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BOOKED up. Irwin Holtzman of Farmington Hills was elected to the Michigan Center for the Book Board of Trustees. The group promotes public awareness and appreciation for books, reading and libraries. It is a program of the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Holtzman, a partner in the Holtzman Silverman Realty Co. in Farmington Hills, will serve a one-year term as the center's vice chair.

DID you know that the 12 Mile-Inkster Road area in Farmington Township used to be called Buckhorn Corners?

Memory lane

25 years ago:

• In a surprise move, petitions were circulated by a group of citizens calling for annexation of 560 acres of Farmington Township into the city of Farmington. The land is between Gill and Halsted, 1-696 and Grand River.

• A police chase at speeds of up to 70 mph through residential areas of Farmington, punctuated by a hail of gunfire at a fleeing car, ended when city police found the car abandoned after hitting a tree at Lilac and Fink. The driver fled on foot.

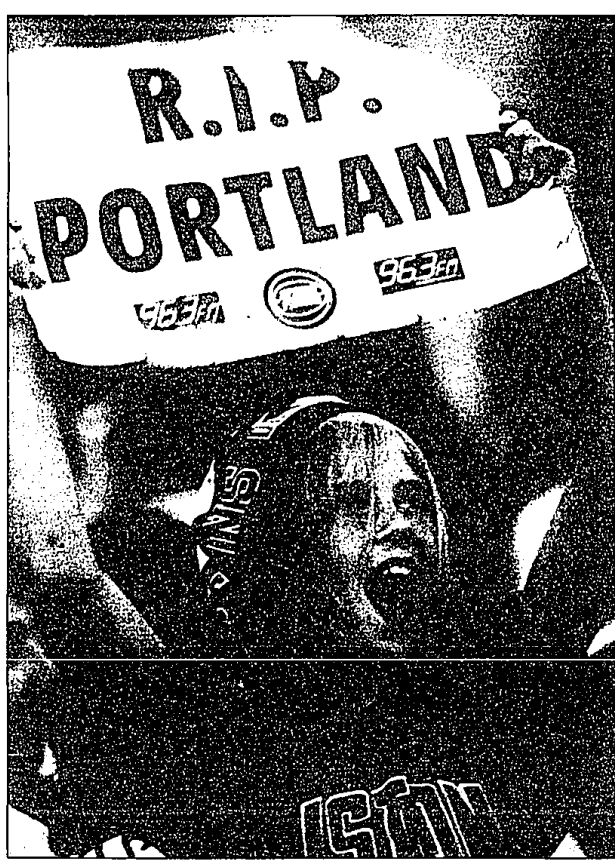
— Farmington Enterprise, June 16, 1965

This week

SCHOOL's out for the summer in Farmington, Clarencville and Walled Lake. So keep watch for kids playing in or near the street during the day time.

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Portland Trail Blazers basketball fans like to say they hail from Rip City. But it was R.I.P. (as in Rest in Peace) as far as Corey Lehmann, 8, of Farmington Hills was concerned. Corey joined the 21,000 loyal fans who jammed the Palace of Auburn Hills Thursday to watch their beloved Pistons nip Portland, 92-90, on the four huge Palace-Vision screens. See story on 7A.

Pistons clincher scores with Hills shirt company

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Friday morning at The Athletic Supporter Ltd., a Farmington Hills T-Shirt design company, vice-president David Wilson looked sleepy but happy after a busy night that kept pace with the night-long area celebration of the Detroit Pistons second straight National Basketball Association championship.

It was more than just team spirit. "I think that I've had two hours of sleep," Wilson said. "You get

caught up in the excitement. Emotions go up and down."

The sportswear supplier's 40-plus employees worked around the clock in recent weeks to meet the demand.

More than 60,000 Pistons World Champions T-shirts were on order, waiting for the defending champs to hammer down the fourth and final win against the Portland Trail Blazers Thursday night.

The Athletic Supporter Ltd. sells wholesale, but not retail. Championship design phrases include, "Back 2 Back," "Defense,

The Trademark of Champions" and "Detroit Intimidate and Dominate."

HOT OFF the line is a new T-Shirt designed by David Greenwood, a Pistons forward.

The design, printed on a black background, is based on a M.C. Hammer rap song and consists of a hammer on the front. The back says "U Can't Touch This," part of the lyrics in the Hammer rap. It

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Food pantry for area needy is running low

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

It's not a holiday. But hunger is still here. And so is the need to donate food to the Salvation Army's food pantry, which is running low with summer around the corner.

"People don't think about donating in the summer. At Christmas and Thanksgiving, that's usually when people think of it," said Lt. Jonathan Rich of the Salvation Army Community Center of Farmington Hills.

But the food pantry, which serves needy families or those in the midst of emergencies, is running low.

Neighborhood House, located in the Salvation Army Community Center, also distributes food from the pantry. The organization is an umbrella service or clearinghouse that matches Farmington and Farmington Hills residents in need with appropriate services and agencies.

"When we get low, we have to refer people to other food programs," Neighborhood House director Cheryl Carter said. "We try to help as many people as possible, but right now we can't take walk-ins."

CARTER EXPECTS that the cupboard will be bare within the next 1-2 weeks. On Thursday alone, Carter provided food for 16 clients, with more expected.

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Salvation Army Community
Center of Farmington Hills

"We have some empty space in the freezers for perishable foods. But in quantities, we are in need of non-perishables," Rich said.

That means canned goods; tuna fish, soups, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly and anything else popular with kids.

"A lot of parents are on fixed incomes. Then all of a sudden the kids (who participate in school lunch programs) are out of school and the money isn't stretching," Rich said.

Anyone who wishes to donate food to the pantry may drop it off between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Salvation Army Church, 27500 Shiloh Road at the corner of Inkster.

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Towns getting ready for curbside recycling

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Recycling will be a new way of life.

Beginning in July 1991, Farmington and Farmington Hills residents will recycle garbage at home. Homeowners will have three containers to separate recyclable products, regular garbage, and compost or yard waste.

The trash collector will do the rest. It's expected that three trucks for each type of waste will probably stop at your house on garbage collection day.

"The main thing with recycling is education. But the public conscience has already been raised. That garbage barge (floating up and down the East Coast in 1987) was the best thing that could have happened," Farmington Hills public services director Tom Bisell said.

Curbside recycling will be part of a new five-year refuse collection and disposal contract that Farmington and Farmington Hills are seeking together. The community's two recycling drop-off centers will continue to be used.

Homeowners will receive a utility bill for recycling. Until the contract

is awarded, however, it's unknown what the monthly fee will be, Bisell said.

"Recycling is driven from two directions: cost avoidance and the environment. The environment was always a concern, money was not," Bisell said.

The hope is that, in the long run, money will be saved because of expected increases in landfill and incineration costs.

For example, if recycling costs \$30-\$40 a ton, and taking garbage to an incinerator and/or landfill costs \$65-\$75 a ton, money could be saved the more garbage is recycled, Bisell said.

The eight-community Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, of which Farmington and Farmington Hills are members, is planning construction of its own materials recovery facility on 31 acres on Haggerty, south of I-696, in Novi.

It would be at the MRF, or waste transfer station, scheduled to be open by 1992, that recyclables will be processed to be sold to markets that buy recyclable products, said authority chairman Bob Deadman.

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Can always do better, says outgoing trustee

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Education has entwined itself through Janice Rolnick's life.

It took hold with a brief career in elementary teaching, grew with involvement in her children's schooling and cultivated 13 years of service on the Farmington Board of Education.

Much of that will come to an end this month, with her youngest child graduating from North Farmington High School and as she ends her three-term stint on the school board June 30.

Since daughter Jessica and son Jason are out of school, she said, it's time for her to make room on the board for someone new.

During her tenure on the board, Rolnick was always outspoken on issues, encouraged new

people

ideas and pushed for academic excellence in programs.

"A basic philosophy of mine has always been not to be satisfied," she said. "We can always do better. That's part of my push — where I was coming from."

SHE LEAVES the board proud of some accomplishments but concerned about issues, which are incomplete.

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SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Outgoing school board trustee Janice Rolnick (left) laughs with her daughter, Jessica, and Jessica's friends Mi-

chelle Newman and Emi Furusawa at North Farmington's all-night graduation party Wednesday.

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