

Proposed fingerprinting of children is debated

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Another proposal included in the package would require immediate investigation of reported missing children. It also includes measures designed to coordinate the efforts of law enforcement agencies.

"That is a problem with some law enforcement agencies," Lauhoff said of

delays in reporting of missing children. "If we have a report of a lost child, we react immediately."

"I can see a need for that in larger departments. The important thing is for it to be consistent." The hours immediately following an abduction are crucial ones, he added, if the child is to be found.

THE CRIMINAL RECORDS check

proposal would require criminal history checks on the licensee and program director of each licensed child care center.

"I think what we're trying to do here is to get a handle on that," Brotherton said, adding that legislators could make the checks the responsibility of individual centers.

"We can take it up, and make it a

little more effective, even though it might not be quite 100 percent."

Faxon agreed that child care employees should be carefully screened, but questioned the appropriateness of having government do so.

"The incidents here are so few and far between. For the most part, I don't think they have merited a higher level

of security on their services. We're adding another layer of government, an additional cost of government."

Faxon runs a preschool program at his Lycee International School in Southfield.

"I run a preschool center, so I'm well aware of the competitiveness of the business, the economics of the business. You are looking for very caring, competent people to work with children. That's what makes a good center."

"I think that when we get it up to the Senate, we'll have a chance to review them," Faxon said. "I think we're going to pass some bills."

"There is a limit to how much you can legislate in the field of goodness," he added. "I still believe our laws should support the idea of the responsibility of the parents. I just don't see the state becoming a substitute parent."

The child assault proposal would, if passed, repeal the crimes of child cruelty and child torture and would replace them with the crime of child assault. It would also establish several degrees of assault.

Under the plan, first-degree assault would be punishable by any term of years to life in prison. Second-degree

assault would be punishable by a maximum of 20 years, while third-degree assault would be punishable by a maximum 10-year sentence. Current law provides maximum penalties of 10 years for a child torture conviction and four years for a child cruelty conviction.

In some cases, it has been difficult to get courts to issue warrants and to agree to prosecute, Brotherton said. "Probably because we were too timid, to define what child cruelty or child torture might be. I think we're to the point now where we can be frank and honest about it."

"The whole idea behind all of this is the safety of the child," Lauhoff said. "Whatever avenues the Legislature can provide that we can use, we support."

Common sense guidelines are also helpful in keeping children safe, he said. Parents should know where their children are.

"That's one of the main concerns. The parents have to explain to the child, too, some of the reasons for their concern. We don't recommend scaring the child, but the child does deserve to know some of the hazards, depending on the age."

on the agenda

City of Farmington Hills
City Council Agenda
Regular Meeting
February 11, 1985

Unfinished Business:

- Consideration of adoption of a resolution re: reciprocity of out-of-town handicapped certificates in designated parking locations in the city.

New Business:

- Consideration of request from J. Robert Langan for transfer of ownership of 1984 Class C license with dance permit at 30855 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, from Lammortag Inc. (Colonel Clickers Cricket Club).

- Consideration of adoption of resolution setting fee of \$150 for costs involved for review of variance in flood plain area.

- Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions.

City Manager Reports:

- Recommends approval of police department building plans.
- Recommends adoption of resolutions authorizing approval of contracts with building authority for new police building and notice of intent to issue bonds.
- Recommends authorization for police building, architectural design phase and authorization to proceed with taking of construction management proposals.
- Recommends the adoption of a resolution setting a public hearing date

of Feb. 25, 1985 to review the community development block grant program and projects for 1985/86.

- Recommends approval of proposed plan to provide sanitary sewer service at Ten Mile and Haggerty Roads.

- Recommends authorization of property appraisal fees in connection with right-of-way acquisition for 1985 12 Mile Road improvement project.

- Recommends the adoption of a traffic control order requiring all Southbound Oak Valley Drive traffic to stop for all Old Timber Road traffic.

- Recommends adoption of resolution authorizing the purchase of city's annual supply of transit mix concrete.

- Recommends adoption of resolution authorizing the purchase of city's annual supply of asphalt products.

- Recommends adoption of resolution authorizing the purchase of city's annual supply of gravel products.

- Recommends adoption of resolution authorizing the purchase of city's annual supply of grader blades.

- Recommends adoption of resolution authorizing the purchase of city's annual supply of fire hose.

Jewish artist displays works

Danielle Peleg, formerly of West Bloomfield, now of Houston, Texas, has been gathering an extensive collection of Jewish and Israeli art. The array of etchings, lithographs, watercolors and

prints will be on display and sale at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, from Feb. 16 to March 6.

A wine reception will be 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. It is open to the public. For further information, call 881-1000, Ext. 250.

Peleg's art show began, she said, "because I wanted to expose people in this area to Israeli and Jewish art and give them a chance to purchase it at a reasonable price."

A native Israeli, Peleg came to the United States about six years ago with her husband, Shumel, and three sons. She was educated at the State College for Art Teachers in a suburb of Tel-Aviv and also studied in Paris. But once she started tracking artists for the anticipated show, it became a compelling occupation. Some of the artists she had met in Israel, many she has read about and a few she happened to meet by chance.

"When I couldn't deal with the artists themselves, I started to deal with the galleries," she said.

Peleg is careful to qualify her art area as solely Israeli and Jewish, saying, "I don't know if commercially it's a good idea."

"Israeli artists are those who live in Israel. Jewish artists can live anywhere in the world," she added.

All, but one or two in the current show are Israelis. Theo Tobase, who lives in Paris, being one exception.

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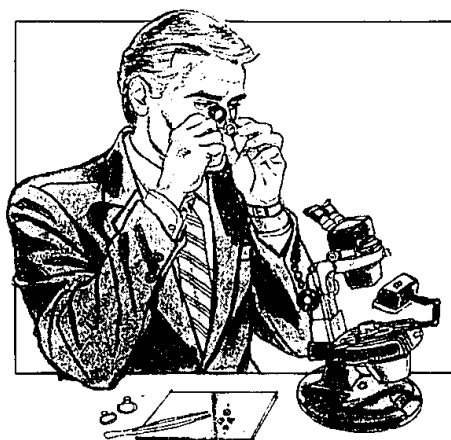
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