

Blood donors sought

Four American Red Cross bloodmobiles will visit the Farmington area in March.

Donating blood is a simple, risk-free process requiring less than an hour, Red Cross officials say. Anyone who is in good health, weighs at least 110 pounds and between 17 and 70 is eligible to donate blood.

A new, sterile needle is used for each donor, they discarded. The process includes a mini-physical and refreshment.

Bloodmobiles will be at:

• Saturday, March 8 — Finnish Cultural Center, 33200 Eight Mile Rd. a.m. to 3 p.m. For an appointment, call Shirley Kempainen, 478-6939.

• Saturday, March 9 — St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32245 Red Ct., ver. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For an appointment, call Gerry Kerrigan, 626-5104.

• Saturday, March 9 — N.W. Christian Missions Alliance Church, 28111 Ten Mile, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For an appointment, call Carol Berner, 479-7873.

• Friday, March 14 — Antioch Lutheran Church, 33301 W. 13 Mile, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For an appointment, call Ginny Jesse, 522-1311.

Donations are accepted at the Oak Park Door Center, 25000 Greenfield, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Friday, 2-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, call 968-2258 for an appointment.

About 1,000 units of blood are needed daily by patients in the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region.

right to edit them. Send letters to Readers' Forum, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River Ave., Farmington 48024

Month," Steve Weinreich has our vote.

Leah Brownfield
Farmington Hills

MEA opinion is challenged

To the editor:

I am writing in reference to the Feb. 13 news story "State ponders ways to recruit 20,000 teachers," written by Tim Richard.

While I found the article interesting and informative, I would appreciate clarification and a detailed explanation of a comment made by Larry Chumovich president of the Michigan Education Association. He stated that "teaching jobs compete with industrial jobs that pay more, have shorter hours and command more respect."

While I have a great amount of respect for teachers and the job they do, I would like to know what is meant by the term "industrial jobs" and what "industrial job" has less hours than a teacher? I recognize the fact that teachers may bring homework home, but it is also true that many other professions do so also and work more than eight hours a day. Which "industrial jobs" (approximately 230 work days per year) have less than a teacher (180 work days less Easter and Christmas vacation and curriculum days)?

While I respect the teaching profession, I would be interested in knowing what "industrial jobs" pay more and have less hours (annual salary divided by the number of hours worked) than the teaching profession.

I think it is an excellent idea that teachers should be paid based on performance, just as "industrial jobs" are.

Roy R. Forbes,
Dearborn

School prexy is on target

To the editor:

Cheers to Susan Rennels, Farmington School Board president. I agree totally with her article in the Feb. 27 Observer.

I, too, cannot believe that the Hills has "the audacity to pretend that the 12 mile corridor is in decline." I agree also that such a notion "is a hideous perversion" of truth.

Granted, the Hills is in a bind. But didn't I read recently that the Hills' council has "experts" out all about the country soliciting top-drawer companies to come to Farmington Hills? If you cannot handle the growing pains slow it down. Take months, instead of weeks, to pass on this or that.

Or try this: change your charter. A 10-mile tax limit? Come on! The Hills ain't Podunk, USA. Con-

vince your constituents, council-folk, that the bucks really are needed.

Yet there still is another little tricky thing you could do. Have a serious talk with your assessor. Tell him to get those valuations up: 15, 25 even 30 percent annually. It's the slickest and easiest device I can think of to help you out. It's done all the time all over Michigan, and the state Tax Tribunal will uphold you. Go for it.

And stop buying expensive playthings like \$9,000 micro-fiche machines for your fire department.

Lee S. Peel,
Farmington

Rehab program support urged

To the editor:

At the Feb. 17 public hearing on the proposed allocation of Farmington Hills Community Development and Block Grant funds, Councilman Donn Wolf made some comments about the rehabilitation of kitchens or bathrooms that if taken seriously, would impugn his intelligence and/or knowledge of what the rehab program has done (and continues to do) in the Hills.

When Mr. Wolf visited a home in Section 36 prior to his election to the Hills council, he impressed everyone (myself included) with his intelligence and knowledge of the problems facing residents in the older sections of our city.

At the hearing, it was pointed out to Mr. Wolf that the sidetracks he cited as an example of the use of rehab funds was erroneous and that no such work is (or has ever been) permitted, but the tone had been set for more derogatory comments by Mr. Wolf. It was obvious that the ultra-conservative agenda had been established and that a proven, fiscally responsible program would suffer as a consequence of that agenda.

Prior to last year's city council election, several council aspirants were queried about their commitment to continuation of the rehab program should the federal government decide to curtail or abrogate its support of the Community Development Act; the aspirants answers were (to say the least) nebulous and their wall-and-see attitude were congruent by some to forebode the demise of a program of inestimable value.

It is strange indeed that a council which cannot (or will not) find ways to accommodate all of its constituency can find a way to send three of its members to Washington to attend a conference designed to acquaint its attendees with the requisites necessary for good, sensitive, effective government — an anomaly for sure!

George Roberts
Farmington Hills

Farmington readers' forum

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Reflector plates are no advantage

To the editor:

Our County Road Association will strongly oppose the new legislative lobbying effort to grab \$27 million of highway funds by requiring two reflectorized license plates for every car in Michigan.

Since studies have clearly shown there is no traffic safety advantage by using the 3M Co. reflectorized material, the sole beneficiary of its use would seem to be the producers of the material.

The proposed extra one dollar charge per plate to the car owner to go to a fund for partial recovery of the costs merely glosses over the loss of highway user revenues.

With highway funding expected to decline, it is more important than ever to justify a second license plate on a cost benefit basis. So far, there is no documentation of losses of law enforcement efficiency following the 1981 elimination of the second license plate.

The proposal to require costly reflectorized sheeting on license plates is even more objectionable because there is only one manufacturer in the U.S. supplying the new reflectorized material, thereby eliminating any competitive bidding and leaving the state at the mercy of a single-source supplier.

The County Road Association represents Michigan's 83 county road agencies which administer 88,693 miles of roads and streets across the state.

Ronald Bakker
County Road Association
of Michigan

Run a government like it's a business

To the editor:

The United States has long been known and really still is the land of freedom and opportunity. I believe many of us would also like to believe that we are a world leader and a country that other nations look up to and admire. To keep and improve this image we must not only be strong but business-like in the way we conduct our nation's business.

Strong is not just the size of our military force or the number of missiles available. Strong is also the strength of our moral and financial foundations. Military might is of little importance if the foundations are eroding away. Unfortunately, our nation is rapidly headed for financial bankruptcy unless we all take steps to correct this situation.

To save ourselves and the future of our descendants we must insist that the government, like a well run business, operates with a balanced budget. We have been ignoring this fact for too many years now. No matter how much it hurts, the time is now to achieve a balance budget!

Today's congressmen seem to have lost sight of this simple business principle, and for their own

personal survival they have bent the way the pressures of their local constituents and lobbies push. We as taxpayers must stop pushing for more and more spending to solve problems. Increasing taxes is not the solution either. We've got to get smart and spend less while maintaining only the worthwhile government programs. Spending can be reduced tremendously by eliminating waste and increasing the efficiency of the way current programs are handled.

At our president's request, a non-partisan committee made up of successful businessmen conducted an 18-month study of this very problem and at no expense to the taxpayers. The committee is called the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control. It is important to know that the PPSS's task was not to find programs to eliminate but to see how we can do a better job in handling the current programs. As a result, the PPSS has submitted a report with 2,478 ways to save money, enhance revenues and make the government leaner and more efficient. If Congress and the executive branch adopted the committee's suggestions, it would save \$42 billion over three years and \$10.0 trillion by the year 2000. That's only 15 years away. These savings are accomplished without eliminating worthwhile programs.

The problem is serious. The national debt is now over \$1.8 trillion. If we don't do something drastic, it will in the next 14 years grow to over \$13 trillion... over \$50,000 for every American... and we'll be paying \$1.5 trillion per year in interest charges alone. Inflation will result. Let's avoid the kind of national disaster, which occurred in Germany after WW I where due to inflation it took a wheelbarrow of paper money to buy a loaf of bread.

Your Congressman alone cannot solve the problem for us. Remember he is our elected representative and responds to what we tell him. Let's stop pushing for more and more spending. Instead, let's all write our Congressmen and insist that they take steps to adopt the recommendations of the PPSS and do whatever else is needed to put our nation on a businesslike balanced budget operation. By doing this we can save ourselves, our descendants and rebuild the leadership and respect we'd like to see from other nations. Let's bolster-up our foundations and thereby strengthen the nation we're trying to protect.

David W. Barton,
Birmingham

Home delivery — coming up roses

To the editor:

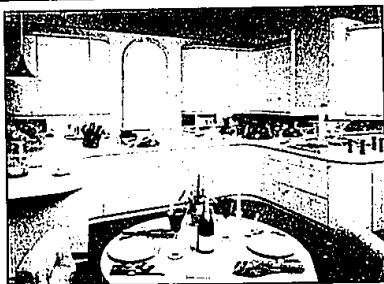
My husband and I recently moved to Farmington Hills from out of state. We have been so impressed with the friendliness of our "paperboy" that we felt compelled to let you know.

Our paper is delivered promptly and he makes sure that it is up off the sidewalk during wet weather. He is always cheerful and was happy to give us suggestions on our new neighborhood.

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