

Memorial service set for Livonia woman

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

Memorial services will be held in Farmington Hills Saturday for Barbara Beaver, 39, a Livonia resident who was killed Tuesday by a 25-pound rock that crashed through the windshield of a car in which she was riding.

The accident, which took place about

6 a.m. on southbound I-475 at the Huron River Drive overpass, is under investigation by Huron Township police. Police are not certain if someone threw the rock from the overpass. Officers have no suspects but urge people with any information about the incident to call 733-4400.

After striking Mrs. Beaver on her jaw and chest, the rock landed on the

arm of her daughter, Sarah, 4, who was sitting in the back seat behind the driver, Thomas Beaver. Neither Thomas Beaver, Sarah, nor her brother, Thomas Jr., 2, who also was in the back seat, were injured. Mrs. Beaver died of head and chest injuries at the Westland Medical Center.

THOMAS BEAVER said the family was on the way to Pennsylvania to

celebrate two occasions, Thanksgiving and the 70th birthday of Mrs. Beaver's father.

The Beaver family, which moved to Livonia four years ago, lives in the 33400 block of Curtis. The family originally is from the Lancaster, Pa., area. Beaver is the eastern Michigan and Ontario sales representative from Mill Products Division of Alcoa Alumi-

num Sales Corp. of Lancaster. Mrs. Beaver also worked for the company from 1969 to 1981.

Saturday's memorial service will be at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 24160 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Mrs. Beaver was well known in the church for her activities in both the nursery and in the Women's Association. She was chairman of the board of directors for the nursery school and treasurer of the association.

Mama, who worked with Mrs. Beaver on the nursery board, called her "an outstanding person who touched the lives of many people."

"Everyone who knew her loved her,"

Mama said.

Mrs. Beaver also was treasurer of the Livonia Newcomers and Neighbors Club. She hosted teas to welcome new people to the city and worked on the club's annual fashion show.

"She was very active and had numerous friends," said club President Patricia Good.

Funeral arrangements, both for services in Pennsylvania and the memorial service Saturday, were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home Inc. Mrs. Beaver is to be buried in Pennsylvania.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; children Sarah and Thomas Jr.; father Louis Hogarth of Pennsylvania, and brother Douglas Hogarth of Houston.

Principal discusses eligibility rules

By Jeffrey Allain
special writer

Farmington High School principal Gerald Potter said he would like to try stricter eligibility rules for participation in extracurricular activities, but he would not give such a rule his full support unless the results proved positive.

In an interview at Farmington High School, Potter, past president of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, was asked how effective stricter eligibility rules would be in the Farmington school system. He said he doesn't know because it hasn't been tried yet.

"It is easy to say 'let's have strict rules,' and, 'I would support them,' but I would have to look at the results first," he said.

For a student to be eligible to participate in activities in the Farmington school system, the student must pass at least four classes. A "D" is considered passing, Potter said. A student could

get four Ds and two Es and still be eligible.

One problem would be deciding how high the standards should be raised to achieve the best results without damage, Potter said. Should the student have to get at least a C in every class, a C or D average or pass all their classes to be eligible?

ANOTHER PROBLEM is what is considered an extracurricular activity, Potter said. Besides athletics, there are also school plays and school-sponsored clubs to consider.

"It's not clear," Potter said. "One has to define all those issues."

A positive side of strict rules is it would call attention to those students who need help, Potter said. Then they could receive the necessary help so they could participate in sports or other activities.

"I think it would be an excellent rule," said Jerry Allison, Farmington High School's athletic director. "I believe it would increase the effort put forth by some students."

"But I would hate to see any student cut out of an activity."

WITH STRICTER rules, teachers may have more power. "I could see a staff member or a teacher give a student a failing grade just so he or she couldn't participate," Allison said.

On the other hand, a student could be failing a class and the coaches and parents may put pressure on the teacher to pass the underserving student, Potter said.

Or a student may take only classes that are easy to pass, Potter said.

He also said that activities such as sports keep some students in school. If they are not allowed to participate, then they would probably drop out.

Quoting Ronald Joekel, associate dean of the University of Nebraska, Potter said: "Limiting membership or participation by grade-point average may only result in a form of discrimination, which is contrary to the democratic principle of American education."

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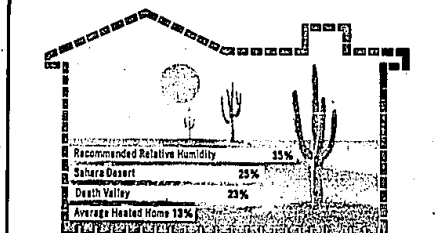
To a previously healthy person, having arthritis comes as a shock. It is difficult to adjust to a chronic disease - a state in which pain and impairment are present each day and follow every move.

For most people with arthritis, aspirin is the main medication. Proper dosage requires 4-12 tablets daily, depending on the form of aspirin used. For many individuals the need to take this much medicine every day is as upsetting as having the arthritis itself.

The question: "Will I have to be on medicine forever?" is a signal. It indicates the patient's distress over finding no swift and straightforward treatment that will take the arthritis away.

The initial reply is to point out that remission or improvement is always possible; there are over 100 types of arthritis, but they share the common characteristic of being unpredictable in their outcome. No one can say that the joint pain and swelling present today will never stop. However, it must be pointed out that treatment, no matter how faithfully followed, rarely ends arthritis; in most instances the purpose of therapy is to allow one to undertake a reasonable life despite their joint condition.

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Ethnic link is probed

Dr. Chalm Brickman, immunologist at Sinai Hospital of Detroit, is starting a clinic and research program to investigate the occurrence of familial Mediterranean fever among metro ethnic communities.

"This inherited disease occurs predominantly in persons of Mediterranean or Middle Eastern origin. Armenians, Arabs and Sephardic Jews are particularly affected. The Detroit area has the highest concentration of residents from the Mediterranean and Middle East of any metro area in the United States."

The familial fever is characterized by acute, recurrent attacks of fever, abdominal or chest inflammation, and/or arthritis. There are presently no tests to diagnose the disease, consequently, many people with this disorder are misdiagnosed.

"RECENT EVIDENCE suggests that patients with this disorder may have a deficiency in a particular group of proteins known as complement. Brickman, director of clinical immunology at Sinai, was trained at the National Institutes of Health, and has published and performed extensive research in this area."

"The purpose of this venture is to learn more about this disease from patients suspected of having this disorder, to assist patients with this disorder in coping and treating their disease and to investigate possible causes," said Brickman.

"Persons who have had symptoms characteristic of familial fever and who wish to participate in the study, can call Brickman at 935-5177. Participants in the study will receive care at a reduced fee."

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