oakland Hills and Orchard Lake Country Club, both donated by North Brothers Ford/Lincoln, flowers for a year courtesy of My Lady's Florist, dinner for four at the Lakeville Inn with limo service donated by Sam Durante of the Restaurant and Entertainment Express, and a flight to Marshall, Mich., with a \$100 Schuler's restaurant gift card, donated by Mark Neal and Schuler's Restaurant and Pub.

The annual benefit featured some 60 baskets with themes related to mysteries. Items ranged from a ride-along with

a Westland police officer to a day at the state Capitol with state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland. The latter basket also included a U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol, donated by Congressman Thaddeus McCotter.

"The fundraising dinner was well supported by the area businesses that sponsored the event and/or donated items for auction," said Martin. "The community was extremely generous in the fundraising efforts and in participating during the evening."

She added that photos of the evening can be found on the club's website, www.westland-rotary.com, under the photo gallery tab.

Westland Rotary meetings are 12:15 p.m. each Thursday at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, on Venoy south of Palmer in Westland. Guests are welcome at the lunch meetings.

## PROPERTY

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think our five-year plan had projected a 10 percent decrease, so it was a little better than anticipated. We're starting to see signs of values stabilizing."

Due to declining property values, assessors are using one-year market studies in setting assessments, Elrod said, running from Oct. 1, 2009, through Sept. 30, 2010.

"When the market levels off or has an upswing, we'll go back to the two-year study," he said. "The one-year study reflects the more current conditions. The two-year study when property values increase benefits taxpayers."

The assessment or State

Equalized Value on a home is supposed to reflect 50 percent of the property's true market value. The taxable value, on which the home is actually taxed, is capped and can only increase 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

The gap between the taxable value and the SEV could be large when values have been increasing, particularly when the someone has owned a home for a long time. Selling the home uncaps the taxable value and normally puts it at the SEV level for a new owner.

Change of assessment notices are expected to start hitting mail boxes around Feb. 25. Homeowners who aren't happy with their SEV can appeal their assessments to the annual Board of Review.

"We always get a lot of people coming to the Board

of Review. We try to educate people. We get the notices out and talk to people on the phone," said Elrod. "There are others who still think they are paying too much in taxes vs. the assessment. I determine the property value on the current market — the taxes are irrelevant."

Appointments for the Board of Review will be taken after homeowners have received their assessment notices. It's important that residents who want to appeal their assessments do their homework, Elrod said.

"You need to come in with reasons why your assessment is wrong — not just a list of other sales without knowing they were within a family or a foreclosure," said Elrod.

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### AROUND WESTLAND

**Democratic Club**

The Westland Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, between Palmer and Glenwood. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call club President Nan Melke at (734) 674-7327.

**Spaghetti dinner**

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 18. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

The center also has pinochle and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2020.

and Jelly Jar raffles. Parrots will be sold for \$30. Get the winning Parrot and pick any Live Auction item. Only 100 parrots will be sold.

Tickets on sale now at the school and parish offices. For tickets or more information, call the school at (734) 427-1680.

**Margaritaville**

St. Damian School will take a trip to Margaritaville when it holds a dinner-auction fundraiser Saturday, March 5 at the school, located in Joy Road west of Middlebelt.

The cost is \$25 per person and includes dancing, dinner catered by Helena's and live and silent auctions. There also will be a cash bar, a silent auction, live auction and 50/50

**Scrapbooking**

A scrapbooking workshop will be held 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, in Westland.

The cost is \$35 per person for a full day and \$20 per person for a half day. Vendors are available. For more information, call Karen Kopcak at (734) 634-3934 or Sandy Kopcak at (734) 721-4867 or contact them by e-mail at khollenbeck@twmi.rr.com or skopcak@comcast.net.

**VFW events**

The Romanowski VFW Post 6896 in Westland is hosting a Game Day with a Hawaiian theme is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26. Admission is \$5 per person. The games will include Euchre, Corn-Hole, Scrabble, Scattergories, Risk, Bunco, Pictionary and Wii Bowling. Bring an appetizer or snack for the snack table. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Sgt. Romanowski Post is at 28945 Joy, Westland.

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Dorothy Snedegar is all smiles for her 100th birthday party.

# Her dietary secret

## Centenarian credits ice cream every day for her longevity

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joan Ross gets a chuckle out of her mother's admission that she is stubborn. For years, Ross had been telling Dorothy Snedegar that.

But it wasn't until last year, that she fessed up and said she was.

"I'd tell her she was stubborn and she'd say no, she waited until she was 99 to admit it," said the Garden City resident.

Snedegar, who lives at Marquette House in Westland, was the guest of honor at a party earlier this month, celebrating her 100th birthday. Born on Feb. 5, 1911, in Baltimore, Md., she's "very proud" of the fact that she and the late President Ronald Reagan shared the same birth date, according to her daughter.

"She really liked Ronald Reagan," she said. "She's an amazing Christian woman, an amazing lady."

Ross describes her mother as a simple woman who has lived a full life. A high school graduate who worked for six years as a typist with Stone's Mercantile

Agency in Washington, D.C., she married "sweetheart" Fred Snedegar on Flag Day, June 14, 1934. She met Fred in Mt. Rainier where her family lived. He worked as a farmer and visited his sister, Prudence Bruffey, who lived across the street from her.

Early in their marriage, Fred worked at the White Tower and Little Tavern Hamburger Shoppes in Washington, D.C., but a visit with his sister in Detroit in September 1941 landed him a job with the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

Snedegar and their five children — "Depression babies," according to Ross — rode the train from Washington, D.C., to Detroit two months later when Fred found them a home on Plainview Avenue in Detroit. They lived there until 1958 when they moved to Dearborn Heights.

### AT-HOME MOTHER

Snedegar stayed at home and did sewing, knitting and crocheting. She made quilts for her church and clothing for her children and for years was the secretary of its Women's Missionary Association.

"She was the secretary for years," said Ross. "She used a typewriter and typed out her life story in 2001."

Snedegar was very close to Fred's family and "spent time with them each year" in Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., West



Dorothy Snedegar reads granddaughter Sarah Speckman's birthday card.



Among the guests was Joanne Sarver-Bates and her daughter Ava Sarver-Bates' father was Dorothy Snedegar's pastor for more than 40 years.

Virginia and on the family farm, also in West Virginia.

Fred was the 11th of 13 children and Snedegar said she "became like another sister to his five sisters."

"I have find memories of all

of them," she said in her memoirs.

The Snedegars also traveled back and forth to Florida 22 times to visit her parents.

When her mother died in 1972, her father came to live with them. He kept busy writing to family and friends as well as poetry and stories about his life. According to Snedegar, he did his own income taxes until 1982.

He died in 1983 at the age of 96, and five years later she lost Fred.

"We had more than 54 years of a great loving marriage and I have wonderful memories of all the times we had together," she said.

### SECRET OF LONGEVITY

The secret to her longevity is a dietary supplement she insists on having every day — ice cream, according to Ross. Of course, there's always a dish filled with candy for her to munch on.

"She never drove, she ate ice cream every day, choose beef over any other meat, and did her income taxes up until she was 97," said Ross. "She sent cards out to every relative on their birthday up until age 99."

Snedegar also reads 40-60 books a year. Her favorite genres are inspirational books and biographies. She gets her books in the mail and Ross shares those she reads with her. She even offers unsolicited reviews for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who visit her — "I don't like those ones with all that explicit sex."

"You'll still find her reading and eating her candy," she added.

And Ross's husband, Frank, helps with her care. He handles her financial affairs and picks out her dresses each day, Ross said.

In addition to her children, she has 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren — and counting. Many of them were at Marquette House for her birthday.

"She's got it all together," she added. "She loves her grandchildren and she loves to talk on the phone."

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## Wayne Metro holds Walk for Warmth

Heat for your home in the winter is one of life's basic needs for families living in Michigan. However, the need is often overlooked.

This winter, thousands of out-Wayne County families are struggling to keep warm under blankets and coats because they can't afford heat for their homes.

Stepping in to fill the gap is the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency which is holding its 15th annual Walk for Warmth Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Westland Shopping Center at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

One hundred percent of the money raised will go to help families in need, people faced with making the choice to feed their family or heat their

homes. Last year, Wayne Metro helped more than 1,000 people with utility assistance payments and still couldn't meet the demand for services.

The Walk for Warmth will be 9 a.m. to noon. People can get involved by forming a team and collecting pledges. Team information and pledge sheets are available online at [www.waynemetrolife.com](http://www.waynemetrolife.com) or by calling (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123.

Awards will be given to the youth and adult teams with the highest amount of pledges, biggest team of walkers, best team name and most team spirit.

The individual that raises the most money over \$1,000 will win the Grand Prize Boyne Highlands Lodging and Lift or Golf Package. Grand

Prize Package includes one night's hotel lodging for two in the Main Lodge at Boyne Highlands Resort and one-day unlimited lift tickets for two or one round of golf for two on choice of four Boyne Highlands golf courses.

Hundreds of people will walk to raise funds for Wayne Metro's Emergency Utility Assistance Programs. The first 300 participants to pledge \$15 or more will receive an official 2011 Walk for Warmth T-Shirt. The walk is a fun event for the entire family and includes a DJ, entertainment, face painting, door prizes and great shopping.

For more information visit the website at [www.waynemetrolife.com](http://www.waynemetrolife.com) or call (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123.

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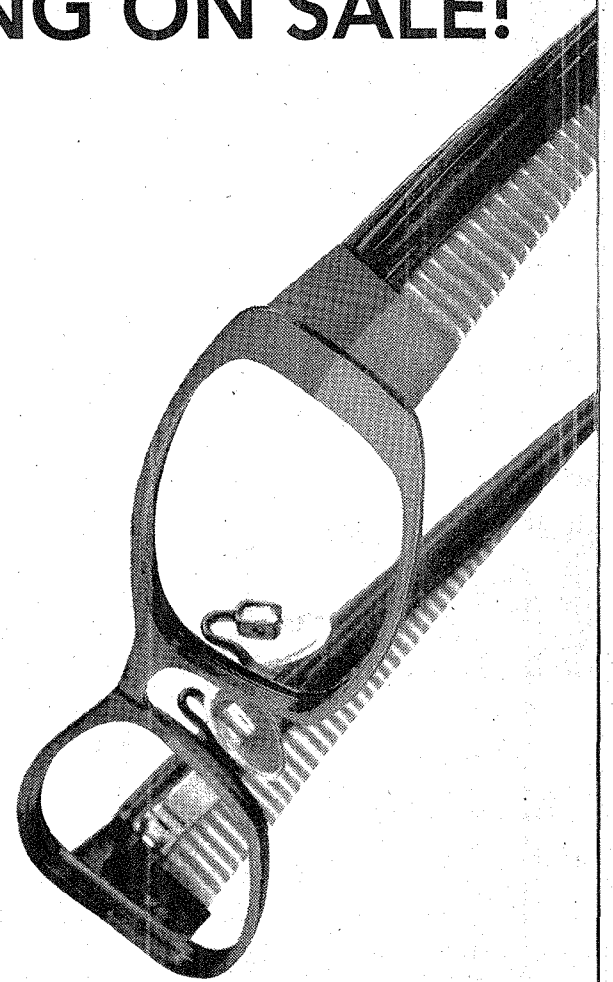
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## Man caught getting donations for bogus watch program

### Money under false pretenses

A Westland man was arrested Feb. 14 on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses after visiting homes to collect donations for a neighborhood watch program.

An elderly resident in the 38000 block of Avondale told police that man had been visiting her home regularly over a period of months seeking donations. At least one time, the woman said, she had given the man \$5.

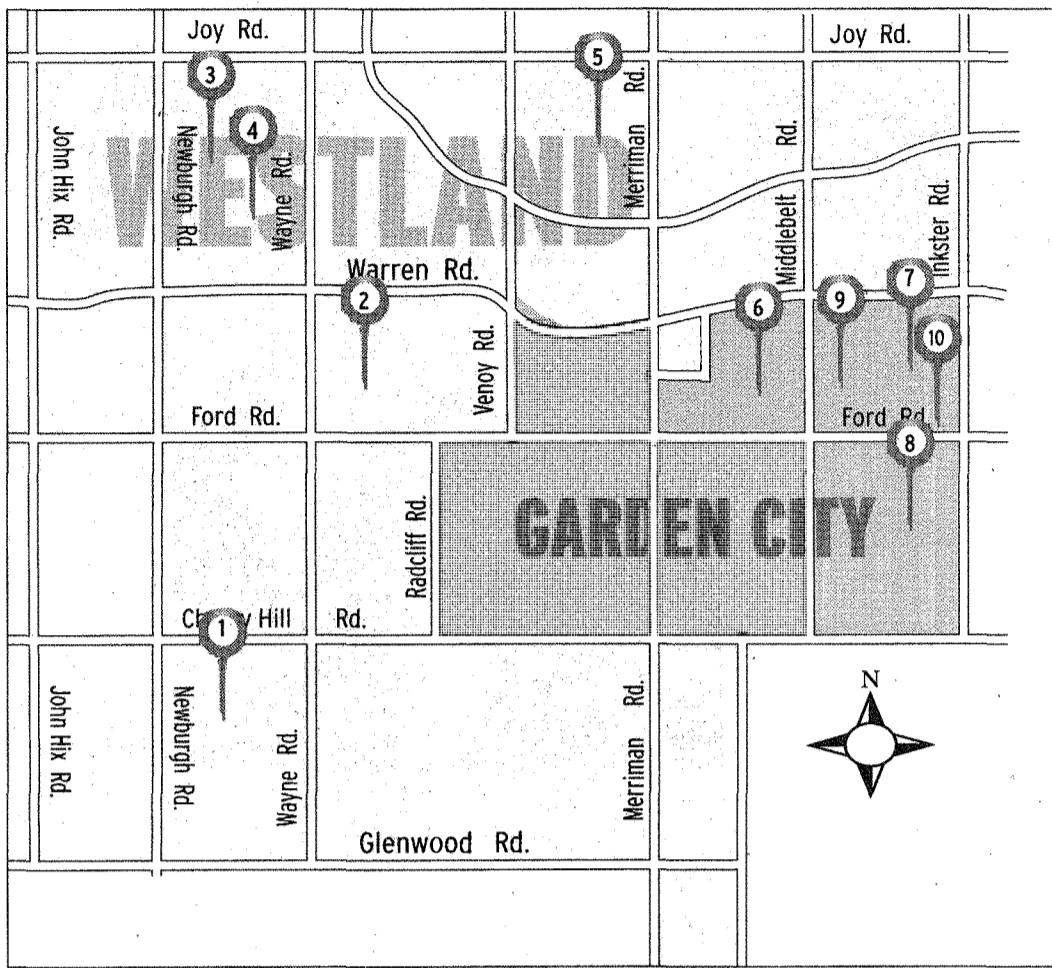
On his most recent visit, the woman said she became suspicious when she noticed the man only went to certain homes to seek donations rather than all of the nearby houses. When she called police, she was told that any city-sanctioned neighborhood watch program would not involve soliciting donations. The woman was told to call police, if she saw the man again.

The resident called police after she saw the man who apparently got money from a neighbor. She later saw the suspect and his vehicle at a house on John Hix and provided a license plate number.

Officers went to the home to speak with the registered owner of the vehicle, an 84-year-old man who denied going door-to-door seeking donations. He became irate and belligerent, the officers said, denying that his vehicle had been out of the garage that day, the officer said.

The man's son, 54, came in and out of the house, returning wearing a green jacket described by the witness the officer said. The older man told police had been out for awhile in a different car. After the officer pointed out tracks in the snow showing the car described by witnesses had been driven, the older man told the officer items he didn't recognize were on the front seat of the vehicle.

The son then told the officer that he had been driving



the car and that he operates a neighborhood watch with a few other men but denied seeking donations.

The 54-year-old was arrested on three warrants and was being turned over to Wayne police. En route, the officer drove by the 38000 block of Avondale. He said he asked the man if he wanted to stop and see if the residents would identify him as the man soliciting money.

The officer said he admitted soliciting donations and that he had obtained \$2 that day from one resident for gas money for neighborhood watch. The man, Lindsay Arthur Watts, was cited for obtaining money under false pretenses and being a repeat driver with a suspended license offender.

Talking again with residents, the officer was referred to

another neighbor who reported giving a man \$20 to pay for neighborhood watch signs.

Police reported receiving complaints dating back to last fall about someone soliciting residents on behalf of neighborhood watch and possibly visiting local businesses, as well.

### Vehicle stolen

A Westland man told police Feb. 14 that someone had stolen his 2006 Dodge Charger, valued at \$23,000, from the parking lot at the Michigan Secretary of State Office, 6090 N. Wayne Road. He said he was inside the office when the car was stolen. The man had the keys and told police the payments were current.

### Larceny

An employee at Woodbridge Pond Apartments, 7708 W. Woodbridge Circle, told police Feb. 7 that someone had stolen two air conditioning units valued at \$3,000 from the building. Two other air conditioning units were reported damaged by cutting the lines.

### Larceny

On Feb. 9, an employee at Woodland Villa Apartments, 7630 Drew Circle, told police that she and two other employees were busy showing apartments when she left her purse next to her desk. She later discovered her driver's license and credit cards missing along with \$1 in cash. Since the office was left open, she said she suspected a customer had gone through her purse while the employees were away.

### Missing pills

A resident in the 32000 block of Bertram told police that Feb. 14 that 48-66 of her prescribed Vicodin pills were missing. She said she filled the 120-pill prescription on Jan. 28 with a four pills per day dosage. She said she takes two or three pills daily but noticed she was running low.

Numerous people have keys to her home, she said, but didn't think any of them were responsible for taking the pills.

-By LeAnne Rogers

## Police locate stolen truck near Ypsilanti

### Special unit

A special police unit was expected to be created by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department following the theft and arson of a truck

### GARDEN CITY

The 2000 Dodge Ram was found in a secluded area in Ypsilanti where police said that six other vehicles have also been found burned.

The truck owner, a 26-year-old Westland man, said that he transported his girlfriend and three friends to Albert's and when he left about 9 p.m., his truck was gone. The three friends had left with another driver.

The truck owner said that besides the key which he had in his possession, he kept the spare key in a storage box that was hidden on the truck frame.

The police didn't find the spare key when they located his truck.

### Home invasion

A resident in the 28000 block of Beechwood said that someone broke into his home sometime before Feb. 11, though there were no signs of forced entry.

He told police that it is easy to enter his home by slipping something thin like a credit card at the door.

Police couldn't explain why the thief removed two wall registers, and someone also emptied the contents of a kitchen cabinet into the sink.

The police found an open briefcase on the bed. Someone had gone through the dresser drawers and jewelry was taken. The owner said that a rifle was also stolen.

The police noted in their report that the thief passed by TVs, a game system and a laptop, but took prescription medication.

The resident canceled checks and credit cards that were stolen.

### Stolen car

A Garden City resident who lives in the 2000 block of Belton said someone stole his car from the driveway about 7:30 a.m. Feb. 11.

The man said that the 2006 Honda Accord, a work vehicle, was taken between the time he went out to warm it up and let the dog in before he went

to work.

He notified his company about the loss.

### Retail fraud

An alert Kroger employee who was returning to work at the store located on Middlebelt south of Ford Feb. 10 took down the license plate number for a 2005 Ford Escape because she thought that it was suspicious when she saw a man loading cases of energy drinks into his car and the products weren't in grocery bags.

She gave the plate number to the manager who contacted the police. The manager planned to provide the police with a surveillance tape.

He told police that the shoplifter had stolen four cases of Rockstar energy drinks. The suspect left the store without paying for the items and left the cart near the main entrance and then re-entered the store. He left with another person in the car.

The police traced the license plate to a Westland address where they questioned a man who denied involvement in the incident.

### Retail fraud

The clerk at the CVS store at 27435 Ford reported that a young man carried three bottles of Tide and four bottles of fabric softener out of the store without paying for them at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 9.

An unknown customer took down his license plate number which came back to an owner in Fenton who the police planned to question. They added that the license plate did not match the proper vehicle.

The shoplifter was described as a white male, about 27-28 years old, with short blond hair and wearing a white T-shirt and black pants.

The merchandise cost almost \$70 and the store planned to provide a video.

### Suspended license

The police arrested a 41-year-old Southfield man after they learned he was driving a 1995 Chevy Camaro on a suspended license on Middlebelt, south of Warren Road.

His driving caught the officer's attention when he interfered with a truck which had the right of way.

-By Sue Buck

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**NOTICE OF GARDEN CITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on February 28, 2011 at 6:58 p.m. regarding the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds. The following projects are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012:

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low- to moderate-income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low- to moderate-income.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.
- To improve public facilities.

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\$30,000	Citywide Housing Rehabilitation
\$62,800	Removal of Architectural Barriers at Maplewood Center
\$28,800	Senior Services Coordinator
\$15,200	Planning
\$15,200	CDBG Administration

(Administration must not exceed 10% of total allocation)

The following items are contingent upon the availability of funds and may vary depending upon:

- The availability of County-wide funds for use by the City of Garden City.
- The repayment of prior Housing Rehabilitation loans through lien pay-offs.

**\$30,000** Countywide Housing Rehabilitation  
**\$ 9,500** Program Income (Housing Rehabilitation)  
**\$191,500** Total Proposed Allocation (estimate)

Everyone is encouraged to provide input regarding the proposed allocations of the CDBG program.

Documentation regarding the CDBG program is available at the Community Development Department, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734)793-1663.

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Sealed bid packages containing one (1) original bid, two (2) copies, and one (1) electronic copy will be received until 3:00 P.M. local time on **Monday, February 28, 2011** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education Office, located at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. The board will not consider or accept a bid received after this date and time. Bids received after this date and time will be returned to the bidder unopened. All bids must contain wording on the envelope / package as indicated in the RFP document.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is included in the RFP document.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

**This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate and comply with the federal Davis-Bacon Act.**

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# Press secretaries highlight Bush, Clinton presidencies

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One worked during a time of a sex scandal; another worked during a time of war.

Both of them were the faces known to a nation during the turbulent eras of the most powerful office in the world.

Mike McCurry and Dana Perino, press secretaries to President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush, discussed their years at the White House during a program Thursday at Laurel Manor in Livonia sponsored by the Michigan Political Leadership Program of Michigan State University.

McCurry said Americans still battle the same battles in resolving energy issues and education as they did 35 years ago under President Jimmy Carter, who was president when McCurry first arrived in Washington to work as a press secretary on a Senate committee. McCurry spoke about the idealism of the Baby Boomers and the generation that was going to "change the world," using government to improve the quality of life.

"We were concerned with the power of government so we decided to cut taxes," McCurry said. "That left a fundamental question: how much government do we really want and how much are we willing to pay for."

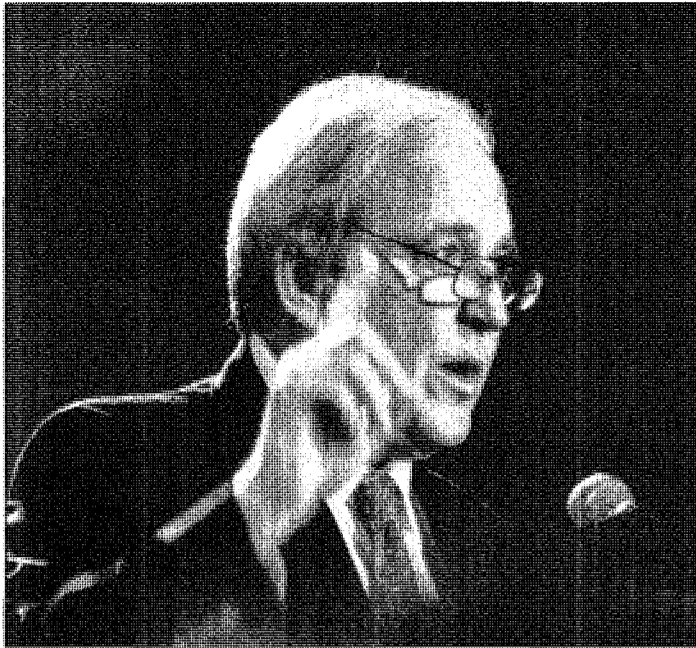
"It's much of the root cause of the division and the polarization in Washington today."

#### VOTERS SWING TO GOP

In the 2010 election, voters put 289 Republicans and 246 Democrats in office in the U.S. House of Representatives, which Perino compared to the 316 Democrats and 218 Republicans in office in the previous House. "No one saw such a change in one year since Harry Truman," Perino said.

"2012 will be an interesting year because of what happened in 2010," Perino said.

President Barack Obama



Mike McCurry asks if we as a nation are up to the challenges we face.

overreached in the first two years of his presidency, Perino said. "He had such a big majority in the House and the Senate that he ran with it," Perino said. "From a policy standpoint, he is now trying to correct that."

Americans also like the checks and balances, and they prefer it when both parties have a stake in the outcome, she added. "Crisis is a part of renewal," she said.

Both were asked about the impact of the Tea Party. Perino believed the Tea Party is "here to stay for a while," but also added that independents also placed those candidates into office. "These are not strong Republicans or Democrats; they are independents and they are a little impatient," Perino said. McCurry agreed, and added that the Tea Party "had a lot of different flavors" in it.

McCurry believes that President Obama may face a Democratic challenger if unemployment hovers around 9 percent. Perino reminded the audience that Americans usually give a president a second term.

"If you had to pin me down

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today, I would say Obama will have a second term," Perino said. "However, we don't know who the Republican candidate will be. We don't have a candidate, but we don't need one right now."

#### WHO WILL RUN?

Both were asked about their thoughts on potential presidential candidates in 2012.

Perino said former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has experience from running in the last presidential primary and raised money, but faces a challenge because of his position on health care coverage.

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels has strong support in a recent straw poll and wrote about health care in the Wall Street Journal on Thursday, Perino said, offering solutions to some of the problems with health care laws.

On the Democratic side, McCurry believes U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton "loves what she's doing now."

"She likes to work on difficult problems and digs in," McCurry said.



Dana Perino, White House press secretary under President George W. Bush.



Eric Baczyński is deputy clerk of Plymouth Township.

#### 'NO COMMENT' AND FORGIVENESS

Both spoke of the challenges they faced as press secretaries.

McCurry spoke of the pride he took as press secretary, but remembered the press turning up the heat during President Clinton's sex scandal with a White House intern.

"When it came to personal problems, there is a point where you can't be accountable for behavior you don't know about," McCurry said. If he had known about it and discussed

it, he would have been subpoenaed by an aggressive prosecutor, McCurry said.

McCurry remembered one press conference in which he was asked 130 questions. He finally responded with his infamous quote: "Look, I am double parked in the 'no comment' zone."

Perino remembers receiving phone calls about the release of Scott McClellan's book. In the book McClellan, who was press secretary from 2003-06 under Bush, accused Bush of self-deception and made other

charges.

Perino said she felt a betrayal and a personal one as she was friends with McClellan. She was worried about the public's reaction to the book.

She spoke with Bush as he was writing letters to parents of war casualties, as he had received their names that morning. "He said, 'I know you're upset with the book. I want you to forgive him,'" Perino said.

Bush told her that their jobs were more important and that they needed to "do what we were put here to do."

Perino realized that she was paralyzed with fear. "Forgiveness is a quality that I wish I could emulate more," Perino said.

Both believed that the parties can still work toward solutions. "Not everything is an argument you have to win," McCurry said. "Too much today is about beating each other up. We need to find ways to amicably disagree and roll our sleeves up."

State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, agreed with McCurry's comment that not every argument needs to be won.

"We always ask, 'What's the real issue and what is the political issue,'" Walsh said. "We always try to get to the real issue."

Walsh believes much of that will apply on Thursday when Gov. Rick Snyder releases the state budget. Walsh said budget cutting is something that state lawmakers have to do.

"Almost every aspect of government will be cut," Walsh said. "It is just a numerical reality."

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## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### Walk for Warmth

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon  
Saturday, Feb. 26

**Location:** Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will hold its 15th Annual Walk for Warmth to raise money to support families facing crisis situations. Last year, Wayne Metro helped more than 1,000 people with utility assistance payments and still couldn't meet the demand for services. Teams can get information on signing up and collecting pledges at the Wayne Metro website, [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org). There will be awards for the youth and adult teams with the highest amount of pledges, biggest team of walkers, best team name and most team spirit. The individual that raises the most money over \$1,000 will win the Grand Prize Boyne Highlands Lodging and Lift or Golf Package. Grand Prize Package includes one night's hotel lodging for two in the Main Lodge at Boyne Highlands Resort and one-day unlimited lift tickets for two or one round of golf for two on choice of four Boyne Highlands golf courses.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Wayne Metro at (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123, or online at [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org).

### Selling on eBay

**Time/Date:** 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24

**Location:** Maxwell's Arts and Treasures, 32416 Industrial, north of Ford, Garden City

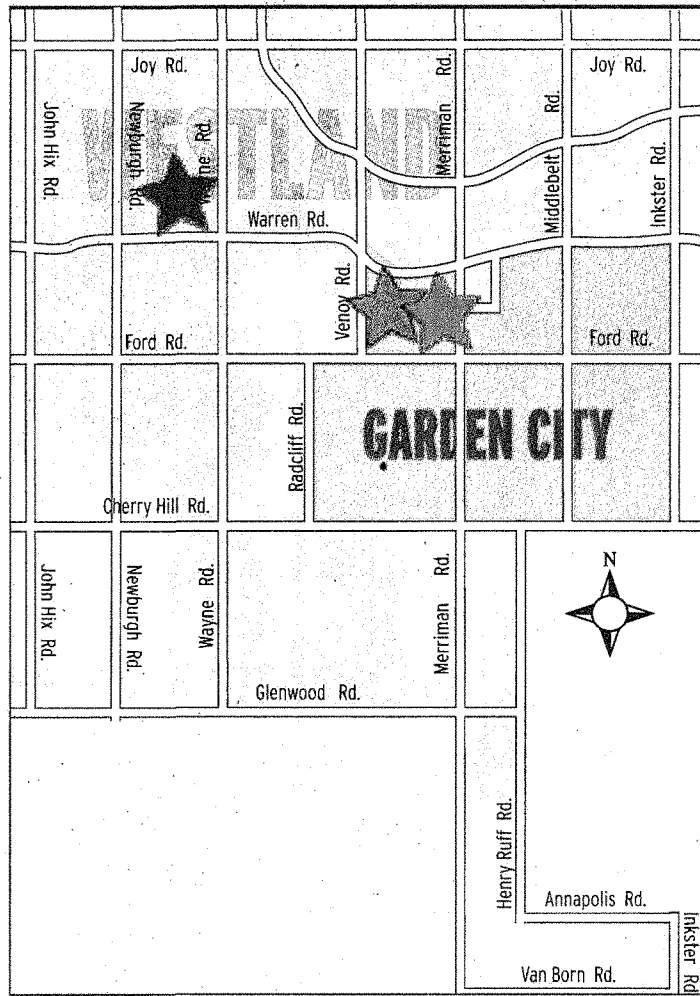
**Details:** Maxwell's is offering an eBay class on how to buy and sell online. Mark Blondy of Americana Estates will be the instructor. The cost is \$40 per person or \$20 for single parents or unemployed adults. Students need a portable or home computer with internet access to apply course concepts. **Contact:** (734) 427-5300 or by e-mail at [laura@maxwellsartandtreasures.com](mailto:laura@maxwellsartandtreasures.com)

### General store

**Time/Date:** noon-3 p.m.  
Wednesdays and Saturdays

**Location:** The Lathers General Store inside the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Looking for something different. Visit the old-fashioned general store that's a gift shop, boutique, and resale shop. It benefits the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical



Museum.

**Contact:** (734) 838-0650

### Breaking the Boundaries

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24

**Location:** Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia

**Details:** The West Suburban Area Council of Chambers' annual event brings together business professionals from the Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Greater Farmington Chamber, Lakes Area, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce for a business expo. There will be a speaker at 5 p.m. talking about "How to Work the Room" followed by the expo 5:30-7:00 p.m. Space for the expo is limited. A full table costs \$50, a half table \$25. Space is limited available on a first come, first serve basis. Appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. Cost is \$10 per person and a reservation is a must.

**Contact:** For more information, contact the Garden City Chamber at (734) 422-4448 or the Westland Chamber at (734) 326-7222 today to reserve your spot.

### Job Seekers Lab

**Time/Date:** Every Tuesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland

**Details:** Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job related activity? Stop by the library where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help.

**Contact:** (734) 326-6123 or go online to [westlandlibrary.org](http://westlandlibrary.org)

### Free Workshop

**Time/Date:** 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5

**Location:** Kresge Hall Room 1316 at Madonna University located at 36600 Schoolcraft in Livonia

**Details:** The Geriatric Care Management Network of Southeast Michigan and the Gerontology Department at Madonna University is hosting a free workshop entitled "Difficult Decision Making as Your Loved One Ages: Medical, Legal and Emotional Aspects." Topics include long term planning, advanced directives, and emotional stress. Speakers include Dr. Patricia Schmidt, medical director of In-House Hospice; Katie Graham, Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan Elder Law and Advocacy Center, and Peter Ostrow, director of The Dorothy and Peter Brown Jewish Community Adult Day Care Program. A continental breakfast is included.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Serving Seniors at (248) 375-9125.

## Hospital gives out first DAISY Award

Garden City Hospital has selected a nurse in oncology as the first recipient of a DAISY Award.

Traci Kalinski who works in oncology, being honored for her commitment to her fellow staffers and her patients.

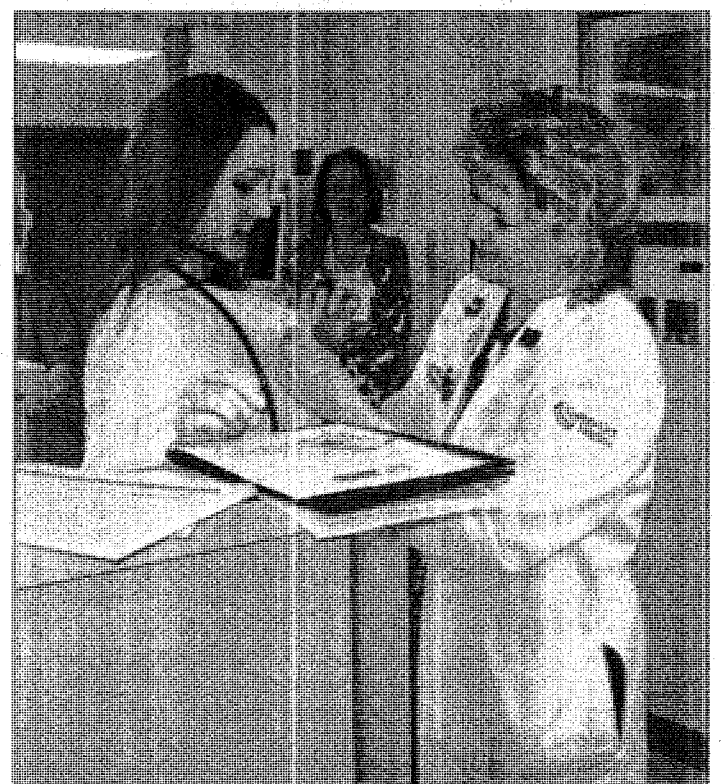
"Garden City Hospital has chosen to participate in the DAISY award program to honor extraordinary nurses who make a difference in the lives of the patients and their families," said Kathleen Urban, director of Rehabilitation Services. "These nurses are unsung heroes. Little things make a big difference for the patient. Nurses take for granted what they do, but their patients surely don't."

The award is being presented at Garden City Hospital every other month to an outstanding nurse based on nominations. The award recognizes the incredible work that nurses do every day.

The DAISY Foundation was established for the elimination of Diseases Attacking the Immune System in memory of J. Patrick Barnes by his parents who had experienced first hand the skills as well as the caring and compassion of many nurses.

Kalinski received several nominations including those from the physicians, hospital staff and patients. The nominations noted that Kalinski "has stayed many nights after her shift has ended and helped change patients, comfort patients and ambulate patients without any gripes. No one ever had to ask her to stay and help, she just did, because she knew we could use the extra hand."

"She always spends extra



Nurse Traci Kalinski gets pinned for being named Garden City Hospital's first DAISY Award winner. Kalinski was chosen based on nominations from peers, physicians and patients.

time with her patients and their families to help them feel more comfortable in every situation. She always has a smile on her face no matter what," according to another nomination. "She is a great example of an amazing nurse and I admire her for that."

One physician wrote that Kalinski is "one of the best RNs I have ever worked with, always pleasant, nice and kind to my patients. I truly believe Traci is an asset to her unit and well liked by the patients."

"Traci spends extra time each day to comfort a patient's family and help them grieve their dying family member.

She showed a lot of compassion and empathy and takes time out of her day to console them," another physician stated.

One of her patients pointed out that Kalinski was quick to respond when called.

"I was on isolation precautions for a few days and nobody seemed to want to visit me too much, Traci was the only one that didn't make me feel like a pariah," according to the patient.

Kalinski received an award certificate, sculpture and pin. Her department also shared in her honor. The staff received a treat of cinnamon buns.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Franchise award

SERVPRO earned the eighth spot in *Entrepreneur* magazine's 2011 Franchise 500 ranking, moving up one notch from its 2010 ranking. The disaster recovery and restoration franchise company also placed first in its category for the eighth consecutive year.

"This recognition from *Entrepreneur* magazine emphasizes the value of SERVPRO, not only to me, as a franchisee, but to the clients in the area that we serve," said Gary Gasser, owner of SERVPRO of Westland. "We're proud of the service that we offer to our clients, and we work hard to earn their confidence with every job we do."

SERVPRO of Westland specializes in disaster restoration, cleanup and repair services, helping to remediate fire or water damage for both commercial and residential customers. SERVPRO also offers mold remediation, carpet and upholstery cleaning and other home-maintenance and restoration services.

SERVPRO's eighth-place ranking in the 2011 Franchise 500 list represents the second consecutive year it's

earned a top-10 ranking. The *Entrepreneur* magazine rankings process begins when franchisors complete a survey and submit a Franchise Disclosure Document (FDD). Once that document has been verified by *Entrepreneur* and certain other qualifications are met, the franchisor is eligible to be considered for the rankings.

Qualifying franchisors are then ranked based on "objective, quantifiable measures of a franchise operation," according to *Entrepreneur*. Those quantifiable measures include financial strength and stability, rate of growth and system size, litigation, length of time in business, and others.

"We know that community residents turn to SERVPRO of Westland to help them return to normal after an unexpected, or even devastating, event," said Gasser. "It's both a huge responsibility and a privilege to be the service providers that they call when they need to get their life or their business back on track. SERVPRO's continued presence in *Entrepreneur's* Franchise 500 list is proof that our customers' confidence in us is well-founded."

For more information about

SERVPRO of Westland, call Gary Gasser at (734) 721-5699.

### Business growth

The Velvet Peanut Butter Company is continuing to expand and hire new employees.

"As we continue to grow, we've addressed our need for a Director of Operations" said owner Eric Bruce. "Jason Bruce will directly oversee the expansion and distribution of Velvet Peanut Butter in Michigan."

Jason is Eric Bruce's brother. His hire allows Velvet Peanut Butter to continue its efforts to expand the family business.

"Family is important to me, Michigan is important to my family," said Eric Bruce. "I am thrilled with our need to hire and that my brother has decided to join us."

Velvet Peanut Butter is now available in more than 500 Michigan grocery stores. Eric Bruce attributes the growth and success of Velvet Peanut Butter to the customers who continue to ask their local or regional grocer to carry their products. He also believes recent and future hiring needs are the direct result of customer, distributor and store support.

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Kady Krzeminski and her dad Ed trip the light fantastic to music by DJ Jason Radcliffe of Fool Around Productions.

# Princesses dance away at annual balls

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For Maggie Braden, the annual Fairy Princess Ball is her favorite event at the Bailey Recreation Center.

"I love the little girls," said Braden, the building supervisor. "There's actually girls' moms who buy them *Sleeping Beauty* costumes to wear to it."

Sixty fathers and 82 daughters attended the annual ball, held in two installments Saturday afternoon. The special princesses received goodie bags and keepsake tiaras and photos and enjoyed Fairy Godmother refreshments and a chocolate fountain provided by the Westland Jaycees.

Of course, there was plenty of Disney princess music to dance to, although when the Fool Around Productions DJ played Justin Bieber, "the dance floor was packed," said Braden, a veteran of the department's Daddy-Daughter dances.

"My dad brought me and my two sisters to the ball," she said. "We did line dancing."

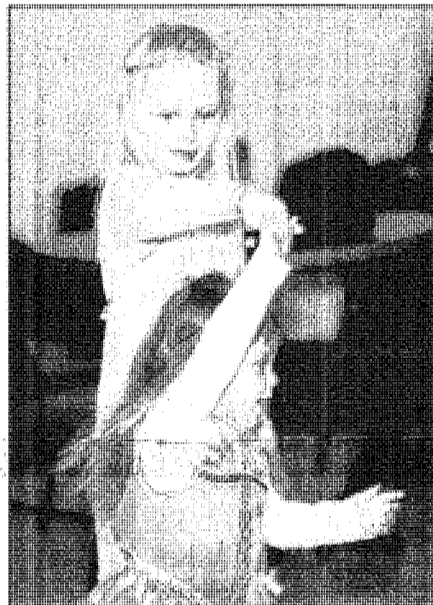
The princess ball is one of two dances the department offers for youngsters and their parents. On Friday evening, the boys got to escort their mothers to the annual Mother-Son Hoedown.

Caller Mike Brennan guided the guests through square dances and even added a twist in the music to go with a Cactus Limbo.

"It was two inflatable cactus plants with a limbo bar," said program supervisor Margaret Martin. "It was quite popular with the couples."

They also tried their luck with cowboy hat lasso, tossing a hat through a decorated Hula Hoop and into a bucket. They all received prizes, Martin said.

Like their princess counterparts, the hoedowners received keepsake photos and a goodie



Alyssa Siewinski spins her sister Brianna on the dance floor.

to take home. There also were refreshments, including an ice cream sundae bar provided by the Westland Civitans.

The hoedown has been a main stay of the dances. Brennan is in his 29th year as the caller and took over from his father who had done it for many years, Martin said.

The dances were held in the center's multipurpose room which was decorated to the nth degree for the Fairy Princess Ball, according to Braden.

"It was absolutely great," she said.

Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski was on for the balls on Saturday and was impressed.

"It's good to see the kids coming out for the balls — the little princesses for their dads," he said. "This event's been running a long time and it just keeps getting better."

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Dad Devin Hutchings spins his daughter Kennedy during last weekend's annual airy Princess Ball at the Bailey Recreation Center.



Kennedy Hassell gets dipped on the dance floor by dad Jason.



"Princess" Oliva McConas takes a break from the festivities to enjoy a cookie.

# A million served

## Mission accomplished as church packs meals for starving kids

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Omar was an 8-year-old boy who was literally starving to death.

He weighed 19 pounds. His ribs were showing and he'd lost most of his hair. The child, who lives in El Salvador, has 11 siblings and "is one of many mouths to feed" on his family's farm.

After eating just two 13-

ounce bags of food provided by the hunger relief non-profit called Feed My Starving Children, Omar made great strides. Six months later, still receiving the food, he weighed a healthy 73 pounds.

"It's one child. It's one story," said Sarah Danielson, senior team leader for Feed My Starving Children, who set up a Mobile Pack unit for some 5,000 volunteers from Plymouth Township's NorthRidge Church to pack more than 1 million meals at Whitmore Lake Middle School last weekend.

"Tonight, you have had an impact on hundreds of children," Danielson told the crowd of volunteers who showed up Saturday night for a two-hour shift. "Know that you're giving hope, rejuvenation and life to kids."

More than 1 million meals were packaged and will be sent to Haiti, Somalia and Guatemala.

NorthRidge Church had been looking for a church-wide service project to add to its long list of outreach and charity on the local level. Feed My Starving Children was suggested by a church in Chicago and after NorthRidge staff checked it out, it seemed like a perfect match.

"We wanted to provide a way for people to make a difference in the world that's outside of us," said Michael Miller, director of stewardship and outreach at NorthRidge. "We needed a reason to let the seeds of generosity grow outward."

He said it was "a little scary" when they found out they'd need 5,000 volunteers to reach their goal of packing 1 million meals.

But all 5,000 slots were filled within a week, and the church was well on its way to raising the \$190,000 needed to pay for the food. He said one little first-grade girl at the church gave \$60 when the reality set in that

there are kids around the world who don't have enough to eat.

"She may as well have given \$50,000," said Miller.

He said parents and their kids who were involved in the project were having those types of discussions, "and that's what it's all about," he said.

Volunteers worked for two hours on each of the 12 shifts last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For Nancy Farkas, of Redford Township, it was the least she could do.

"It's a short amount of time, for a lot of volume," she said. "It has a huge impact."

Volunteers scooped dried chicken powder, dried vegetables, soy and rice into the plastic bags, sealed them and packed them into boxes. By the end of the last shift, there were 1,005,048 meals packed, which will feed 2,754 kids for an entire year.

Ursula Maley, FMSC Mobile Pack supervisor, said she was impressed by the 5,000 volunteers.

"We've had such a great reception with NorthRidge," she said.

She said the million meal goal is one that's not typical, but it's been done by larger groups.

FMSC is a Christian non-profit that provides sustainable food supplies to children in 68 countries. Maley, who was born in the Philippines, said some of the food goes to feed children there, too.

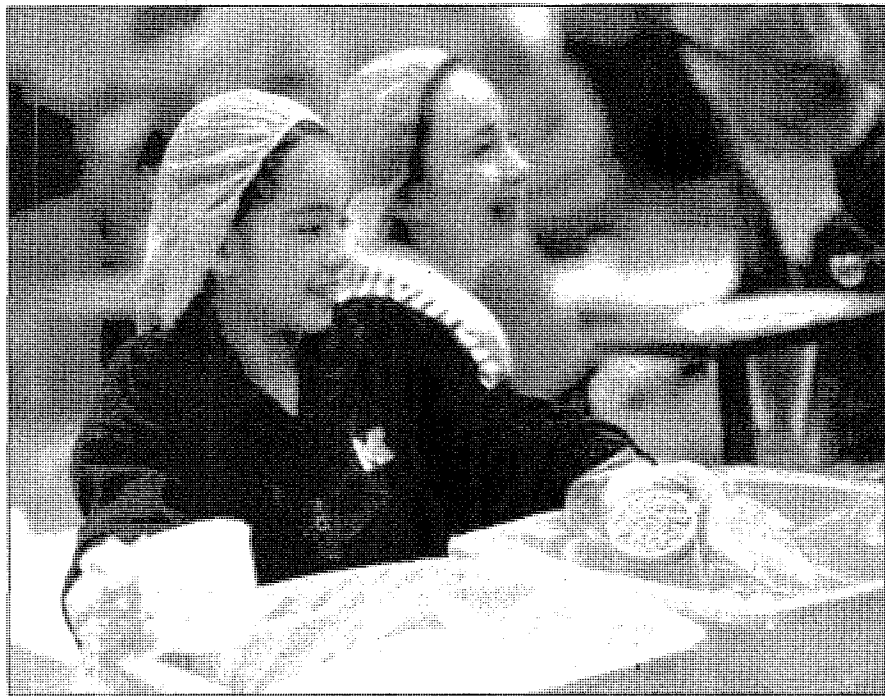
She finds her work with FMSC rewarding.

"I think it lets people know that they don't have to hand out a lot of money and they don't have to give a lot of time to make a huge difference," she said. "It's fantastic that we can show them that."

For more information about Feed My Starving Children, visit [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org).

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Volunteers young and old were on hand over the weekend as NorthRidge Church took part in the Feed My Starving Children initiative at Whitmore Lake Middle School.



PHOTOS BY MADDY BARTLETT

### ORDINANCE NO. 257

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 102 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 102-400 THROUGH 102-406 REGARDING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 102 of the Westland City Code shall be amended to include Article, VII, Sections 102-400 through 102-406, to provide as follows:

#### "Article VII. INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GREASE INTERCEPTORS

##### Sec. 102-400 Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

**Fats, oils or grease (FOG)** means any hydrocarbons, fatty acids, soaps, fats, waxes, oils, and any other nonvolatile material of animal, vegetable or mineral origin that's extractable by solvent in accordance with standard methods.

**Food Service Establishment ("FSE")** means establishments engaged in activities of preparing, serving or otherwise making available for consumption food stuffs, and which use one or more of the following preparation activities: washing, trimming or cleaning fish and/or meat, cooking by frying (all methods), baking (all methods), grilling, sautéing, rotisserie cooking, broiling (all methods) boiling, blanching, roasting, toasting, or poaching; also included are infrared heating, searing, barbecuing, and any other food preparation activity that produces a hot, non-drinkable food product. FSEs may include, but are not limited to, restaurants, hotels, taverns, bars, cafeterias, and grocery stores with on-site food preparation. Private homes where food is prepared specifically for personal consumption are not considered FSEs.

**Grease interceptor** means a device that receives drainage from fixtures and equipment with FOG-laden waste and separates and retains waterborne FOG and grease complexes prior to wastewater exiting the device and entering the sanitary sewer collection system. Grease interceptors are sometimes referred to as grease traps. A grease interceptor is commonly associated with appliances such as sinks, woks, and any other drains that collect FOG so as to prevent unreasonable accumulations of FOG from infiltrating into the sanitary sewer system and otherwise prohibiting the free flow of wastewater within such system.

##### Sec. 102-401 Design standards.

Grease interceptors shall be designed, and shall perform, in the manner provided for in Chapter 10 of the Michigan Plumbing Code, governing traps, interceptors, and separators, as such code is amended from time-to-time.

##### Sec. 102-402 Installation and maintenance.

All grease interceptors shall be properly installed and maintained in working order, and shall be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects, and shall be capable of performing the function for which such devices are designed, as specified herein. All grease interceptors shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and functional condition. The City of Westland shall be granted access to conduct on-site quarterly inspections to assure compliance with this article.

##### Sec. 102-403 Cleanout requirements.

Cleanout of grease interceptors shall be accomplished by the physical removal of accumulated FOG from the trap. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the proper disposal of all FOG generated from the cleanout process.

(a) **Frequency.** Each grease interceptor shall be cleaned out as necessary for proper functioning of the interceptor, but no less than on a quarterly basis.

(b) **Documentation.** The owner and/or operator shall maintain signed copies of all manifests evidencing proper disposal of the contents of the grease interceptor. In addition, a certification of the owner and/or operator of the FSE that includes the date, name of person performing the work, a description of the cleaning undertaken, the amount of solids and grease removed and an identification of the location of grease disposal, shall all be provided to the City's Department of Public Service upon request and in writing on the first day of December each year, reflecting all clean out activity for the year.

##### Sec. 102-404 Posting of maintenance and repair log.

All FSEs having a grease interceptor must complete a maintenance and repair log, showing the date of all maintenance completed or repairs performed, a description of maintenance and repair performed, and the identification of the person or persons who performed the maintenance and repairs on each occasion. The maintenance and repair log shall be conspicuously posted on the premises in the immediate vicinity of the grease interceptor. Such maintenance log shall be retained by the operator of the FSE for at least one year, and the current and past log records shall be made available to City inspectors during all reasonable business hours for examination.

##### Sec. 102-405 Violations and penalties.

(a) Any owner or operator of a FSE who violates any provision of this article shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall, upon a finding of responsibility, be punished by paying a fine of \$250.00. For each subsequent violation of this ordinance, the responsible person or entity shall pay a fine of not less than \$500.00.

(b) The City may also seek additional legal and/or equitable relief in the district court or by filing suit in the circuit court. The City may recover its reasonable attorneys

fees, court costs and other expenses related to enforcement activities or litigation against the person or entity found to have violated this article.

##### Sec. 102-406 Interim and emergency measures.

Considering that this article creates new obligations that will require a period of time for property owners and operators of existing establishment to make arrangements for compliance, the following shall apply:

(a) The requirement to install, maintain, and repair grease interceptors on new and existing FSEs shall apply upon the effective date of this article.

(1) **New FSEs.** On or after the effective date of this article, FSEs which are newly proposed or constructed, or existing facilities which will be expanded or renovated to include a FSE, where such establishment did not previously exist, shall be required to install, operate and maintain a grease interceptor according to the requirements contained in this article. Grease interceptors shall be installed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

(2) **Existing FSEs.** All FSEs existing within the City prior to the effective date of this article shall be permitted to operate and maintain existing grease interceptors that are in efficient operating condition. On or after the effective date of this section, the City may require an existing FSE to install, operate, and maintain a new grease interceptor that complies with the requirements of this section, or to modify or repair any noncompliant plumbing or existing interceptor within ninety (90) days of written notification by the City when any one or more of the following conditions exist:

(i) The FSE does not have a grease interceptor; or

(iii) The FSE has an undersized, irreparable, or defective grease interceptor.

(b) The obligation for cleanout and posting of maintenance logs, as required under sections 102-403 and 102-404, above, shall not be enforced against existing FSEs for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this article.

(c) Notwithstanding that enforcement of the cleanout requirements of this article shall be deferred for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this article, in the event the City determines that an FSE's failure to clean out a grease interceptor during such period is likely to result in an obstruction in the City's sanitary sewer system, the City shall send notice of the defect to the owner or operator to cure the defect within the time stated in the notice. In the event that the owner or operator fails to cure the defect, such condition is hereby declared to be a public health nuisance, and the City shall have the right, but not the obligation, to take action to clear the obstruction, in which event the property owner and the operator of the premises shall be required to reimburse the City for all its costs and expenses as set forth in subsection (d) below.

(d) Fees and reimbursement of costs.

In the event that an obstruction occurs in the City's sanitary sewer system within one hundred (100) feet from the point at which an FSE's sewer lead connects to the sewer system, or that obstruction is found to result from excess FOG discharge to the sewer system, the City shall be entitled to recover from the owner and/or operator of the responsible FSE the cost of any emergency measures necessary to remove the obstruction.

(a) **Repair Costs.** All costs associated with the repairs made by the City or its agent as part of an emergency measure, including any expense, loss, damage, penalty, attorney fees or court costs incurred by the City shall be assessed to the property owner or operator of the FSE responsible for an obstruction in the City's sewer system. In addition to the actual costs for material, equipment and labor, the City shall assess documented costs for mobilization and reasonably incurred legal costs or expenses against the responsible owner or operator.

(b) **Restoration Requirement.** After completion of the repairs made by the City or its agent as part of an emergency measure, the owner or operator of the offending FSE shall fully restore the property including, but not limited to, repair of roads, sidewalks, driveways, and landscaping. If the restoration is not made within a reasonable period of time, the City shall have the right but not the obligation to restore the property and shall assess all costs associated with the restoration to the owner or operator of the FSE responsible for the obstruction in the City's sewer system."

**Section 2.** That all other provisions of Chapter 102 of the Westland City Code, except as amended herein, 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 inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**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 upon publication.

ADOPTED: February 7, 2011  
EFFECTIVE: February 17, 2011

Publish: February 17, 2011



Packing and hauling the boxes were all part of the program for NorthRidge Church volunteers at Whitmore Lake Middle School.



Some 5,000 volunteers turned out to help NorthRidge Church meet its goal of 1 million meals packed.

### NEWS BRIEF

#### Alumni game

Join the Westland Wild Wings as they seek a win against the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in a hockey game will be played Saturday, March 12, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

The puck drops at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Kids under age 3 are free. Seating is limited to 800, so don't be slow in getting tickets. They're

available at the mayor's office in Westland City Hall, the Bailey Recreation Center and the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available for this event with a range of levels and cost. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski at (734) 722-7620 or by e-mail at [rkosowski@cityofwestland.com](mailto:rkosowski@cityofwestland.com).

Proceeds of the event will go to fund improvement to the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

#### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING MTG. 3 02/07/11

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
11: Held public hearing on MJR Theatre Brownfield proposal.  
Mtg. adj. at 6:38 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

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City Clerk, CMC

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# Come clean with IRS

Last week, the Internal Revenue Service unveiled a new taxpayer amnesty program. This program is similar to one in 2009 which was intended for taxpayers who earned income abroad and failed to report it on their tax return.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

The 2009 program, the first by the IRS, was by all accounts a success. Thousands of taxpayers signed up. The result was that hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes and penalties were collected.

The new program, although not as generous as the original plan in 2009, still allows taxpayers, who voluntarily come forward, to avoid jail. It is important to remember that U.S. taxpayers are obligated to report income on tax returns no matter where it is earned. All too often in the past, taxpayers avoided paying taxes on foreign income because that income was not reported in the same way as if it was earned here. However, because of technology and changes in laws, the risks associated with keeping money abroad have increased dramatically.

The majority of taxpayers don't keep money abroad so the amnesty program may seem relatively immaterial. However, it does bring up an interesting topic.

For most taxpayers, there are no formal amnesty programs. Therefore, if you haven't filed tax returns in the past or if you know that there were mistakes on your past returns, what should you do? Wait for contact from the IRS or voluntarily contact the agency? I believe it is always to the taxpayer's benefit to voluntarily contact the IRS.

Although there is no formal amnesty program for taxpayers who have not filed returns or have underreported income,

there is an unwritten policy. If you voluntarily come forward, it is unlikely that you will face jail time.

On the other hand, if the IRS discovers your mistake, it will be more difficult.

The IRS does put people in jail for failing to properly file a tax return. Just ask Wesley Snipes who is sitting in a federal prison.

If you know your past returns are incorrect or if you have not filed your returns, voluntarily correct your mistakes. In that regard, I don't recommend that you contact the IRS on your own. Hire a professional to work with you, someone who has dealt with the IRS in settlement issues. A professional who has experience dealing with the IRS will not be intimidated. An individual taxpayer with no experience dealing with the IRS is in a very difficult situation. It's sort of like going to court where one side has an attorney and you don't. It just doesn't make sense.

One of the amazing things that people discover when they come clean with the IRS is that they don't owe as much as they think. Many people who haven't filed past tax returns find that because of deductions and withholding taxes, they owe nothing, or very little. I was once involved in a situation where a taxpayer had not filed returns for years and it turned out he was entitled to a refund.

The law says everyone who is eligible must file a tax return. By coming clean with the IRS, you are meeting your obligations as a citizen. However, another benefit is you will be able to sleep at night.

If you have issues with the IRS, be proactive and begin the process to resolve them. Yes, you may be a little lighter in the pocket, however, you will be able to sleep at night. Good luck!

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# Friends gather Rouge stories

Friends of the Rouge, a local non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with an array of activities throughout 2011.

And the celebration is open to the public.

"One way we are celebrating our 25th anniversary is through our special blog," said Cyndi Ross, the River Restoration Program Manager for the Friends. "We are collecting stories from people about their experiences with Friends of the Rouge and about the Rouge River in general."

People who have an interesting story that they would like to share with others about time spent along the river or participating in a Friends of the

Rouge activity can submit it by e-mailing [riverrestoration@therouge.org](mailto:riverrestoration@therouge.org) with the subject line "story."

Stories submitted through the regular mail also are being accepted and can be mailed to 4901 Evergreen Road, 220 ASC, Dearborn, MI 48128. Accounts of river experiences can be read on the groups' special blog, "Celebrating 25 years" at [friendsoftherouge.wordpress.com/](http://friendsoftherouge.wordpress.com/).

The mission of the Friends of the Rouge is to promote the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

## ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-70

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 248, BY AMENDING ARTICLES XII AND XVI, BY ADDING SECTION 12.3.3(W) AND SECTIONS 16:4.1 THROUGH 16:4.4 TO INCLUDE ACCESS MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Article XII of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following provision:

**12.3.3 Detailed Information**

w. Detailed information showing nearby intersections; existing driveways on adjacent sites; proposed driveways; changes to existing access; and any information requested by the City necessary to review site access."

**Section 2.** Article XVI of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to add the following provisions:

**\*16:4 ACCESS MANAGEMENT**

**16:4.1 Intent**

The intent of access management is to improve traffic operations; reduce potential for crashes; improve pedestrian and transit environments; and preserve the vehicular carrying capacity of roads through regulations on the number, spacing, placement and design of access points (driveways and intersections).

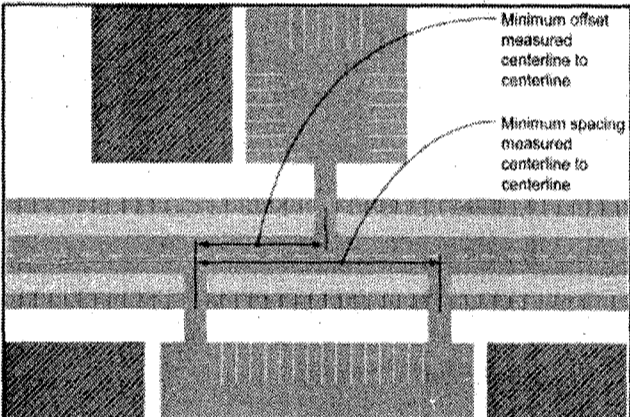
**16:4.2 Applicability**

The following applications, except those for single-family homes, duplexes or essential service facility structures, must comply with the standards in this Section:

- a. **Land Division, Subdivision or Site Condominium**  
Any land division or subdivision or site condominium development, including residential developments.
- b. **Site Plan Review.** Site changes subject to site plan review in accordance with *Section 12:1 Intent and Applicability*, changes in or expansions on sites where any of the following will result:
  - (i) Any increase in intensity of use of any building, structure, or lot through the addition of dwelling units, increase in floor area, increase in seating capacity, or through other means.
  - (ii) The amount of parking required by *Section 16:2 Off-Street Parking* will increase by 20 spaces or by more than 10%, whichever is less.
  - (iii) The existing driveway(s) does not meet current geometric engineering design standards enforced by the appropriate governing jurisdiction, as applicable.
  - (iv) The site is located along a segment that experiences congestion.
  - (v) The site is located along a segment that has experienced high crash rates.
  - (vi) Any access that is within 250 feet of a signalized intersection (measured at the edge of the right-of-way).
  - (vii) The change will increase auto trips into and out of the site by more than 25% or 50 total trips in the peak hour, as estimated using the most recent edition of the ITE Trip Generation Manual.
  - (viii) Any access that does or is expected to exceed 100 total trips per peak hour, or 1,000 total trips daily.

**16:4.3 Standards**

The following regulations of this Section shall be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council:

- a. **Compliance with Sub-Plans**  
Where specific sub-plans have been adopted, such as the Ford Road Access Management Plan, access shall generally adhere to the recommendations and standards contained therein. Where conflicts arise, the standards and specific recommendations of the plan shall prevail.
  - b. **Number of Driveways**  
The number of resulting driveways shall be the fewest necessary to provide reasonable access to the site. Each lot shall be permitted reasonable access, which may consist of an individual driveway, a shared access with an adjacent use, or access via a service drive.
  - c. **Offsets and Spacing from Intersections**  
Driveways shall be either directly aligned or spaced/offset as far from intersections as practical, especially signalized intersections. A minimum spacing or offset of 150 feet is preferred.
  - d. **Driveway Spacing**  
Access points shall be spaced as far as practical from other driveways on the same side of the road, considering the posted speed limit along the road segment. The spacing listed in Table 1 is preferred.
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**Table 1**  
Minimum Driveway Spacing\* - Same Side

Posted Speed (mph)	Driveway Spacing (in feet)	
	Arterial Road	Other Roads
25	130	90
30	185	120
35	245	150
40	300	185
45	350	230
50 +	455	275

\* Unless greater spacing is required by MDOT or Wayne County.
- e. **Driveway Offsets on Undivided Roads**  
Driveways shall be either aligned with driveways on the opposite side of the road or offset to the greatest distance practical. Consideration for weaving across travel lanes shall be given, especially where signalized intersections are present. The offsets listed in Table 2 are preferred.
  - f. **Driveway Locations on Divided Roads**  
Access points along divided roads shall be located in consideration of median crossovers. Access points shall directly align with or be offset a sufficient distance from median crossovers to allow for weaving across travel lanes and storage within the median. A minimum offset of 250 feet is preferred.
  - g. **Consideration of Adjacent Sites**  
Where the subject site adjoins land that may be developed or redeveloped in the future, the access shall be located to ensure the adjacent site(s) can also meet the access location standards in the future.
  - h. **Shared Driveways**  
Where direct access consistent with the above regulations cannot be achieved, access should be provided via a shared driveway or service drive.
  - i. **Access Design**  
Where practical given right-of-way constraints, driveways shall be designed with radii, tapers and other geometrics as determined by the appropriate governing jurisdictions that are required to minimize the impacts of inbound right turns on traffic flow.

**Table 2**  
Minimum Driveway Offset - Opposing Side

Posted Speed (mph)	Driveway Spacing (in feet)
25	255
30	325
35	425
40	525
45	630
50 +	750

**16:4.4 Administration**

Applications subject to review shall be processed according to the following:

- a. **Submittal Information**  
Along with any other information required in *Section 12:3.3 Detailed Information*, the Planning Commission and the City Council may require developments subject to review according to this Section to submit a traffic impact report, prepared by a qualified traffic engineer, to verify the need for additional driveways or to justify a modification.
- b. **Allowed Modifications**  
It is recognized that certain existing site conditions may prohibit full compliance with this Section. The City Council may, after considering the criteria in (iii) below, modify the standards of this Section in the following situations:
  - (i) The modification will allow an existing driveway to remain that does not meet the standards of this Section but that has, or is expected to have very low traffic volumes (less than 50 in- and out-bound trips per day) and is not expected to significantly impact safe traffic operations.
  - (ii) The use is expected to generate a relatively high number of trips and an additional driveway will improve overall traffic operations.
  - (iii) Practical difficulties exist on the site that make compliance unreasonable (sight distance limitations, existing development, topography, unique site configuration or shape), or existing off-site driveways make it impractical to fully comply with the standards.
  - (iv) Because of restricted turning movements or presence of a median that restricts turning movements, the driveway does not contribute to congestion or an unsafe situation.
- c. **Modification Criteria**  
The City Council may waive certain requirements of this Section upon consideration of the following:
  - (i) The proposed modification is consistent with the general intent of the standards of this ordinance.
  - (ii) The appropriate governing jurisdiction endorses the proposed access design.
  - (iii) Driveway geometrics have been improved to the extent practical to reduce impacts on traffic flow.
  - (iv) Shared access has been provided, or the applicant has demonstrated it is not practical.
  - (v) Such modification is the minimum necessary to provide reasonable access, will not impair public safety or prevent the logical development or redevelopment of adjacent sites and is not simply for convenience of the development."

**Section 3.** That all other provisions of this Article of the City of Westland Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.  
**Section 4. 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 5. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.  
**Section 6. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.  
**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Adopted: February 7, 2011  
 Effective: February 17, 2011  
 Publish: February 17, 2011

## CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 4 02/07/11

Presiding: President Godbout  
 Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
 13: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 1/18/11.  
 -Appr. req. of Liberty Tax Service to hold fundraiser on 2/12 & 2/13.  
 -Adopt Prep. Res. to support Life Remodeled Project for new construction at 32231 Oscoda Ct.  
 -Appr. Partnership Agrmnt. w/Life Remodeled Project to provide property for affordable housing for low income households.  
 -Appr. of 60 mo. lease agrmnt. w/Konica Minolta for 1 multi function scanner, fax, copier for Fire Dept.; amt. \$110.75 per mo. w/ \$1.00 buyout at lease end.  
 -Appr. K & B Asphalt contract amendment for additional \$190,000 per yr.  
 -Intro. Bud. Amend 2011-09; General Fund \$200,000.00.  
 -Adopt. Ord. 248-A-70 to amend Ord. 248, Art. XVI by adding Sec. 16:4.1 thru 16:4.4 to include Access Management Regulations.  
 -Adopt. Ord. 257 to amend Ch. 102 of the City Code by adding Art. VII, Sec. 102-400 thru 102-406 re. installation & maintenance of grease interceptors.  
 14: Intro. Ord. 29-W-26-19 to amend Ch. 46, Sec. 46-1(48), 46-1(49)c, & 46-1(49)d to amend rates for municipal water & sewer.  
 15: Adopt. Prep. Resolution to approve MJR Theatres Brownfield Plan & Reimbursement Agrmnt.  
 16: Appr. MJR Theatres Brownfield Plan & Reimbursement Agreement.  
 17: Appr. Rev. Site Plan for prop. addition to Skone's Place, 175 S. Venoy w/contingencies.  
 18: Appr. to change 3 polling place locations.  
 19: Conf. re-appt of N. Brazier to Planning Comm. for 3 yr. term to exp. 2/19/14.  
 20: Conf. appt of M. Neal to Library Bd. to fill an exp. term to exp. 2/6/16.  
 21: Appr. checklist: \$806,349.34 & Prepaid: \$8,038,084.56.  
 Mtg. adj. at 8:58 p.m.  
 Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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### OUR VIEWS

## Paying the bill

### Water rates, Belfor need separate votes

When it comes to water rates, it's a no-win situation, a Catch-22 for sure.

We have to have water to survive. We rely on it to flush toilets, take baths and showers, run washing machines and dishwashers. We've come to expect clean, fresh water when we turn on the spigot, but we're not happy when we see how much that gallon of water costs us.

We have to face it. Even with the announcement of a settlement in a decades-long lawsuit involving the Detroit Water and Sewer Board, we really have no control over what we pay for our water and the related sewer rates. In the past, Westland has tried to soften the blow of rates passed down by Detroit by charging residents less. When the charges were excessive, officials encouraged residents to conserve and even instituted odd-even watering in the summer months.

But for every action there is a reaction, and while conservation keeps water usage down, it means less money flowing into the Water and Sewer Fund. The 3-4-percent rate hikes in the early 2000s are being replaced with double-digit hikes.

The same is true of the \$2.1 million bill from Belfor for helping to clean up flooded homes last June. The recently introduced water-sewer rate ordinance includes Belfor's bill. It's been proposed that the fund pay it over a four-year period.

The bill is included in the ordinance because the flooding has been deemed "a sewer event," but several residents see the rate hike and the Belfor bill as two separate issues that need to be dealt with individually not collectively. Councilman Bill Johnson sees it the same way, but goes on to say that the city also should negotiate to get the bill lowered.

We can see the residents' point. Everything is costing more at a time when money is getting tighter. Last year, their taxes increased even as the value of their homes decreased to finance the early retirements in the police and fire departments. They also incurred a 16.2 percent increase in water and sewer rates. This year, it's more than 14 percent for water and that doesn't include a 15 percent hike in sewer rates from Wayne County and a nearly tripling of fixed-rate costs the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department began adding to bills last year in response to lower water usage.

Belfor is a bill that has to be dealt with, pure and simple, and while Johnson's suggestion of negotiating to lower the bill sounds good, that should have been done seven months ago, not now.

We believe the city needs to pay the bill and the decision should be separate from the rate ordinance. We also believe going forward that city officials need to develop a policy as to what it will and won't do in flooding situations.

While what Mayor William Wild did to help the affected homeowners was a noble action, it has set a precedent. If the city doesn't want more multimillion-dollar cleanup bills or angry homeowners wanting the same kind of cleanup, it needs to be specific about what it will do in the future and who or what will shoulder the cost. Without it, the city and taxpayers will face even more Belfors.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### What's your favorite TV show?

We asked this question at the Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



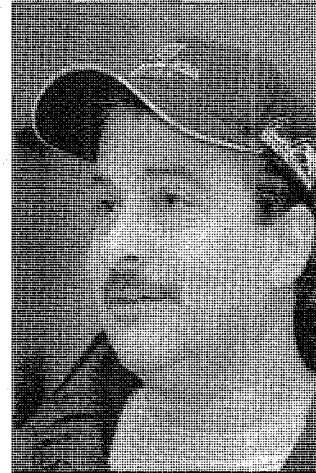
"'Jeopardy.' We watch it every day. People know not to call when it's on."

JoAnn Porth  
Garden City



"'(Law & Order) SVU - Special Victims Unit.' I know Mariska Hargitay, she's a friend of ours. She's my daughter's godmother."

Gene Puleci  
Plymouth



"'Discovery.' They show you things you can learn about and information. Plus my son likes it."

Silvio Scappaticci  
South Lyon



"The 'King of Queens.'"

Dianna Curlee  
Wayne

### LETTERS

#### Real reason for increase

My wife and I are 39-year residents of Westland. In years past, the reason we were given for water rates going up were to encourage water conservation. Now we're being told the real reason. Not selling enough water thus they're not making enough money.

So much for the water conservation malarkey.

Kirk and Deb Carson  
Westland

#### What letter meant

This is the only response I will make to "Luv's Westland":

Whether I am criticizing or praising something or someone, my name will always be at the end of the letter, not hiding in the shadows or under a rock of a fictitious name.

As for knowing what the squirrel may be thinking ... I just looked up at that point and thought that might be what was happening in its thoughts. Like you calling yourself "Luv's Westland." I could surmise from that that you are into tennis. You know, whacking your balls around with a racquet, or the unofficial was you spelled love. Is it because you didn't go very far in school? That would just be a guess.

As for stuffing the cat 60 feet up in a fork of a tree, I know a couple of people in city government that seemed to be out of touch with reality. Maybe you can get them to help you with your 60-foot ladder. Ease up with the racquet, you could hurt yourself.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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So that you understand, the letter was to praise the great firefighters we have in Westland. They save lives and can still find the time and compassion to help an old man get a cat out of a tree.

Jim Davis  
Westland

#### Maintenance and warranties

It is a common misconception that only car dealers can perform the maintenance services on a newer vehicle that is under warranty. That is not so, according to the recent consumer alert issued by the Federal Trade

Commission (FTC).

The alert states that "It's illegal for a dealer to deny your warranty coverage simply because you had routine maintenance or repairs performed by someone else. Routine maintenance often includes oil changes, tire rotations, belt replacement, fluid checks and flushes, new brake pads and inspections."

The FTC is very clear on the issue. Consumers can have maintenance services performed by their local independent repair shop or even do the work themselves without affecting the warranty, even if dealers and manufacturers suggest the opposite.

It is also important to note that using aftermarket parts does not void the warranty. Consumers are protected by the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, enforced by FTC, which prohibits a manufacturer from voiding the vehicle warranty because service was done by a nondealer.

When using a nondealer, independent aftermarket shop to maintain your vehicle, the council strongly recommends keeping records and receipts for all maintenance that is done to the vehicle and adhering to scheduled maintenance requirements. If a warranty claim arises, these records will provide proof that maintenance has been done in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations and requirements.

Rich White  
executive director  
Car Care Council

### ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

#### The issue: Council considers water rate hike

"Auditors Plante Moran had noted that the water and sewer fund is an enterprise fund, which means it should be self-supporting and relying on transfers from other funds."

Really? Well the how in the heck was all the money drained from this fund when Cicirelli was mayor? I remember LeBlanc saying it was wrong but the auditors said it was OK.

Looks like once again the city pulled the wool over our eyes.  
Rubber\_Stamp

What do you mean by "the money being drained from this fund"?

The money was "drained" from the fund, by NOT raising rates - when they should have been raised in the past.

The past mayors refused to keep the fund healthy by raising rates to cover the expenses besides just the increases from Detroit. Millions have been used on federal mandated projects and water main repairs. These were all paid for by draining the fund balance and borrowing money from the general fund.

There was no "wool to pull" over anyone's eyes, except the courage it would have took to raise rates annually, instead of keeping them artificially low. This is what was reported for several years by Plante & Moran and then discovered by Moody's, and that is why the bond rating dropped. The water sewer fund is an Enterprise fund that is supposed to be self-sustaining and not take transfers from the general fund - or use money from other sources (like Taylor Towers) to pay the bills.

Water/sewer rates are required to reflect the TOTAL cost of doing business with ANYTHING to do with water/sewer costs, including the bill to Detroit, repairs, maintenance, federal projects, flooding (which are storm drains), and all employee costs.

50yrsinWestland

### GUEST COLUMN

## One WAY to transform public education

With the election of Michigan Gov. Rick "the Nerd" Snyder, the new buzz word across the state is "re-invention."

Two educators, Beth Baker and Glen Taylor, have been working in the trenches to "re-invent"/ transform public education and have created a new learning model that both engages and educates kids.



Tom Watkins

NO WAY, you might say? WAY! That is, The WAY Program at www.wayprogram.net.

Baker and Taylor, The Way Program creators and co-directors, are finding new pathways to success. As a new learning team, they now are transforming classrooms, creating electronic learning communities, helping to add value and make a difference in the lives of children - many of whom have not previously succeeded in Michigan's traditional public schools.

The WAY Program is a personalized learning experience for struggling high school students. WAY offers an alternative approach to education, one that encourages self-esteem, independence and the development of 21st century skills which will facilitate workplace and college readiness.

Students in the WAY Program become "researchers" - on track to receive a high school diploma. Each "researcher," equipped with an iMac computer work-

station and Internet connectivity, is then able to become an anytime, anyplace learner. The WAY Program promises to break down the walls of learning and create a pathway for success for young people who traditionally have not been able to manage education within the walls of our traditional public schools.

#### PERSONALIZED LEARNING

The WAY Program combines project-based, personalized, online learning experiences with face-to-face teacher and mentor interaction. The staff provide 24/7 support all year long. Learning does not end at the close of a six-hour school day.

The success of The WAY Program is continuing to grow and parents and other educators are asking Glen and Beth to bring the program to their communities across Michigan and the country.

Beth Baker, the WAY Program co-director said, "WAY allows students to find their own pathway to success while upholding high academic expectations." Her counterpart, Glen Taylor, echoed: "It is uplifting to see students that have dropped or been pushed out of school come to WAY - ready to learn!"

In "Exploring E-learning Reforms for Michigan: The New Education (R)evolution," (www.inacol.org/research/doc/e-learning-report.pdf), a 2005 report I wrote after leaving my post as Michigan's State Superintendent of Schools, I spelled out the value of har-

nessing technology to benefit learning.

Beth Baker and Glen Taylor, through the development of The WAY Program, have made these ideas come alive for nearly 1,000 Michigan students and the idea is spreading across the country.

#### SAVING MONEY

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy recently released "Virtual Learning in Michigan Schools," the most comprehensive report to date on virtual learning. The report concludes that new virtual learning models, while not appropriate for every child, can produce quality learning and also "save taxpayer money."

Gov. Snyder promised during his State of the State Address to deliver a special message on education to the Legislature in April. It couldn't be more timely.

The ticket to making Michigan competitive again is not in reforming public education - but in TRANSFORMING it. It would be advisable to consult with educators like those engaged with The WAY Program to do just that.

Innovation, technology and creativity are needed to help re-invent Michigan and our public schools - and Baker and Taylor are helping lead "The Way!"

Tom Watkins is an award-winning writer and international education business and educational consultant. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, FL, 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

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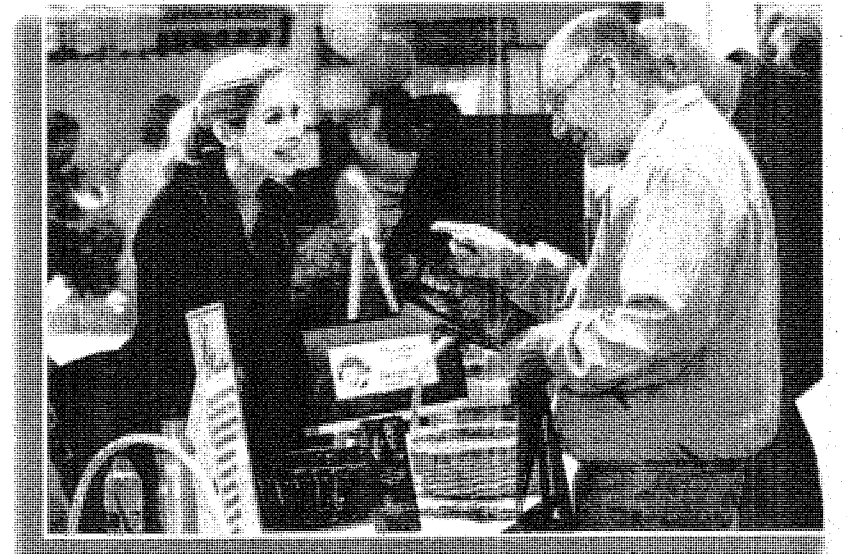
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# There's plenty to do during mid-winter break

The William P. Faust Public Library and the Westland Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of programs for children of all ages during the schools' mid-winter break, Feb. 20-27.

On tap are:

• Monday, Feb. 21 — Bowling party 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. The cost is \$5 per person and includes three games, a hot dog and soft drink. It's open to kids 5-14 years old and parents are encouraged to participate.

• Tuesday, Feb. 22 — Fun Start Carnival Tennis Camp for youngsters 6-10 years old. The camp costs \$50 per person and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All equipment is provided and youngsters should wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing

as well as bringing a packed lunch.

• Wednesday, Feb. 23 — Zumbatomics 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for kids ages 6-12. The cost is \$7 per person or \$6 per person for groups of five or more.

A Rockers Soccer Clinic for kids 6-14 will be held 1-3 p.m. at a cost of \$16 per person or \$15 per person for groups of five or more.

As a special offer, youngsters can sign up for both Zumbatomics and the soccer clinic for \$20 per person.

• Thursday, Feb. 24 — Learn to skate 12:30-1 p.m. at Mike Modano Arena Wildwood at Hunter. The lesson will be followed by open skating 1-2 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person and the program is open to young-

sters ages 6-12.

• Friday, Feb. 25 — High Velocity Ballers Basketball is offered 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for youngsters ages 5-12. The cost is \$20 per person.

The High Velocity Sports Sampler 1-4 p.m. will offer a variety of sports, including volleyball, kickball, floor hockey, fleeing and dodging games, for youngsters 5-12 years old. The cost is \$20 per person but both programs can be taken for \$35.

Preregistration is required for the classes. Call (734) 722-7620 for information or stop by the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, to sign up.

At the library, the programs include:

• Beginner's Book Club is for children in grades K-2. Youngsters will explore poetry

2-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Parents are invited to hear poetry readings during the last 15 minutes of the program. Register now for the program.

• From 1-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, kids of all ages are invited to make a cheerful greeting card for a child fighting a serious illness. The library will provide all the supplies and see that the cards are delivered to the Make a Child Smile Organization.

• Cartoon Creations is an artistic program featured at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23. The program is appropriate for children seven years old and older. Register in advance. Additional craft opportunities

take place 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, and Friday, Feb. 25,

with Make-it-take-it crafts.

• A Wayne County Parks naturalist will present Animal Mysteries at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Children age seven and older will learn to recognize animal signs and tracks, and examine animal skulls and furs. Registration is required.

• Read and Play encourages socializing for young children while they listen to a story and spend a little time playing with the library toys. The informal gathering is appropriate for children up to age five and is scheduled for 10-11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25.

• A family movie will be shown at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Call the library for details.

• Story times are fun and

entertaining and are offered

four times a week. Family Story time takes place 7-7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21. Toddler Story time is on Tuesday Feb. 22. Kids can attend either the 10 or 11 a.m. sessions. Preschoolers can attend 10:30-11 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24. Baby time Story time is for children up to 24 months of age and meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The interactive programs encourage families to experience a love of reading and literacy-linked activities.

Teens will find an exciting week of free programs to fill the winter break hours, too. Learn about program details for both children and teens from the library home page at [www.westlandlibrary.org](http://www.westlandlibrary.org), or by calling (734) 326-6123.

## County announces e-waste collection dates

Do you have a collection of old electronic devices at home that you want to get rid of but don't want to put in the trash because of environmental concerns?

Wayne County's Department of Public Services can help you solve this problem.

Wayne County in conjunction with Vintage Tech Recyclers Inc. and local communities has scheduled several Electronic Waste (e-waste) collections, where residents can drop off their old electronic waste free of charge. Items that will be accepted for recycling include such items as computers, TVs, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, keyboards and mice, laptop computers, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCRs, DVD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, miscellaneous cables, mp3 players.

No other household appliances will be accepted.

The collections have been scheduled for:

• Saturday, Feb. 26, at the

Riverview Land Preserve, 20863 Grange Road, Riverview.

• Saturday, March 19, in the parking lot of the Town Center, 9215 Joseph Compau, Hamtramck.

• Saturday, April 2, at the Redford Township DPS, 12200 Beech Daly, Redford.

• Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

• Saturday, May 7, at the Canton Township DPW, 4847 Sheldon, Canton Township.

The e-waste collections run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are open to Wayne County residents and small businesses with 10 or fewer employees. The Hamtramck collection is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wayne County's Department of Public Services also has scheduled its first two county-wide Household Hazardous Waste collections for this year.

The two collections are scheduled for Saturday, March 26, at the Wayne County Community College

District, Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville, and Saturday, June 18, at Henry Ford Community College located at 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

The household hazardous waste collections run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and are open to Wayne County residents only.

The collections are designed to accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal. Items that will be accepted include household paints, stains, floor-care items, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs, old computers and TVs. Pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only) and medical sharps in puncture-proof containers will also be accepted.

All waste must be from residential sources.

For more information about the collections, call the Wayne County Resource Recovery coordinator at (734) 326-3936.



### 'Black comedy'

Barefoot Productions is lighting up the second half of its season presenting "Black Comedy," written by Tony-awarding winning playwright Peter Shaffer. Set in 1969 London, "Black Comedy" tells the story of Brindsley Miller, a struggling, bohemian artist, who desperately tries to impress his fiance's father by "borrowing" his neighbor Harold's, posh furniture to glamorize his own shabby flat. Cast includes Brian Cahalan (from left), Carol Lipinski, Samantha Lowry and Nathan Corliss and a few mystery guests. The play runs through Feb. 27 on weekends. Friday-Saturday performances are 8 p.m., Feb. 20 and Feb. 27 performances are 2 p.m. matinees. Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$14 for students/seniors. All performances at Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main (the former Walker-Buzenberg building). For information, call (734) 560-1493.

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# Blazers reach A-B title game

Livonia Ladywood earned a spot in the Catholic League A-B Division girls basketball championship with a 43-31 victory Saturday over Birmingham Marian in a semifinal game played at the Madonna University Activities Center.

Sophomore point-guard Andie Anastos paced a balanced scoring attack with 13 points as the Blazers improved to 14-3 overall and will face Farmington Hills Mercy (13-4) for the title at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall. (The two teams split during the Central Division season.)

Sophomore forward Kiley Gorski added 11 points and five rebounds, while seniors Teresa Wojnarowski and Alyssa Anastos contributed seven points and six rebounds apiece.

Alyssa Anastos also dished out seven assists.

Marian led 17-16 at halftime, but Ladywood went on an 18-7 third-quarter run to take command.

"Led by our seniors we really arose up and defended," Ladywood first-year coach Anthony Coratti said. "That's what got us the win because we didn't have much offensively except the third quarter."

Maura Mulroy paced the Mustangs (12-5) with nine points.

**S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 41, LUTH. WESTLAND 29:** Charity Godbold's 18 points powered Southfield Christian (11-5, 3-5) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory over host Lutheran High Westland (1-13, 0-8).

Amanda Terranella scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds for the Warriors, who trailed 22-13

at halftime and 28-25 after three quarters.

Aldrea Fikes added eight points and eight boards in the loss.

"It was a well fought game, we came back in the third quarter to make it a three-point game," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "Unfortunately we made some errors down the stretch that led to points for them. We are learning from each game and getting better."

**FERNDALE 66, CLARENCEVILLE 54:** Janecia Jenkins scored 18 points and Ellise Parker added 14 as the Eagles (9-7) pulled away in the final period Monday night to be host Livonia Clarenceville (5-13).

Ferndale led 32-19 at halftime before the Trojans pulled even at 40-all with a 21-8 third-quarter run.

Senior Jenna Burgess led Clarenceville and all scorers with 21 points.

Clarenceville made 22-of-44 free throws, while Ferndale connected on 14-of-30.

# Rockets' 14 triples sink Patriots

It was reigning "three balls" Monday night as Westland John Glenn's long-ranged shooting did in host Livonia Franklin, 77-49, in a KLA South division boys basketball game.

The Rockets, who improved to 10-6 overall and 6-4 in the KLA South, connected on 14 three-pointers on the night.

Sophomore guard Nick Daniels tallied 15 of his game-high 22 points in the opening half as Glenn raced to a 34-16 advantage.

Marcus Mecks collected all 15 of his points during the second half on five triples.

Christian Covile and Brett Hudy contributed 11 points each, while Aveon Simmons

added nine.

Seniors Tino Thomas and Blake Lucas tallied 20 and 15, respectively, for the Patriots, who scored a season-high 49 points, but gave up a season-high 77.

Franklin was 10-of-17 from the foul line, while Glenn made 7-of-10.

Glenn opens the KLA playoffs as the third seed 7 p.m. Thursday at home against Novi.

Franklin (5-11, 4-6) will take on KLA Central Division champion Livonia Stevenson beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at home.

**STEVENSON 50, S.L. EAST 45:** All 15 players saw action Monday as KLA Central Division champion Livonia Stevenson (15-1, 10-0) downed host South Lyon East (0-

15, 0-10).

The Spartans trailed 24-18 at halftime before outscoring the Cougars 19-10 in the third quarter to take control.

Damon Bogich, Joe Mims, Carey Cobb and Austin Bumpus each tallied five points for Stevenson. The Spartans made 13-of-22 free throws.

Colin Wedeskey and Tommy Sebring scored 13 and 11 for the Cougars, who hit 10-of-13 foul shots.

**LAKELAND 52, WAYNE 42:** On Monday, host White Lake Lakeland (9-7) got 11 points from Ryan Zukowski to beat Wayne Memorial (2-14).

Chuck Sanders added nine points for the Eagles, who jumped out to a 36-20 halftime lead.

Michael Cooper and Dezmund Burleigh tallied 11 and nine, respectively, for the Zebras.

Lakeland made 7-of-12 free throws, while Wayne was 6-of-10.

# Lady Rockets struggle in KLA playoff opener

This one wasn't quite as easy for the Westland John Glenn girls basketball team.

The Rockets, who merced Northville 62-21 in a meeting on Dec. 16, had to grind out a 49-41 victory Tuesday night over the host Mustangs in the opening round of the KLA Kensington Conference playoffs.

Glenn overcame a 15-8 first-quarter deficit to improve to 15-2 overall. The Rockets will now face Novi (16-1) in the KLA semifinals 7 p.m. Friday at home.

"They (Northville) came out really aggressive and played with a lot of confidence," said Glenn coach Mark Anderson. "They played a 1-2-2 zone defense and we had a hard time attacking it and we really strugg-

led moving the ball against it."

Junior guard Erica Covile led Glenn in scoring with 11 points, while junior forward Joslyn Massey added eight points and 19 rebounds.

E'Aijsha Guster also contributed eight points in the win.

Kendra Brenner led Northville (9-8) and all scorers with 15 points.

The Rockets made 10-of-14 foul shots on the night, while Northville was 4-of-7.

**NOVI 52, FRANKLIN 47:** Kerri McMahon and Ally D'Annibale each scored 14 points Tuesday to propel the host Wildcats (16-1) to a KLA Kensington Conference playoff win over fourth seed Livonia Franklin (8-9).

Joanna Beaton added 13 points for the KLA Central Division champions.

Chelsea Williams and Katelynn

Devers scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the Patriots, who trailed by only three at halftime, 24-21.

**SOUTH LYON 51, CHURCHILL 18:** Gabrielle Williams tallied 11 points Tuesday as the host Lions (9-8) downed Livonia Churchill (3-14) in a KLA consolation game.

Churchill couldn't recover from a 29-13 halftime deficit.

The Chargers made 6-of-10 free throws, while South Lyon connected on 12-of-20.

**S.L. EAST 54, WAYNE 49:** On Tuesday, a 21-8 third-quarter run propelled host South Lyon East (2-15) to a KLA consolation bracket victory over Wayne Memorial (3-14).

Soronia Gillis paced the victorious Cougars, who trailed 20-17 at halftime, with 15 points.

Freshman Ashley Bland led Wayne and all scorers with 20 points.

The Zebras made only 9-of-25 free throws on the night, while East connected on 15-of-28.

# Trojans rack up 95 points in win

The points just kept on coming Tuesday night as host Livonia Clarenceville neared the century mark in a 95-74 boys basketball win over Hamtramck.

The Trojans, who improved to 6-8 overall, got a game-high 26 points from junior Sam Brown.

Senior DeOndre Hogan also had a big night with 21 points and 20 rebounds, while Derrell Woods and Damien Quarles chipped in with 18 and 14 points, respectively.

The Trojans led 40-34 at halftime and 64-56 after three quarters before exploding for a 31-18 fourth-quarter run.

Abraham Zindani and Anthony Nrecaj scored 21 and 20, respectively, for the Cosmos (7-9).

"Hamtramck was run-and-gun - one or two passes and shoot it," said Clarenceville

coach Justin Johnson, whose team avenged a 68-63 setback to the Cosmos on Jan. 21 when Nrecaj poured in 38 points.

"We had a ton of possessions and half of Hogan's rebounds were offensive."

Clarenceville was 21-of-35 from the foul stripe, while Hamtramck hit 12-of-19.

**HURON VALLEY 55, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 35:** Three players scored in double figures Tuesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-10, 4-7) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division triumph over host Warren Macomb Christian (1-12, 1-8).

Senior Shawn Schaffer led the victorious Hawks with 12 points, while freshman Ryan Schaffer and senior Andy Barber chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Jamel Clark scored 11 for the Crusaders, who couldn't overcome a 22-7 first-quarter deficit.

Huron Valley made 7-of-12 foul

shots, while Macomb Christian hit 11-of-19.

**CRANBROOK 56, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 36:** Matthew Vlasic, a 6-foot-9 center, scored 18 points and Steven Morrow added 14 Tuesday as host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (9-6) overcame a slow start to own Lutheran High Westland (2-12) in a non-conference encounter.

The Warriors led 5-3 after one quarter before Cranbrook got untracked with a 20-5 second-period run.

Kent Kryzsch, a senior, scored 11 points for the Warriors.

"Vlasic got a lot of rebounds and putbacks, but I thought overall we did a decent job on him," Lutheran Westland coach Doug Haller said. "We pressed them the whole game. They (Cranbrook) are a talented team. I'm happy with the effort and we'll learn from it."

Cranbrook was 12-of-19 from the foul line, while the Warriors hit 10-of-17.

# Lady Ocelots win handily

The sixth-ranked Schoolcraft College women's basketball team notched its 14th straight victory with an 88-35 win Saturday at home over Henry Ford Community College.

The Lady Ocelots tied a school record for fewest points allowed in a half when they raced out to a 42-9 halftime lead.

Schoolcraft, now 21-3 overall and 12-0 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference, has won

60 straight games at home and 48 conference wins in a row.

The Lady Ocelots also knocked down 10 three-pointers for the second straight game, the first time that has occurred in school history.

Schoolcraft had five players score in double figures led by Shanequa Braggs' 16 points.

Kimberly Bee added 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Diamond Tolliver had 12 points and six assists, while

Cameo Kendrick and Charlise Slater each contributed 11 points.

Bee, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from Detroit Communication & Media Arts, broke the school record for career defensive rebounds (435) breaking the previous record held by Sherya Brown (433) set in 2007-09.

Asha Payne tallied 10 points for the Hawks, who slipped to 1-21 overall and 0-13 in the conference.

# Mustangs thump Madonna men, 79-61

Chris Sinagoga's 19 points and seven rebounds sparked Marygrove College to a 79-61 men's basketball win Saturday at home over Madonna University.

Justin McKinney added 14 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks as the Mustangs improved to 8-20 overall.

Justin Armstrong chipped in with 10 points as Marygrove shot 54.4 percent from the floor (31-of-57).

Madonna (7-20) got a career-

high 19 points and 10 rebounds off the bench from sophomore forward Connor Leidal (Livonia Franklin).

Tyler Coker added 13 points for the Crusaders, who shot 37.3 percent from the floor (22-of-59).

MU trailed 44-28 at halftime.

**HENRY FORD 91, SCHOOLCRAFT 77:** Terrance Tubbs poured in 32 points

to lead Henry Ford Community College (17-9, 11-2) to an MCCA Eastern Conference triumph over host Schoolcraft College (8-17, 2-10).

The Hawks, who led 50-39 at halftime, also got 18 points from sophomore guard Jamie Stewart (Livonia Clarenceville).

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) led the Ocelots with 17 points and nine rebounds. Anthony Nash and Lydell Mason added 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Henry Ford shot only 12-of-25 from foul line, while Schoolcraft connected on 18-of-28.

### COLLEGE HOOPS

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Feb. 17  
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
S.L. East at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
**(KLA Playoffs-1st Round)**  
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Novi at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 18**  
Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m.  
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Feb. 18  
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. N'west, 5:30 p.m.  
S.L. East at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
**(KLA Playoffs-Semifinals)**  
Novi at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, Feb. 20**  
**(Catholic League A-B Finals at U-D Mercy's Calihan Hall)**  
Ladywood vs. F.H. Mercy, 3 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
Saturday, Feb. 10  
Catholic League Championship at O.L. St. Mary Rink, TBA.  
**(KLA Crossovers at Arctic Edge)**  
Franklin vs. Grand Blanc, 8 a.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONALS**  
(all Saturday, Feb. 19)  
Division 1 at Plymouth, 9:30 a.m.  
Division 1 at Saline, 8 a.m.

Division 4 at Manchester, 9:30 a.m.  
Division 3 at Goodrich, noon.  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Friday, Feb. 18  
KLA South Division Diving at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.  
KLA Central Division Diving at South Lyon East, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 19**  
KLA South Division meet at John Glenn, noon.  
KLA Central Division meet at South Lyon East, noon.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
Saturday, Feb. 19  
KLA Meet at W.L. Central, 9 a.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
Thursday, Feb. 17  
Canton vs. Clarenceville, John Glenn vs. Wayne at Town 'N Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Feb. 18**  
KLA Tourney at Century Bowl, 10 a.m.  
**Saturday, Feb. 19**  
Catholic League Championships at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:30 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 19  
Madonna at Aquinas, 3 p.m.  
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 19  
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
TBA - time to be announced.

**Softball camp**  
First-year Livonia Churchill varsity softball coach Steve Gentilia will stage a fundamental camp for girls in grades three-eight from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 5, at the high school fieldhouse. The camp cost is \$30. Pre-registration is required. To obtain a registration form and flier, call Gentilia at (734) 776-1716; or e-mail stebbie@woway.com.

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## See lively steps, beautiful costumes at Polish dance show

BY SHARON DARGAY  
OGE STAFF WRITER

The PNA Centennial Dancers will take on a new look at a new location for their 31st Dance Extravaganza Show.

After four years in Canton — and various communities before that — the showcase of Polish folk dancing moves to the Weber Performing Arts Center at Thurston High School in Redford.

"We're proud to be there. It's a bigger theater and we're able to fit more people in," said Kristal Wioncek, a former director who has two daughters in the show.

The PNA Centennial Dancers will take the stage at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the school, 26255 Schoolcraft. Admission is \$5 and tickets are available by calling Diane Dudek at (734) 775-3272 or Suzan Marzec at Simply Polish in Garden City, (734) 525-2880.

Five graduating seniors — Allison Bielski of Garden City, Courtney Delonis of Farmington Hills, Randy Favot of Livonia, Margaux Zanetti of Northville, and Joseph Zabawski of Canton — will be honored at the show. They'll wear white gowns or tuxedos during a waltz to Strauss' *Blue Danube*, in addition to performing in several of the folk dances in ethnic costume.

"This year we are showcasing new costumes. They came from Poland and we did a lot of fundraising for them. Each dancer has at least three," Wioncek said, adding that the outfits are decorated with lots of ribbons and hand embroidery.

### AUTHENTIC COSTUMES

Marzec, who teaches dance and choreographs the shows, bought fabric in Poland and had the costumes made in the U.S.

"We're very excited about the new costumes. Our new costume for the polonez is Kontusz, with sashes and fur and hats with feathers," she said.



Elena Wioncek and Sam Sebastian dance their way across the stage, wearing Lubelski costumes.

"We always officially open an event with the polonez."

Dancers, grouped according to age from 3 to 18, will perform a selection of national dances, like Polonez, regional dances with corresponding costumes and polka.

"I Americanize the second half of the show with the polka. That's where the creativity comes in," she said. "Last year they danced to a *Gilligan's Island* polka version. The youngest group dances to *Kiss Me I'm Polish*."

### MORE THAN DANCE

Students enrolled in Marzec's dance classes learn about culture, costumes, the stories and traditions behind each dance, in addition to movement and footsteps. She also owns Simply Polish, a store in Garden City that sells Polish pottery, ornaments, jewelry and teaches Polish art and language classes.

Marzec earned a degree in 1992 from Marie Currie Slowdoska University in Lublin, Poland and

began teaching authentic dances in western Wayne County.

"My father was born in Poland. He was a survivor of World War II and fought in the Polish army. He and my mom met in Canada. They married and he taught me to dance at a young age. That desire has always been with me."

She said dance is a great way to pass on ethnic traditions and a fun activity for youngsters and teens. Several of the PNA Centennial Dancers will accompany her to Poland this summer for a festival and parade. They also give back to the community through performances in senior centers, churches and the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"Parents want the traditions passed on and using dance is a way to get them hooked," Marzec noted. "Folk dancing is a dying art. The world is becoming smaller. We all have beautiful cultures and it's important to keep them alive in the melting pot."



Elizabeth Bartley, (left) Jonathon Bartley, Cazzi Smith, Ryan Beier, Kailee Arm, Andrew Wozniak, Evelyn Deren, and Daniel Cooper perform in Rzeszowskie.



Graduates of the PNC Centennial Dancers wear white gowns or tuxedos and will waltz at the 31st Dance Extravaganza Show in Redford.



### Music, song and dance

The Dolowy Sisters, Ella (left) and Brigid, are among the musicians set to perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, in Livonia. The benefit for Doctors Without Borders, will feature continuous entertainment by Finvara's Wren, Crossroads Ceili, Charlie Taylor, Colin Page, Terry Bradley, Frank Kennedy, Ray Maguire, Brendan McNulty, Eddie McGlinchey, Tommy MacNeil, Slobhan and Terence McKinney, Kelsey Lutz, The Gavin Family, The Perkins Family and the Conor O'Neil's Session Band with emcee Cyndy Canty from Magic 105.1 radio. There will be dancing, step-dancing, piping, music and song in a family-friendly atmosphere. A cash bar and food will be available. Donations should be made payable to Doctors Without Borders. For more information call Kathleen O'Neill at (313) 96-IRISH, Chris Murray at (313) 563-2078, Mick Gavin at (313) 537-3489 or Peggy Gray at (734) 891-4871.

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There are more than 40 known kiwifruit varieties in production around the world, but California, which produces 98 percent of the kiwifruit grown in the United States, grows the Hayward variety. It's known for its large size and high sugar content.

When selecting kiwifruit, look for unblemished, firm fruits. Press the outside of the fruit with your thumb. If it gives to slight pressure, the kiwifruit is ripe. If it doesn't give to pressure, it's not ready.

Kiwifruit can be eaten fresh or used in cooking. Slice the kiwifruit lengthwise to create two identical halves and use a spoon to scoop out the sweet meat. Looking for maximum fiber and nutrition? Rinse off the skin and bite right in.

Or use kiwifruit in recipes. Here's a sampling:

### MEDITERRANEAN KIWIFRUIT COUSCOUS

- ¾ cup water
- ½ cup couscous
- Salt
- 3 California kiwifruit
- 1 yellow or orange pepper
- 1 cup colorful cherry tomatoes
- ½ cup Kalamata olives, preferably spicy
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- Pepper
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ½ cup shredded fresh basil

1. In a small saucepan, lightly salt water then bring to a boil. Add couscous, stir, cover and remove from heat. Let stand until water is absorbed, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, peel kiwifruit and cut into bite-size chunks. Dice pepper and slice large cherry tomatoes in half. Pit olives if needed and thinly slice green onions. Place all in a medium bowl.

2. Whisk vinegar with oil, garlic, oregano and generous pinches salt and pepper. When couscous has cooled, gently stir with kiwifruit mixture. Toss with as much dressing as needed to just coat. Stir in feta and basil. Salad will keep well refrigerated for 1 to 2 days. Serves 4 to 6.

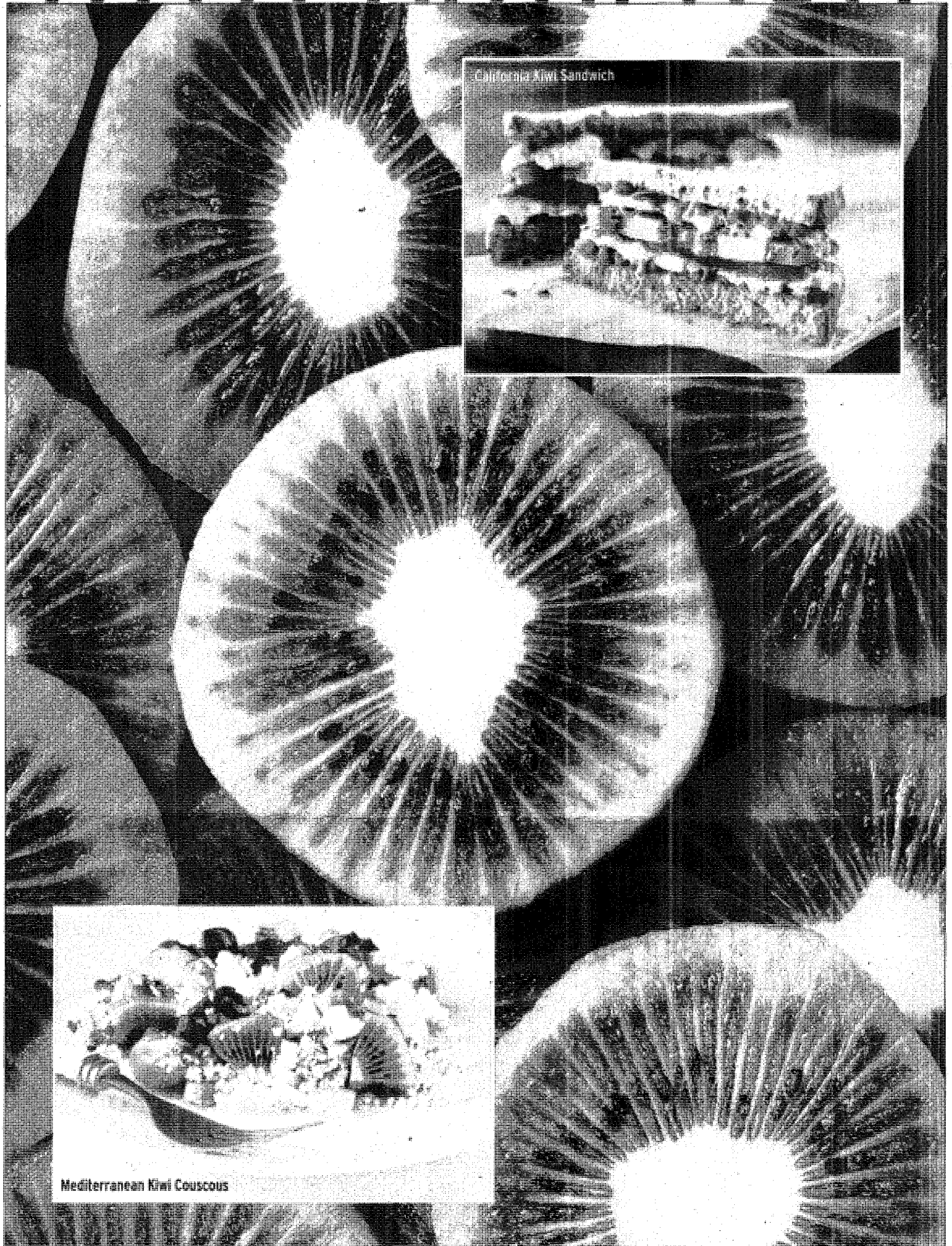
### KIWIFRUIT MINT LEMONADE

- 1 cup water
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup packed fresh mint leaves
- 3 California kiwifruit
- 2 to 3 lemons
- Sparkling water

1. In a medium saucepan, heat water with sugar over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until sugar is dissolved. Simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in mint leaves. Let stand 20 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, peel kiwifruit and cut into chunks. Puree in a food processor. Place puree in a pitcher. Strain cooled syrup into pitcher, pressing on mint, then discard leaves. Refrigerate until cold. Squeeze juice from 2 lemons. Stir into kiwifruit mixture. Taste, squeeze in juice from remaining lemon for a tarter lemonade.

3. Pour into glasses. Top with sparkling water. Serve garnished with a slice of kiwifruit. Makes about 2½ cups without sparkling water, enough for 4 drinks.



California Kiwi Sandwich

Mediterranean Kiwi Couscous

California Kiwifruit season runs from October-May.

### KIWIFRUIT SWEET OMELETTE

- 3 to 4 California kiwifruit, pared and sliced
- Powdered sugar
- Ground cinnamon
- 4 eggs, separated
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Sprinkle kiwifruit with 1 or 2 tablespoons powdered sugar and a dash of cinnamon in shallow dish. Let stand 20 minutes; turn occasionally. Beat egg whites and salt until soft peaks form. Gradually add 2 tablespoons powdered sugar; beat until stiff. Beat egg yolks until thick; add lemon peel. Fold into whites. Heat butter in 10-inch over-proof skillet. Stir in 1 tablespoon powdered sugar and dash cinnamon. Pour in egg mixture; smooth surface. Cook over medium heat 3 to 5 minutes or until eggs are puffed and set and bottom is golden brown. Bake at 325 degrees 10 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Loosen edge of omelette. Make a shallow cut, slightly off center, through top of omelette. Arrange kiwifruit mixture over larger section. Fold smaller portion over kiwifruit. Serve on warm platter. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings. Recipe can be halved; cook in smaller pan.

### HOT DIPPING SAUCE

*This hot and tangy sauce can add flavor and color to almost any dish. Try it as a dip for chicken skewers, buffalo wings, or fried calamari. It also makes a fantastic glaze for baked or grilled chicken, fish, or vegetables. And it can be used as a dip for chips, crackers, and other snacks.*

- 2 tablespoons red bell pepper, chopped
- ¼ bunch fresh cilantro
- ¼ small sweet onion
- ½ jalapeno pepper, seeded (wear rubber gloves when seeding)
- 2 tomatillos, husks removed and cut up
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- Dash salt
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons green jalapeno pepper jelly
- 1-2 kiwifruits, peeled and mashed with a fork

Place the bell pepper, cilantro, onion, jalapeno pepper (seeded), tomatillos, lime juice, salt, brown sugar, and jalapeno pepper in a blender or the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Blend until the ingredients are smooth. Pour the blended mixture into a bowl and add the mashed kiwifruit. Stir until well combined. Serve as desired.

### CALIFORNIA KIWIFRUIT SANDWICH

Makes one sandwich

- 1 California kiwi or pear
- 2 strips home-roasted or store-bought roasted red peppers
- 2 slices grainy sandwich bread
- 4 teaspoons olive paste or tapenade
- 3 tablespoons goat or Boursin cheese, at room temperature
- Sprouts to taste

Peel kiwi, then thinly slice. If using pear, peel if you wish, core and thinly slice.

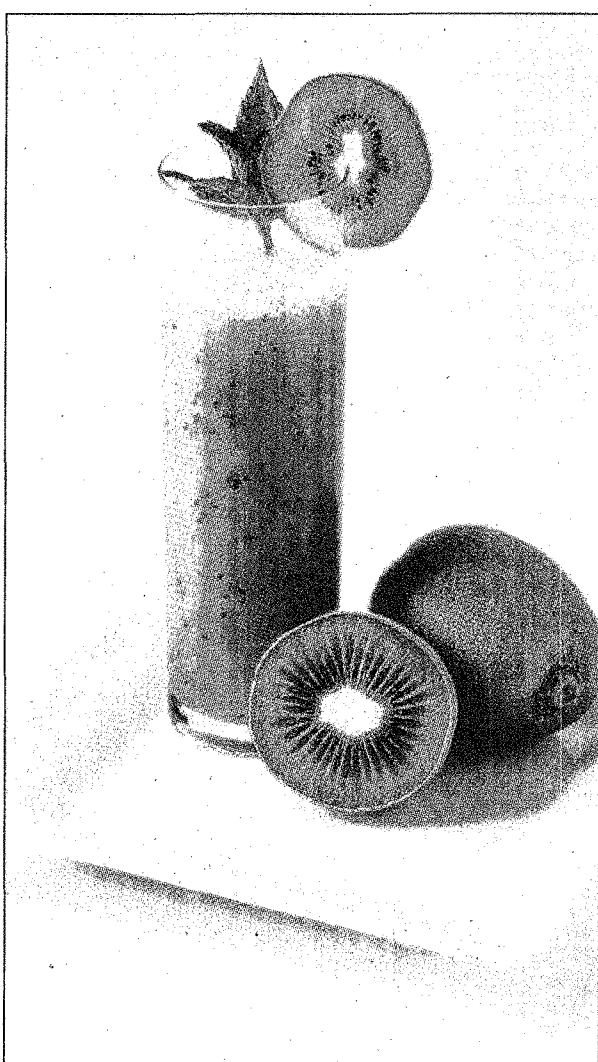
Wash and pat pepper dry. Spread 1 side of each bread slice with olive paste, then spread with cheese. Top 1 side with red pepper, then kiwi and some sprouts. Top with other bread slice, cheese side down.

### KIWIFRUIT WALNUT BREAD

- 2 cups sifted flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups kiwifruit, drained and chopped
- ¾ cups walnuts, chopped
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Sift flour with sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt into a large bowl. Add kiwifruit and walnuts, and mix well. Add egg, butter and vanilla. Stir until just blended. Pour mixture into a greased and floured 9- by 5- by 3-inch loaf pan. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for one hour or until a wooden toothpick inserted near the center of the loaf comes out clean. Let the bread cool in the pan five minutes, then place it on a rack to complete cooling. Serve in thin slices spread with softened cream cheese.

Recipes and photos courtesy the California Kiwifruit Commission



Kiwifruit Mint Lemonade









