# School bus driver has fond memories of her passengers

Julie Teddy, transportation de-partment supervisor for the school system, shares Fradette's esteem for Piltz.

"There may be drivers as caring as Nila, but I don't think there is anyone who is more so," she said. "She has a heart of gold."

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VOLUNTEERING for the job no one else wanted, Pilitz gets to the bus yard, at 10 Mile and Rophael in Farmington, by 5:45 a.m. to make coffee for the 90 drivers who will show up each day, By 6:45, she is back on the bus to get her first passengers at Harrison High. She completes her morning run at Fairtive Early Childhood Center at 8:35.

From 11:30 a.m. till she returns to the bus yard at 4:30 p.m., Pilitz will have picked up a handicapped child at Eagle, taken a shuttle passenger from Farmington High to a North Farmington High to a North Farmington High to a North Farmington High each class picked up her dead to the morning that the supplementation and students home form Harrison and students home form Harrison and spicked up the younger students.

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"I drive a whechair-equipped us." Piltz said. Total capacity for that bus is 32, compared to 72 in a regular school bus.

Before working in Farmington, Piltz had Jobs with the Livonia and Southfield school systems. She worked for the Great Lakes Transit Authority in the 1960s.

HAS SHE ever wanted to quit?

"You bet," she sald with a trademark grin. "The negative part of this job is when parends don't realize a bus driver has to keep order. When students use fithly language or spit in the abise, I'm not going to show the state of the state of

PILTZ ALSO has been a regular driver for the Willoway Day Camp in Novi for about 19 years. "Nita is one of the most loyal, dedicated people you could meet," said Lorraine Fisher, Willoway owner, Active in community outreach with her fellow school bus drivers, Piltz helped initiate their bowlathons for muscular dystronhy.

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They also help out at drawings with proceeds benefiting eight senlor citizens.



Spring scenes

Lorraine Karbol (left) gets some help from Gale Johnson during a painting session at Wendy's Restaurant at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills March 6. The

children were painting spring scenes on the windows. They are from a special education scout troop at William Grace Elementary School in Farmington Hills.

## Mercy elects leadership team

The Farmington Hilts-based Sisters of Mercy — Province of Detroit elected a new leadership team. At an Assembly of Elections, 14 members of the Province chose Gretchen Eliott as the provincial administrator; Carla Marie Krobleck as assistant provincial and Marlan Schultz, Nancy Thompson and Elizabeth Mary Burns, as members of the administrative team.

The Sisters of Mercy of the Province of Detroit are engaged in social work, education and health care in 15 states, The District of Columbia and four foreign countries: Argentina, Australia, Chile and Ireland.

The Province of Detroit sponson on of the largest Catholic health care systems in the world as well as Mercy College of Detroit and Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

The new leadership team will begin its four-year term on July 1. One of their major responsibilities will be to guide the Province of Detroit in its incorporation in the new Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the

tute of the Sisters of march of the Americas.

This Institute has been approved by Rome and will incorporate 20 congregations of Mercy totaling 8,000 Sisters of Mercy.

## **Bill requires** plain English from utilities

Utilities would be required to use "plain English" in public notices for rate increases under legislation introduced last week in the Michigan House, according to information from Rep. Jan Dolan's offices, Refarmington Hills.

House Bill 5462 stipulates that such assignments.

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stating that a rate increase may occur

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The bill also would require all notices to mention the name of the utility and a headine with the words "Notice of Possible Rate Increase." In addition, the notices would have

In addition, the notices would have to include an estimate of the effect on the average residential bill and other information such as names; ad-dresses and telephone numbers of public agencies involved in rate de-cisions.

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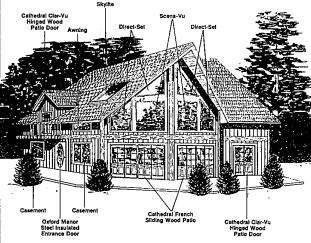
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