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LOTTERY

The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$6.4 million. The Michigan Lottery numbers for Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995 are:

- DAILY 3: 301
- DAILY 4: 3114
- CASH 5: 3,14,19,20,30
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Massio Kurzeja

Council appoints activist

■ Massio's the one for Farmington Hills: The city council said so Monday by a 4-2 vote. Massio Kurzeja will be picked to fill a council vacancy.

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Massio Kurzeja is no stranger when it comes to Farmington Hills politics and community service.

As the newest Hills city council member, she'll have a chance to chew residents' what those who live in Olds Town have known for a long time: She speaks for the residents.

Four of six sitting council members

were impressed enough with her to award her a seat on the council, which was vacated by newly-elected Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi. Former mayor and Councilwoman Judy Soronen received the other two votes.

"Yes, I was surprised," she said of her selection over five well-qualified candidates for the job. "I was very nervous."

Kurzeja accepted the congratula-

tions of several supporters at her selection during Monday's regular council meeting, including 60-year-old resident John Murphy.

"She's for the people," he said gleefully as he congratulated her.

Kurzeja said, although her family couldn't be at the meeting, she would be sworn in anyway. Friends and supporters Cynthia Strong, Betty Cook and Marsha Silver stood by her as Clerk Kathy Dornan swore her in.

The ceremony ended a selection process that included statements by the six candidates, and questions

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Farmington Hills' Firefighter of the Year



CHRISCO, LAMINA, SUNDAY PHOTOGRAPHY

Dave Chriscio: "The advantage of having an older person is the stability. Chances are they're going to be around a while."

Fire helmet fits executive-ly well

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

I never there was such a thing as a stereotypical firefighter. Dave Chriscio is here to break it down.

Chriscio, 49, was named Farmington Hills Firefighter of the Year last month. But he's just as comfortable in a suit and tie as in his firefighting turnout gear.

The Hills resident, father of two grown children, is a Chrysler Corp. executive who works in mergers and acquisitions at the company's Highland Park offices.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina with a master's in business administration from Northwestern University, Chriscio said he heard about an informational meeting on a Sunday in 1987 and decided to see what it was all about. His wife, Cynthia, was a little surprised at his interest in firefighting.

"She thought I was crazy," he said. "The spouses of firefighters are the real heroes. It seems like my wife will be making a nice dinner

and that's when the booper goes off. It's very important that she supports this."

Becoming a paid-on-call firefighter is a physically demanding task for anyone, much less a 41-year-old. But Chriscio said there were advantages for the department in having an older rookie.

"A lot of the younger firefighters are living in apartments, go to college or move away," he said. "The advantage in having an older person is the stability. Chances are they're

going to be around a while."

Another advantage for Chriscio is that his children, Beth, 25, and Randy, 21, were old enough when he joined that it was not as hard on his family as it is on younger families.

The camaraderie and the excellent training are two of the keys to retaining good firefighters, he said. Chriscio went beyond that training, which includes Emergency Medical Technician training and completed paramedic training.

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Hate tallies its toll monetarily too

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Testaments to the social and psychological costs of hate have been well documented, but if there could be a "bottom line" to that social ill, the cost could not be measured.

That was the message Richard Lobenthal of the Anti-Defamation League of Michigan brought to Tuesday's meeting of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council at the

Farmington Training Center.

In his presentation on "The Cost of Hate," Lobenthal said assessing an actual dollar amount would probably be impossible, but might point out in concrete terms how hate wrecks havoc on people, institutions and nations.

"Nobody has the faintest idea of the cost of hate," Lobenthal said. "I think its cost to American society could be in excess of a trillion dollars."

Lobenthal said the problem of stereotypes is not easily seen by many Americans who have their own stereotype of what is American. That vision is of a white male, 32, heterosexual with 2½ children, standing 5-foot-10 to 6-foot-1 inches tall.

This leaves individuals outside of that vision, such as women, African Americans, Jews and Arabic people, to face prejudice that can be institutional or individual and can range in action from resentment to murder.

"We have a *laissez-faire* attitude about the rape of women," he said. "And there is a social tax on them in the form of locks and other forms of security and avoidance."

Lobenthal said "fog-bashing" has now escalated to murder in some cases; Americans of Arabic descent were subject to worse treatment during Operation Desert Storm in 1991; and African Americans are often trapped

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An 'outstanding exterior'

Pam's Shell Service Station at 12 Mile and Halsted roads in Farmington Hills received a plaque from Keep Michigan Beautiful for "outstanding exterior landscaping and general litter-free appearance."

A brother-sister combination, Pam Migliore of Farmington Hills and Darrell Marx of West Bloomfield, owns the business.

The award was presented by the annual conference of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. held at Ford World Headquarters in October. Pam's father, Irv Marx, accepted the plaque on her behalf.

In 1994 the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce awarded Pam's its highest award from among all the nominations entered in a location beautification contest.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

Buy Passbook — help church

Clarencville United Methodist Church on Middlebelt Road is offering 1996 Entertainment Passbooks for a \$40 donation as a fund-raiser.

The Passbooks have money-off coupons for many Detroit-area restaurants and other businesses. For more information, contact Jim Robinson at 947-1535 or the church at 474-3444.

She's cook-of-the-month

Laurie Wethington of Farmington Hills is a first-prize winner in the "Cook-of-the-Month" recipe contest sponsored by Better

Homes and Gardens magazine.

Wethington's recipe for herbed ham and vegetable quiche will be featured in "Prize Tested Recipes" in the March 1996 issue of the magazine.

In addition to having her recipe published in a national magazine, she receives a prize of \$200 and a framed certificate of her achievement. She also wins a stainless steel stockpot.

Memory Lane

From the Decembs: 15, 1955 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

A front-page photo showed Floyd Sallow, head of Farmington's Department of Public Works, dusting off the Christmas decorations and getting

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