Community Corner

This week's question:

What does Nelson Mandela's visit to Detroit mean to you?

We asked this question Monday at the Farmington Community Library, Farmington Hills branch.



Tive watched all the news reports about it. It's important that he visits. He stands for a lot to a lot of people.

— Carolee Schelfer Fermington



'The new government they want installed wants to take the (gold and diamond) companies over. They want to socialize the country. I imagine they should have the right to vote and all that.'

— Carl Janson Farmington Hills



"it doesn't really affect me but I think it's good, especially for the black teenagers, for their self-esteem. I think it's good teams.
steem. I think it a year
that he's out but there's a
lot of problems that need
to be solved."

— Clindy Brower
Farmington



"I come from a school that's very active in politics. I can't see how anyone can be against human rights, though I don't agree with all of his policies."

, — Jeff Michaelson Fermington Hills



'I'm very interested in e visit in Detroit. the visit in Dotrolt.
Probably I will not attend
Tiger Stadium. His visit
has meaning to appeal the
importance of the
problems in South Africa.*
— Yoriko Yamazaki
West Bloomfield



"I think ho's great. It gives us a first-hand view of what ho's gone through and what he means. I'm going to try to see him."

— Sue Pliaum

Plans for adult education questioned

Attorneys for Clarenceville School
District are expected to be present
at tonight's school board meeting to
answer questions about the new daytime adult education classes that
start next month in Clarenceville
High.
Some residents have questioned
whether the high school is the proper
place to house classes for adult students, especially while school is in
session.

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"If we had a separate building and could make money doing this, then it would be great but that's not the case here," said Tammy Iaconelli, one of a group of residents who last year tried to get the district dis-solved.

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"The classes will be held during school hours. I haven't talked to one person who said they didn't see anything wrong with it. This is to big a step for the board to take without getting a vlewpoint from the public. The majority of residents I've talked to don't want this — money or no money."

IACONELLI SAID she has asked board president Linda Brandemihl to see if implementation of the contract with the Adult Career Training Corporation (ACT) can be delayed until residents have a chance to get their questions answered.

That chance should come tonight, Brandemihl said, as the district's attempts have been asked to attend the board meeting which starts at

Clarenceville

The district includes parts of Livonia, Redford and Farming-

7:30 p.m. in board offices at 20210 Middlebelt.

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"The board had lots of questions before approving the contract but we're satisfied with it," Brandemihi said. "Everything will be done to keep the two groups (of students) separated.

"Some people feel there might be problems, such as rapes and muggings, but it won't lappen. These students are enthusiastic about being in school and have a mission, a goal with work to make sure there are norbitions.

"Let's give it a chance and not kill it before it gets off the ground. It's a creative way to help finance the schools." Superintendent Jerry Montcelllo

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Superintendent Jerry Montecilon has readily admitted that money is the reason the district has agreed to housing the free job-training claases in the high school for the next three years. The students' totilon is pally the state.

Starting in mid-July, classes will run from 8:30 a.m.noon; 1-5 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. in six classrooms in the rear of the high school.

The rooms are now being renovated to make room for classes in air conditioning and refrigeration, com-

puter-aided design, computerized bookeeping and accounting, elec-tronics technician, health care as-sistant, office operations and airline reservations.

The first semester will run July to becember; the second, January to

June.

If each class in each semester is filled to its maximum 180-student capacity, it could mean an extra \$900,000 yearly for the district.

IN THE May 31 issue of the Clarenceville Chronicle, malled to residents, Monteellio in a two-paragraph summary told of the upcoming classes but falled to mention they would take place in the high school during school hours.

One Inkster Road resident has filed a Freedom of Information request with the district, asking for details of the contract between the district and ACT.

trict and ACT. based in Southfield, gets 60 percent of the \$3,200 paid by the state per student. The rest of the money, after ACT takes its share, will be divided between Clarenceville and the city of Ferndale, also a partner in the contract.

Montecillo said the classes are free to students who are at least age 18, don't have a high school diploma if over 20 years of age, or who pos-sess a GED certificate.

Adult students will park in the parking lot of Clarenceville Middle School, on the east side of Middle-belt, and walk across the pedestrian bridge to the high school.

Montecillo said the adult students will arrive after high school classes have started.

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But one resident has questioned the impact of adult students arriving at the middle school about the same time middle school starts, 8:20 a.m. Another resident expressed concern about the classes being in session after school ends, when high school and middle school students are in parts of the building for after school activities.

A uniformed security guard al-ready patrols the building and grounds at the high school and mid-dle school, Montecillo said. When the adult classes start, ACT will pay the salary of a second uniformed securi-ty guard.

The guards will not carry a weap-

The guates with the control on.

John Rennels, assistant superintendent for personnel for Livenia Public Schools, said there are no uniformed guards in any of the district's these black schools. three high schools.

MONTECILLO HAS said the majority of the adult students will be from the Livonla/Farmington area.

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Clarenceville to hire math & science czar

By Marie Chestney staff writer

To beef up its math/science program, the Clarenceville School District this fall will hire a new technology coordinator.

"While the needs in other areas are strong, the greatest need is in the math/science area, especially since the state is making higher demands in those curriculum areas and stiffening the MEAP (Mehigan Educational Assessment Program test) requirements," said Superintendent Jerry Montecillo in asking the board of education to approve the biring of the coordinator. Initially, district officials had hoped to hire three new administrators this fall.— a middle school student services of the said of the math/science coordinator. In OWEVER, THE voters' defeat

math/science coordinator.

HOWEVER, THE voters' defeat
of the Headtee waiver request earlier this month, coupled with uncretainty over the potential loss of
state aid, has forced the district to
postpone hiring the first two administrators.

"Due to the possible loss of categoricals and other state ald we
have it play if cautions and no!

have it play it cautious and not fund two of the three," Montecillo

"When we know for sure what is going to happen, then maybe we

could go ahead with plans. But we don't want to put in three people and then remove them later." All three posts are newly creat-ed. Presently, the coordination of middle school activities is done by middle school activities is done by both the principal and one coun-

selor.
"Broken homes are creating all kinds of problems. If we had a coordinator, it would take the burden off both these administrators,"

den off both these administrators."
Montecillo said.
If state funds aren't as beavily cut as expected, Montecillo said this job would be the next one filled.
The district does not have a language arts coordinator for all 12 grades. Job is apread among everyone." Montecillo said. "There is no one person in charge of this curricum. We would love to go to a whole language program." Clarenceville Is now taking applications for the math/science technology coordinator.
When hired, the new coordinator will assess the district's current program, and then move to strengthen what the district now has.
Only after that is done, Montecill.

has.

Only after that is done, Monteclilo said, will the district add anything new to the program.

"We have to beef up what we now have," he said.

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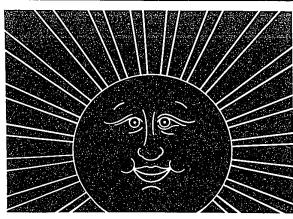
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