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Lending a hand

Fifteen chapters of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization AZA took part in a 40-hour softball marathon last weekend to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in conjunction with the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. "It got pretty wet, but we raised \$750, our best ever," said North Farmington High sophomore Jason Porth, president of the Jolson chapter, which co-sponsored the marathon with the Kishon chapter. Above, Jolson treasurer Todd Rope of Farmington Hills and Aliyah member Jenny Blitz of West Bloomfield can't believe the catch Rope made during the marathon, played at the Oak Park Community Center. MDA is a voluntary national health agency dedicated to conquering neuromuscular diseases. Jerry Lewis is its national chairman.

Headlee Systems appoints new VP

Peter Van de Kerkhove has joined Headlee Systems of Farmington Hills as vice president.

He has introduced health care consulting and decision-support systems to the 4-year-old custom software development and database firm.

Van de Kerkhove was formerly Operations Analysis Department project manager at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. He has nine years of experience in health care management and information systems analysis, development and installation with Ford Hospital, Blue Cross of Northeast Ohio and Akron General Medical Center.

Van de Kerkhove has designed two decision support systems that Headlee Systems is marketing.

The first is a microcomputer-based dispatch/control package for any hospital's internal patient transport services. The second is a patient classification system for determining the nursing care needs of hospital patients in terms of nurse staffing requirements.

"We are designing or remarketing decision support systems aimed at increasing the quality of health care delivery systems while minimizing costs," Van de Kerkhove said.

Van de Kerkhove is a member of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society and the American Hospital Association's Healthcare Financial Management Association.



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Police have apprehended a man who allegedly bilked residents in Westland, Wayne, Redford Township and other area communities this summer out of hundreds of dollars while posing as a Fuller Brush salesman.

Phillip Theis, 49, is scheduled to face trial today in 29th District Court, Wayne, on three counts of larceny under \$100. The larceny charges are misdemeanors punishable by a maximum penalty of up to

90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$500.

Theis pleaded not guilty to the charges during his arraignment last week. He is jailed without bond in the city of Wayne.

The defendant is facing similar charges in Westland, Ypsilanti and Detroit.

The company later told police in other communities that Theis was dismissed from his position as an independent contractor last January.

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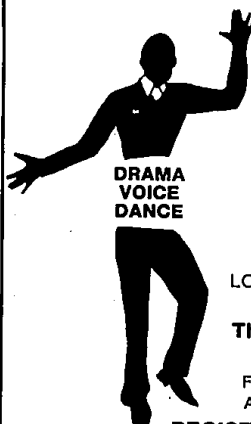
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