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Blanchard taps Hills executive

David L. Peterson of Farmington Hills has been appointed a member of the Governor's Executive Corps.

Peterson is the manager of Information Systems for Detroit Edison. He will be on loan from his regular position and will work in the Office of Business and Community Development, Department of Commerce. Peterson will receive \$1 per year from the state of Michigan and will continue to receive his salary from Detroit Edison.

Peterson joins six other Michigan executives who will be working on a number of high-priority projects related to the state economy, assisting state officials in analyzing and developing policy initiatives.

"I am pleased and gratified that so many Michigan's major business concerns, and some of their most talented and valuable employees, have agreed to join in the effort to rebuild Michigan's economy," Gov. James Blanchard said. "A renewed spirit of cooperation between government and the private sector is necessary if Michigan is to remain competitive on a national and international basis. The Executive Corps will serve as a mechanism to further develop this relationship."

Blanchard pointed out that Michigan's program is the first of its kind in the nation to blend senior executives from business with senior executives in government.

Walter J. McCarthy, Jr., chairman of the Board of Detroit Edison, said, "The Executive Corps is one of those rare programs that has something in it for everyone. The people in Michigan will benefit from the considerable talent and experience of David Peterson, while he will gain invaluable experience and perspective not available elsewhere. In turn, Detroit Edison and therefore all of our customers and the state as a whole will benefit from that experience as he brings it back and applies it to his job with Detroit Edison."

The Executive Corps members were selected by a committee chaired by William E. LaMoine, chairman and chief executive officer of Kellogg Company in Battle Creek.



David L. Peterson



Coming Thursday

GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

The family room created by interior designers Joel Mettler and Jane Levy Mettler of Birmingham is on the lower level of a Bloomfield Township condominium that will be featured in Thursday's "Interiors 83," a special section in the Observer's Eccentric News-

papers. The Mettlers, who like to work in a neutral palette with splashes of bright color, gave the entire home an upbeat New York look without neglecting comfort.

Number please!

Police push for readable house numbers

By Joanne Malazewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills police officers and firefighters have an important problem to address — and that problem might be your address.

Both the police and fire departments have lost time responding to emergency calls because some Farmington Hills house, business and apartment addresses are not clearly visible from the road.

To improve emergency response time, the Farmington Hills City Council is expected to adopt an ordinance tonight requiring all property owners to display identification numbers on buildings.

Because police and fire personnel use flashlights at night to find a particular address, the blaring light occasionally has given prowlers enough of a warning to allow them to get away.

PART OF THE problem is that many houses and businesses are so far from the road that seeing the address is impossible, said Police Chief John Ni-

chols. In other cases, there are no street numbers on a building at all, so both firefighters and police officers must figure out which building is which. Nighttime and bad weather make things worse, said Fire Chief Larry Karon.

Police and fire personnel use flashlights to find addresses. Occasionally, the beam from a flashlight has warned prowlers so they could flee before police saw them, Nichols said.

The proposed ordinance requires more than just placing numbers on your house or place of business.

If the ordinance is adopted, you will be expected to use numbers at least three inches high — large enough to be seen from the center line of the adja-

cent roadway by a person of normal vision."

IF YOUR HOUSE or place of business is more than 90 feet from the road, the numerals on the building

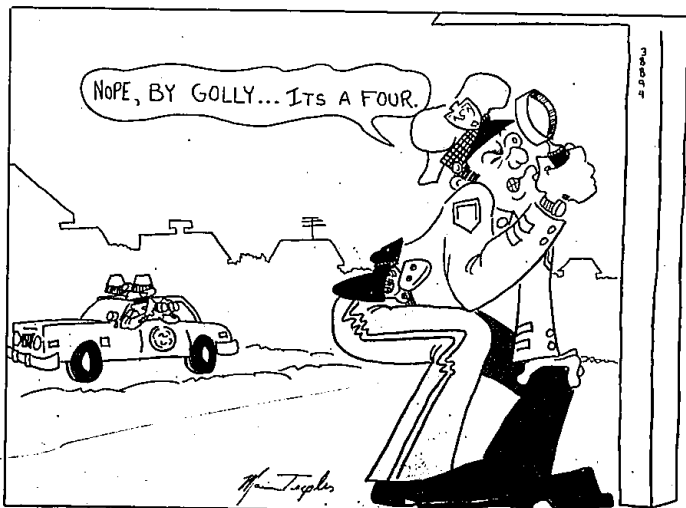
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RANDY BOBST/staff photographer

Words fall.

It's a good thing that international symbol signs have become commonplace on American highways. Otherwise, motorists driving south on Farmington Road might not know that they can't turn left onto Freedom Road. Whoever was responsible for the above sign needs a spelling lesson.



Jim Topley

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