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## Testing at Hillside 'compromised'



**Whoops!** Some Hillside Elementary School students were given an advance look at the questions they were to be asked on an important national test.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

Part of a national standardized test will not be scored at Hillside Elementary because it was "compromised."

Parent Warren Schroeder found the worksheet in his daughter's folder and phoned CTBS publishers, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, who confirmed the duplication of questions.

He also alerted school officials. "When they do something that compromises the whole classroom," Schroeder said, "I have no choice but to come out with it."

Hillside officials sent a letter home with children to their parents Friday, explaining the situation. Fifth-graders will be assessed by writing samples instead, said Judy White, as-

stant superintendent for Instructional Services.

Standardized tests — such as the Michigan Educational Assessment Program and CTBS — are one of several ways students are assessed, school officials have said.

Test results are considered a reflection on the district, and are more likely to be scrutinized.

As a result, pressure has intensi-

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## 'Someone's bowl is always empty'



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**Luncheon helps needy:** OCC student and Farmington Hills resident Kris Branzel empties her soup bowl at a charity event on the Orchard Ridge campus.

## Souper lunch at OCC fills bowls for hungry

BY TOM BARR  
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**E** empty soup bowls meant full hearts for the 100 or so who attended Wednesday's Empty Bowl Luncheon on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

Some \$772 was raised for the soup kitchen at St. Leo's Catholic Church at 15th and Grand River in Detroit through the OCC event, according to Claudia Paschke, a 41-year-old Farmington resident and a ceramics student at Orchard Ridge.

"It's just a terrific cause," said Paschke, a member of the sponsoring Students Against Hunger at OCC, "and a wonderful experience. This is something I can do for me. This is something that comes from my heart."

As an OCC ceramics student, Paschke helped make the bowls in which the vegetable soup was served. The college's culinary arts students baked the bread and made the soup.

It cost each participant \$5 for a lunch of soup and bread — although many contributed much more than that — and they got to keep the empty bowls.

"We want them to take the bowls home to remind them that someone's bowl is always empty," said Sister Joan Kusak, a Catholic nun who runs the Enrichment Center on the Farmington Hills college campus.

"We're very much involved with feeding the hungry," Kusak continued. "We want to raise awareness and we want to make a difference in small ways."

On the first Saturday of every month, members and supporters of Students Against Hunger travel to St. Leo's in Detroit to work in the soup kitchen. Paschke is happy to help out.

"We're so fortunate out here in Farmington," she said. "We're so lucky. I just want to give something back . . . without a pat on the back."



**Lunch with dad:** Roger Steele, who works in the OCC business office, takes daughter Alexandria to lunch.

## Police search for motive in Hills arson case

BY BILL COULTANT  
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Police don't doubt an arsonist's intent to hurt or kill a Farmington Hills family. But why is another matter.

Hills police are searching for a motive in the aftermath of a fire that destroyed a \$300,000 home in an upscale Hills subdivision, driving out podiatrist Michael Hartman and his family early Monday morning. An arson attempt at his Southgate clinic had failed March 14.

"He's been very consistent and cooperative,"

said Hills Detective Dave Lee, the lead investigator in the case.

Detective Sgt. Doug Anderson said the investigation will include Hartman's medical practice, business associates and family members.

"Until we find a motive, we won't really have any suspects," Anderson said.

Police said an old \$20,000 gambling debt of Hartman's had been paid off and did not seem to be at issue. Lee said Hartman's finances don't appear to be a problem.

"He's a little thin on cash now, but that's partly

because he is opening more clinics," Lee said. "He's doing fine (financially)."

Although insurance will cover the fire loss to Hartman's house, Lee said the content loss, estimated at about \$170,000, was not covered. Hartman, his wife and two young daughters, as well as their pets, were not injured in the fire.

"He's a wonderful man," said an employee at his Southgate clinic. "We're behind him 100 percent."

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