

# Director honored

A Birmingham man has been named "Board Member of the Year" by Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies.

Lawrence DuRoss will be honored at a special recognition luncheon in Lansing on May 11. He was nominated by St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills, a residential treatment center serving children and their families for almost 60 years.



Lawrence DuRoss

"His spirit of service is beyond any that I have known in my 35 years experience," said agency director Sister Mary Patricia Larambell.

DuRoss has been a member of the board of directors at the center for the past 20 years, serving as board president several times. During that time he has played a major role in the agency's fund raising and financial planning. Since his retirement a year ago, he spends an average of 20 hours of volunteer time a week at the center.

The Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies is a

non-profit organization representing 80 private agencies throughout the state which provide services for children and families in need.

# Spring concert honors seniors, handicapped

At 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, Farmington Community Band will present its annual concert honoring senior citizens and the handicapped in Harrison High School Auditorium, 29995 12 Mile. The concert supported by Michigan Council For The Arts is free of charge.

James Underwood, cornet soloist, will be featured in the program that will include musical favorites from the bands of Sousa, Goldman and Glenn Miller.

Residents of area nursing and retirement homes will have transportation provided by Farmington Public Schools, and homemade goodies will be served to the concert's honored guests.

The concert is presented in conjunction with National Music Week and in cooperation with the Farmington Area Arts Commission.



James Underwood

# She's a semifinalist

Amy Veach is a semifinalist in Teen magazine's 1988 Great Model Search.

The Farmington Hills resident's photo is in the April issue of the publication as one of 16 who reached the semifinals in this region of the U.S. Judging was made in six regions across the country. The 17-year-old is now eligible for the next step of the competition.

Veach is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Veach and a student at Southfield Christian High School.

She reached the semifinals in a field of 27,000 entries vying for \$5,000 from Maybelline, a \$5,000 modeling contract with Gillette and a \$1,000 wardrobe from Ups 'N Downs stores.



Amy Veach

# Calendar sweepstakes under way

Mercy's Calendar Sweepstakes sales, an annual fund-raiser, has begun. Students are canvassing the area to sell the \$20 Calendar Sweepstakes chances.

A \$50 prize will be awarded each day of the ensuing year, with five \$100 prizes awarded each month. The sweepstakes will culminate in May 1989 with the awarding of three \$1,000 prizes and one \$2,000 prize.

Call Mercy High School, 476-8020, or any Mercy student to buy a sweepstakes chance.



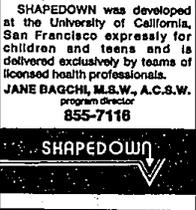
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# club circuit

**WESTSIDE SINGLES** meet for a dance party at 8:30 p.m. Friday in Lionia Elks Club, Plymouth Road east of Merriman. Admission is \$4 at the door.

**BETHANY TOGETHER**, an organization for the divorced and separated, sponsors a spring dance at 9 p.m. Saturday in Aeon VFW Hall, Fourth and Troy in Royal Oak. Admission is \$6 at the door, which includes beer and set-ups.

**NON-SMOKING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** group meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Church of Christ, 36500 11 Mile.

**FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB** meets at noon Monday, May 2, in Farmington Community Center. Speaker for the day is a representative of Fairlane Florist-English Gardens, who will demonstrate how to create blooming baskets, European dish gardens, hanging moss baskets and flowering plants in containers.

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF UNITED HEBREW SCHOOLS** meet at noon Wednesday, May 4, in LaMed Auditorium, United Hebrew Schools, 21550 12 Mile, Southfield.

The after-luncheon program is headed by Yefet Ozery, an Israeli

representative to the United States. Ozery will narrate "The Valley is a Dream," a segment of the highly acclaimed Israeli film, "Pillar of Fire."

The meeting is open to guests without charge.

**AMERICAN LEGION**, Groves-Walker Post 346 and its auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the post home, 31775 Grand River.

**LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP** meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill. Family and

friends are welcome. Inquiries are taken by Jean Purdy, 476-7855.

**BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD-TROY SINGLES** meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, in Ramada Inn, Southfield. The singles hot line is 649-4184.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

# CROP Walkers rev up for 10 km trek

More walkers will walk and more pledges will be made in this spring's area clergy-sponsored CROP Walk Against Hunger.

"Our rally was a great success and gives promise of being bigger and better than our last two," said Judy Houser, speaking of the meeting that drew representatives from churches in Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Birmingham and Southfield in readiness for the walk, scheduled for Sunday, May 15.

Walks in all communities will take place simultaneously.

Walkers from this area will register at 1:30 p.m. in First United Methodist Church, follow their 10 kilometer route, and return to the church in downtown Farmington.

Houser, a coordinator for the walk in Farmington and a representative for Nardin Park United Methodist Church, reported slightly over \$10,000 raised in the 1986 walk, and \$12,000 raised in the 1987 walk.

"The goal for 1988 is \$20,000," she said, who is taking inquiries from those interested in joining the walk at 626-3620.

75 percent is sent to Church World Service for hunger relief, agriculture education, social and economic development. The non-denominational service is the crisis relief arm of National Council of Churches.

The other 25 percent of the money pledged stays in the local community. In this area that money will be given to Farmington Salvation Army's food pantry, Farmington

Hills Headstart and Baldwin Avenue Family Kitchen in Pontiac.

Southfield and Birmingham walkers have also pledged percentages from their walks to the family kitchen.

Last spring 106 CROP Walks took place in Michigan. The total raised in the state was \$1,055,000. Michigan hunger agencies received \$213,000.

# Volunteers are called

Common Ground, Oakland County's 24 hour Crisis Center needs volunteers to provide telephone and face to face crisis intervention during daytime and early evening hours. Screening required, but previous experience not necessary. Excellent training provided.

Interested individuals are invited to attend an orientation session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, or 10 a.m. Thursday, May 5, in Common Ground, 1090 South Adams in Birmingham. No appointment necessary. For other information contact Connie Justice at 645-1173.

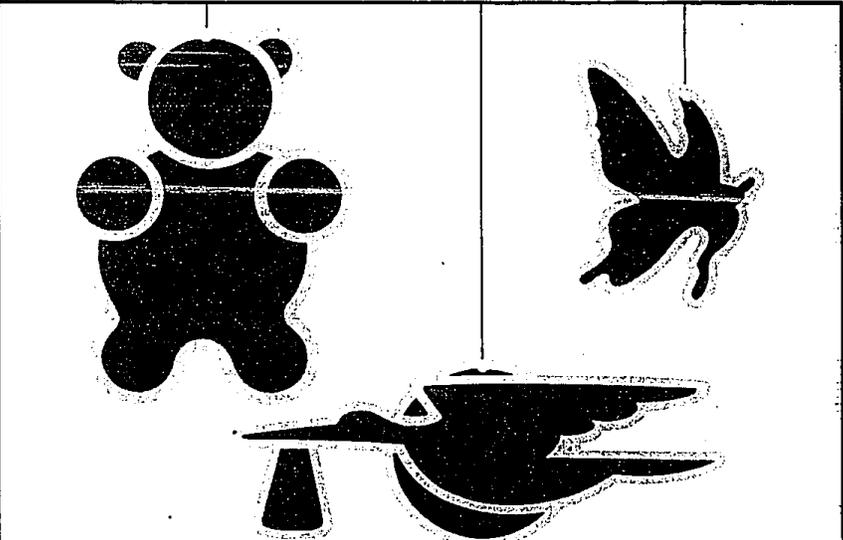
# Self-defense classes offered for women

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"A study of survivors of rape and attempted rape concluded that those who had a predeveloped strategy were more likely to stop the attack than those who had none. Those in my workshops practice verbal and physical techniques until they become automatic."

She adds that those in her workshops will leave with a more factual understanding of sexual assault, increased self-confidence, a greater sense of control over their safety and

a repertoire of skills to effectively handle situations that could run from anything that was just annoying to life-threatening.



# Thinking for two.

Parents-to-be are more assertive today about their hospital choices. They want to be certain about the quality of the hospital experience for both mother and child. The medical aspects are most critical, but comfort, friendliness, family involvement, and privacy are also important. So families check things out for themselves. It's not just the doctor's choice anymore. That's why hospitals are talking about their differences.

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