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Group home for seniors opens soon

assistant city manager, in a report to the city council.

Douglas and Diane Hayward moving closer to establishing the first Farmington Hills adult foster care bone specifically for the aged.

"We want a place where when a bone as long as it is located at least ward shortly before the Farmington Hills City Contell last week approved the proposed licensing of an adult foster care bone for the aged at 21819 Middlebelt, the Hayward residence.
"This is not a group bone." and City Manager Lawrence Savage. "It is for the aged. They (will) live in a family situation."
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Being thankful

William Kreitmeyer in his own way has made this holiday season a lot more enjoyable for many people who otherwise might have faced a grim time. Many, including Jeffrey Davis, 3, of Farmington

Hills showed their gratitude. To see why Kreitmeyer got this big hug, turn to page 3A.

State chamber chief beats drum for activism



James Barrett, Michigan's Chamber of Commerce president, came to the Formington area this week to urge local business people to become more active in the political scene.

Local business leaders should be-come more actively involved in the leg-islative and political process in Lans-ing, according to the president of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce. James Barrett urged that participa-tion during a speech Tauraday a lan-Farmington/Farmington Hits bear of Commerce lunction at the Bots-ter of Commerce function at the Bots-

ber of Commerce luncheon at the Botsford Inn.
"In many cases, we underestimate our ability and influence," Barrett said. "Typically we hear from businessmen that there is too much regulation in Michigan. We need to take action on these regulatory issues. So your input is needed on these critical business elimate issues in Michigan."
Worker's compensation is one important area which needs business involvement, he said. In 1984, the legislature will have to redefine the definition of disability, and many labor groups want the new wording to reflect benefit increases for workers, he said.
"This is important because this definition says who gets on workman's compensation, but we still have a long way to go before we can make Michigan more competitive even manufacture.

Insurance benefits is another issue that needs business involvement.

"What we have to tell the government is that we cannot afford an escalation in these costs," be said, "We need to lay this groundwork now before the government deals with the issue."

To prove his point about involvement, Barrett cited a study conducted in the 1970 by the state chamber.

That study indicated that 70 percent of the voters said an endorsement by a local chamber of commerce would not make a difference in who they voted for, he said.

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But 23 percent said a chamber en-dorsement would have a positive effect on their decision; only 5 percent felt it would carry a negative effect.

"With 1 percent of the public often deciding elections, think of the impact if we have greater involvement," Barrett said. "We do have credibility with the general public."

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Business leaders have become more involved in politics, especially during the last few years, he said. In 1976, Barrett said there were only 40 business lobbying groups in Lansing which contributed \$140,000. Now there are at least 250 business political action committees in the state capitol with \$3.5 million in contributions.

Fund-raiser is a phoney

"We do not have any connection or affiliation with these people," said practically and the secondary of this."

In fact, Lauboff is asking residents and merchants who are contacted by any organizations claiming they represent the Farmington police or fire departments to contact the department.

Public braces for phone change

After the first of the year the tele-phone will become another household appliance like a toaster or washing ma-chine, said the corporate affairs mana-ger for Michigan Bell.

"Instead of leasing the phone from Michigan Bell you will lease it from AT&T Information Systems," she said. "We will automatically continue to bill you for leasing a phone but now we will turn the money over to AT&T Information Systems."

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Norah Martin sald phone customers should take that attitude after the official break-up of American Telephone and Telepaph on Jan. 1.

"Michigan Bell will now provide phone service just like Detroil Edison upplies electricity" Martin sald. "The caphone will become till became till

sho said. AT&T, Sprint or MCI are three firms supplying long distance service.

"If you don't do anything after the first of the year you will still have long distance service," Martin said. "We will route you through AT&T and continue to bill you until you decide to try another vendor."

For those customers buying new phones, Martin offers a word of caution.

"I suggest, as with any other appliance, that you look for quality," she said. "And if you have any questions about the compatibility of your new phone with your current service call the number at the bottom of your phone bill."

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Beil." phone bill." phone bill." MOST CUSTOMERS should have to be provided by a different vendor, received the new, thicker phone bills,

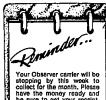
Martin said. The new bills separate charges for local service, leasing and long distance. Even though the bills have gotten bulkler, charges should remain about the same until Michigan Bell is granted a proposed rate hike, Martin said. When the hike is approved, the average phone bill should increase from \$35 a month to \$35.0 a month, ahe said.

"Basic rates will undoubtedly go up but long distance rates will undoubtedly go down because AT&T used long distance verounes to subsidize local service," Martin said. "So a heavy long distance user may end paying less than before.

To help customers sort out the changes, Michigan Bell has set up a toll-free number to answer questions. The number is 1-800-555-5000.

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