New penalties weighed for liquor law violations

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state Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, and state Sen. Jack Paron, D-Farmington Hills, will work together for teglated reprocessing the property of the state o

Anoun nave licenses suspended to a period of time on "this second offense, for example."

"It would take the arbitrary discretion away from the L-CC and set a minimum sentence for a repeat violator, "specifically dealing with those licensees selling consist-ently to minors," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

THE LCC has the discretion to levy penalties depend-ing on each individual case. The commissioners do not have hardfast penalties to follow. Generally, fines for pellists offense of selling to minors range from \$100 to \$400 though commissioners have the option of levying

penalties up to \$1,000, Dwyer said.
"Tve never seen that happen," be said.
For the second offense, penalties range from \$200 to \$600 and for the third offense, \$300 to \$600. When a licensee has chalked up three violations within a two-year period, he is required to appear before a LCC appeals board of two commissioners and and andinsistrative law judge. The commissioners are mandated to suspend the license for at least one day and may revoke the license, Dwyer said.
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FARMINGTON HILLS licensees cited for liquor law violations are charged under city ordinance and reported to the LOC. Approximately \$9 percent of the Violators the Farmington Hills police report to LOC pleaded guide the property of the Particular of the Particular of the Violations of Hour control laws among licensed establishments in the city, Sever announced in January that letters would be mailed to the 83 licensees and the LOC.

"We will not tolerate excuses from responsible operators of licensed establishments who are unable to guarantee that minors will not be sold liquor or other spirits," according to Sever's letter.

Letters also were expected to be sent to Patricia Knox, LOC chairwoman, and other commissioners urging maximum penalties for violators.

"We call on you to support our effort and revoke licenses from remoir eviolators to the maximum extent permitted by law."

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chamber perspectives

These YMCA highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington VMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, For informa-tion, call 553-4020.

● PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROGRAM HEGISTHATION Registration for the YMCA Winter II classes will begin with full privi-lege member registration on Mon-day, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. Program members will be allowed to register starting on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. Registration for both full privi-

lege and program members will run through Saturday, March 4. Call 553-4020 for more information.

ADULT SWIM

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INSTRUCTION
The Farmington Area YMCA offers a wide variety of aquatic classes to area adults. Classes range in skill level from terrified of water to advanced swim lessons. The Y also offers a water (liness class for those the like to jarticipate in a water aerobics class. New classes begin

VIP GUIDEL TOURS

■ VIP GUIGEL TOGHE Anyone interested to learning more about the Farmington YMCA and its many community services is invited to stop in for a VIP Facility Tour, any weekday between 0 a.m. to 9 pm. The Y is located on Farm-ington Road north of 12 Mille. Call Greg Voss, the YMCA's Membership Director for membership Informa-tion, 553-4020.

YMCA highlights

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The chamber's annual State of the
Clties Breakfast will be Friday,
March 17. Farmington Mayor Dick
Tupper and Farmington Hills Mayor
Terry Sever, along with city managers Bob Deadman and Bill Costick
will report on events and plans for
the coming year that may have an

effect on local business. Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America again is bosting the break-fast. Reservations are required for the 8 a.m. meeting for members

only.

SHINNENKAI A SUCCESS
This social/business gathering held in the keginning of the year for Japanese firms in the area was hostically six area chambers. Attendance was more than 200 and the event will be planned again for next year.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE
Several members of the chamber board of directors and area firms

are taking a Japanese culture course to better understand our new Japa-nese business neighbors.

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BE KIND TO

AMBASSADORS

Businesses around town can expect to hear from one of our ambasadors who have pledged to help the chamber maintain contact with members and other businesses. In addition members and other businesses. In addition, our new membership direc-tor, Wendy Werpetinski, has been calling on new and old businesses around town to make sure they are aware of the chamber and the bene-fits available with membership.

Arboretum child center honored

Aboretum Properties was named in the 1988 Honorable Menoy Award by the Detroit Chapter of Gohen in Communications, Inc. of Splanned on-site child care center; the Arboretum Office Parkarinington Hills. The award was presented as part the fifth annul WICI Dogs & Dialogds Awards ceremony Jan. 28 of Radisson Piaza Hotel in Southold. The properties of the awards to the propers of the working women in an excellent way. The properties announced for the propers of the working women the properties and the first time in Michigan that a deciprogress of working women the first time in Michigan that a deciprogress of working women with the properties announced for the properties and the first time in Michigan that a deciprogress of working women the properties announced for the properties announced f

The center will be 5,000 square feet with provisions for expansion, will cost about \$750,000 to develop, and will service a maximum of 76 children ranging from infant age to Syears-old. Use of the center will be restricted to Arboretum tenants only. Groundbreaking is expected some time in 1989 or early 1990. Arboretum Properties is a joint venture between Peter Burton and Robert Katzman – partners in Burton-Katzman Development Co., and Robert Hughes, president of Hughes Development, Inc.
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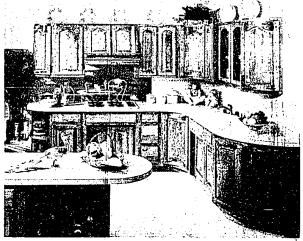


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