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Aiming for a fun and safe time

Parents take lessons on how to give an all-night graduation party

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Parents of senior students in Farmington High School are taking lessons this spring from parents of seniors in North Farmington High on how to give an all-night party graduation night.

Janean and Jim Carey knew their party-planning work was cut out for them when their daughter Colleen was elected president of North Farmington's senior class, which, following a longstanding tradition, makes them automatic chairpersons of the 11:30 p.m. to early morning breakfast party.

Because of that tradition, the Careys have been handed down records along with \$700 to get things under way. The couple have standing committees already set up, and from time to time have had strangers introduce themselves asking to be counted in for help with the preparations.

Joan Barbrick-Lorenz, the mother of Farmington High senior John Barbrick who proposed the idea of following in North Farmington High's graduation party footsteps to the high school's principal Gerald Potter, is starting from scratch.

"This was a case of this-was-your-idea-so-you-be-chairman," Barbrick-Lorenz said. "There's not too much money in the pot, but we drew the biggest group of parents we have ever drawn for any special meeting when we sent out flyers telling them what we proposed to do."

WHAT FARMINGTON High's senior parents propose to do is make the party so attractive the two cities police departments will no longer think of grad-



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uation night as "the worst night of the year."

The state law that makes a host family responsible for allowing a drunk guest to leave a party in a car has had some effect on reducing drunk driving accidents in Michigan, but Lorens goes even further than that by saying she wants to make her school's party so special "it will virtually eliminate all house parties that night."

North Farmington's party attracted about 50 percent of the graduating seniors in 1982, and that number has gradually risen so that between 75-80 percent of the graduating class attended the affair last June.

North Farmington also has about 80

'The millionaires party is an absolute must. When some committee a couple of years ago brought in the games of chance, it brought about a big jump in our attendance.'

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North Farmington
High School



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sons, video games, ping pong, a moon-walk, all-you-can eat food and snacks, a pinball, along with the games of chance are some of the activities that have been on the evening's agenda.

What is going to be lined up for North Farmington's graduation party this year will be left up to the Careys' committee chairpersons.

Barbrick-Lorenz and her committees are running on a catch-as-catch-can basis.

"We'll take donations or gifts of any kind to get us started, and we'll also take ideas," she said. "But the one thing we want to do for sure that North has always done is make certain that everyone goes home with a gift, some kind of memento."

If the party goes at North Farmington don't win a prize of any kind, the committee prepares "goody bags" to be given when they leave, and everyone is given a souvenir Polaroid picture.

Another for-sure on Barbrick-Lorenz's list is "to somehow get every parent involved," she said. "At North every parent is expected to give time, talents, cash, something, and they do. We've got a good start, and it will spread. I've got my pre-sale ticket committee working now and these pre-sales will start our party fund to get us on our way."

Barbrick-Lorenz's soliciting committee will also start working this time. Whether cash or merchandise is contributed, all gifts given to high schools are tax deductible.

Graduation night is Wednesday, June 12, at Farmington High and Thursday, June 13, at North Farmington High.

Dressing up

First-class wardrobe suits Easter traveling youth

DRESSING UP for Easter is one of the rites of spring that all of us remember from our own childhood.

Another rite is the mass exodus of northerners to someplace warm and vacation oriented. Destinations that come easily to mind are Florida's Disneyworld or an exotic vacation for the whole family at Club Med.

Travel, whether to Grandma's house or to exciting new places, is definitely a new trend, according to American Express travel related manager Peggy Greef. "Families, many with young children, are booking trips to the usual places, but also on cruises, European excursions and trips down the Nile," she said.

Since the term "first class" is now part of the younger set's vocabulary, dressing for that kind of experience is also important. According to Loreta Lorion, owner of a Bloomfield Plaza children's wear boutique, "This season especially parents want the really good stuff for their darlings."

The "good stuff" at Loreta Lorion is translated into dresses for cherubs designed by none other than Yves Saint Laurent, Pierre Cardin and Christian Dior.

Rhoda Shapero, owner of Gould's, another popular children's shop, agrees. "Fine quality things, like imported knit tops and dresses or beautiful embroidery and detail work are truly appreciated by most mothers and, surprisingly, young children. They love

to wear something special."

WHILE JEANS and T-shirts might be fine for everyday playwear it appears Easter is the time when children truly get dressed up in their finest. This season soft pastel and delicate florals and fabrications are important. Embroidery and lace are also important, either all-over or as trim. Adaptations of nautical dressing are sailing strong this year, as are natural wadded styles highlighted with big bow hats.

Purses, gloves, and hats bedecked with ribbons and blossoms are necessities for a very soft, very pretty look this Spring. For boys the double-breasted silhouettes offer the most fashion forward thinking. Shirts are pasted with white collars, and sport tie bars add a grown up touch.

The traditional Easter basket this season can even be customized to appeal to each tot's interests. Tim Caverly and Roy Bushle of the Thunderbird Shop will custom create a coordinated basket, wheelbarrow or wagon, or even a baby buggy filled with treats and gifts.

FOR INSTANCE, if your youngster loves Peter Rabbit, Caverly and Bushle will see to it that he receives a stuffed rabbit, the Beatrix Potter book and a collection of handmade paper mache Easter eggs filled with treats. The tariff for the distinctive baskets begins at \$15. Says Caverly, many customers keep their baskets for years and bring

them back each year for a refill. He is also designing May baskets which will contain toys, flowers and books of poetry. Even adults would enjoy this spring pick-me-up, which can be sent anywhere in the country.

Traveling with children can be a pleasant part of a vacation. Whether the trip is a long one by car or a short flight to visit relatives for the holidays, planning ahead can help ease the strain of "Are we there yet?"

FAMILY CAR TRIPS can be especially trying because of cramped space; so keep in mind the following:

- Leave before dawn. Take the children directly from their beds to the car. Then they can sleep for a few hours at the beginning of the trip and be rested for the remainder.
- Secure any child up to 60 pounds in a child safety seat. They will be safer and more easily controlled.
- If traveling with more than one child, give each his own space in the car. A divider (box, bag, tape) isolates each child's "side."
- Keep toys in the trunk. Bring out new ones each time you make a rest stop. Put played-with toys in the trunk. That way, there is always a "new" toy to distract the child.
- Make a list of games and songs to use during the trip.
- Let your children know that driving is very serious and that they will be helping you to drive by sitting quietly.

AIRPLANE TRAVEL has its own special considerations because your traveling companions are strangers:

- On off-peak flights, reserve seats in the first row of coach (backhead seats) for extra room.
- Explain to your child before the trip that they must stay in their seats and not disturb the other passengers with activities or noise.
- Bring small, quiet toys — books, board games, cards, stuffed animals — for them to play with. Many airlines have activity packages for children.
- Getting separated from your children does happen! So have them wear I.D. bracelets or attach cards to the inside of their clothing with their name, your name, address and a phone number where someone will be while you're traveling.
- Bring along your own nutritious snacks for children. Remember, sugary treats can make children overly active.

What the children wear is an important part of traveling. Dress the younger set in comfortable clothes and let them change into their Easter finery when they arrive. If flying a short jaunt of less than two hours they can be dressed in their Easter best. Boys can remove their jackets during the flight.

Wherever the season beckons this year, take the kids along. And, make sure they go first class in fashion for Springtime.



Dressing up for Easter in fine tradition is Lauren Soeln, 5, of Farmington Hills, who wears an old-fashioned country Liberty print overlay dress, \$57, while Nichole Wingate, 5, of Detroit wears soft gray, yellow and violet color-spiced dress with French puff sleeves, \$50. Gould's Children's Shop, Fenner-mache Easter eggs, \$2-\$25, are from the Thunderbird Toy Shop.

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Murder, rape, robbery, burglary, larceny car theft, and arson — all are serious crimes, and all increased in Southfield last year.

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), concerned has embarked on a service to victims of crime.

A non-sectarian community service, Victim Service Council, has been established to provide emotional and practical support to crime victims in Oakland County.

Lois Granader of Southfield, chairman of the new program says Marsha Zucker, vice president of community services, brought the program to the Greater Detroit Section's attention.

She came back from the NCJW national convention in St. Louis where she observed their Victim Service Council

in action," said Granader.

"Later, she called me and asked me to be in charge, and I agreed. We've fashioned our program after the one in St. Louis."

A native Detroit, Granader has been a Southfield resident 16 years. She attended the University of Michigan and was graduated from Wayne State.

"I TAUGHT English and speech in Detroit high schools a long time ago, but I've been a volunteer for 20 years," she said.

Trained NCJW volunteers, working through several Oakland County Police Departments are calling people who have been victimized.

"Each department deals with us and the program differently," she said. "Our goal is for people to call us."

Granader says victims almost always need support.

"A woman whose purse is snatched

may need help with applying for new documents and social credit her charge accounts are reported stolen.

"A person who has been shot may need months for recovery and require a moratorium on their bills. We can give advice about agencies, the police, and lawyers."

Psychological hurts are sometimes the most painful, she says.

"When people are victimized, they are vulnerable and frightened. The way the world is supposed to be is out of joint. It wrecks their sense of self. They need to talk it out, over and over and sometimes families and friends tire of it, or feel vulnerable themselves."

THE VOLUNTEERS in the victim service are trained in empathic listening, as well as in acting for people who need help.

"Some people may think this is only for poor people. One policeman told me

because the area is affluent, 'people don't need your service,'" Granader said.

"But the feelings of affluent people are the same. We've had people tell us 'I lost my sense of self' or 'I'm afraid to leave home.'"

Granader says people robbed coming from their workplace are often traumatized and become paranoid. "The most vent this or the trauma stays longer."

"Women whose homes have been burglarized will often say, they touched my underwear, they touched the sheets, or other personal household items. It's a sense of emotional rape."

To date, 18 volunteers are trained and in place to give the service for which there is no charge.

"Our volunteers were trained by

Common Ground with over 30 hours of work in telephone techniques, empathic listening, and other techniques," said Granader.

"WE HAD speakers from the Prosecuting Attorney's office and from police too on the legal system and a number of topics."

Many crime victims feel victimized a second time by police and procedures they don't understand, Granader says. "We're trained to explain."

Prior to beginning the service, NCJW did a survey of the area's police departments, hospitals, and other agencies. "Wherever we went, we heard 'No one does anything for victims,'" Granader said.

One community's biggest problem is teen suicides, but we're not yet trained in the grief process. We don't counsel rape victims either, but refer them."

Though the service is young, NCJW has already received numerous letters of thanks from victims for listening and helping.

"Often people react to being victimized by being afraid to go outside, repeating their story time after time, or developing a fear of anyone coming near them."

"We can tell them this is normal," Granader says her 18 volunteers are really dedicated, with a need to help people.

Anyone needing help from the Victim Service Council by calling 358-6000. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. A crisis line is in operation 24 hours a day.

NCJW is at 30233 Southfield Road, suite 100, Southfield, Mich. 48076.