

104th year!

Martha Westberg was the center of attention last Friday as she began her 104th year of life surrounded by well-wishers in her room at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was born Dec.

23, 1880, in Stockholm, Sweden. She lives with her daughter-In-law, Sophia Lindgren of Southfield.

Cross country ski set for area parks

and marked.

The number for Springfield Oaks is
025-8133. Call Ed Burg at Madison
Heights Parks and Recreation, 5831200, for information on aking at Red
Oaks.

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With snow on the ground and a chill in the air, cross country skiling returns to the Oakland County parks.

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Independence Oaks Ofters a 2.4-th-lometer trail for novices, a 2.7-kilometer trail for the parks of the country Ski Races at pringfield Oaks on Jan. 21 and at Information, and the parks of the parks

Phone fate awaits

was applied in May and added to in Oc-tober. Instead, the rate increase will be distributed among various services such as message rates, toll rates and local rates, Spickler added.

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"Depending on how they decided to distribute it (the \$182 million increase), some things will go up and some things will go dwn," he said. "But the net effect is that Michigan Bell will have an additional \$182 million in revenue."

A second factor affecting future telephone rates is a Federal Communications Commission proposal to reduce over the next live years the cost of long distance calls, which have been disting code control as \$10 tong-distance call. "and nothing to do with providing long distance." Spickler said. The effect of the FCC's proposed changes would be to make "things cost what

they really cost."

Under the FOC proposal, on which action has been delayed until April, the average eight-minute long-distance call between Petrolt and Chicago between 8 am. and 5 p.m. would cost \$3.63, compared to a current \$4.96, Gabriel said.

Since Farmington Hills' and Farmington's calls are mostly long-distance or out-of-zone calls, both clites could save money on these services.

But the FOC also has ruled that telephone equipment must be depreclated faster than has been the practice, Spichler said, so while long-distance rates may drop, others may increase.

On Jan. 1, Michigan, for example, will be divided into five areas, similar to the existing area codes, Spickier said. While Michigan Bell will still handle the local service between Farmington and Filnt, once the calls cross the boundaries another system, such as Lexited, will take over, he added.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Congress is considering abolishing the FCC plan and developing its own proposal, Spickler said.

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"All these factors combine to make it hard to tell what will happen to phone service and rates in the near future," he said. "It is these things that could raise or lower rates."

Redistricting decision delayed

"It was houled off (the December 1314 agenda) at the last minute, add
state board secretary Lad Dombrowski. The board is waiting for advice from the state attorney general's
office before making a decision on the
transfer request, he said.

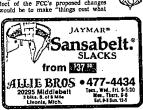
The issue is expected to appear on
the state board's January 10-11 agenda.

The property transfer is requested

The state Board of Education last week postponed a decision on the transfer of Walled Lake school district property to Farmington schools.

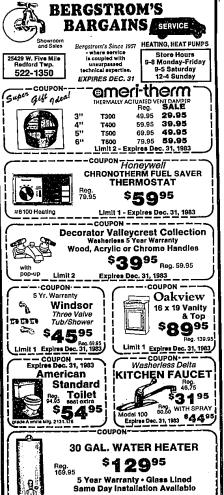
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After a hearing last March, hearing officer Raymond Godmer recommend the state board agree with the intermediate board's decision. However, arter 'preliminary discussion' at its July 13 meeting, the state board asked Godmer to develop reasons that could support the transfer to receive "both in the farmington) district," Godmer to develop reasons that could support the transfer to receive "both in the farmington) district," Godmer stated.









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