

Science scores improve

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with 91.7 percent of fourth graders, 83.1 percent of seventh graders, and 88 percent of 10th graders performing satisfactorily. In the new essential skills area, 10th graders fared the worst, with just 30.7 percent of students performing satisfactorily. Fourth graders scored at 56.4 percent and seventh graders at 49.8 percent.

SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL Flanagan explained that many of the concepts on the new math test are learned in upper high school grades, and that students taking the test are just beginning the 10th grade.

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Michigan school districts have little choice. Although MEAP tests are increasingly being used as a measure of a school district or individual school, beginning with the class of 1997 they will become a measure of whether a student can graduate.

"Whether you're pro MEAP or anti-MEAP... whether it's right or wrong, the game has changed," Flanagan said.

That's something that bothers school board trustee Jack Inch, who said if the MEAP test "is a way of evaluating the school system, then, for Lord sakes, how can you make it a requirement for graduation?"

That's a bit bothersome to me."

Cancer Society needs help

The American Cancer Society will introduce its second Oakland County Discovery Shop to the downtown Farmington area on Jan. 21.

The Discovery Shop is an upscale resale store carrying new or "gently" used merchandise donated by manufacturers, local retailers and individuals.

The Discovery Shop is looking for volunteers to commit at least one-half day a week to work in the downtown area.

If you want to gain experience in retail but no one will give you the chance, this is your answer. Become a part of more than 150 stores, helping the fight against cancer.

The resale store will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Volunteer orientation and training will begin the week of Jan. 6. For more information, call the American Cancer Society, 557-5353.

90 attend rights luncheon

Some 90 community and business leaders attended a recent luncheon commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution.

During the luncheon, the Farmington Exchange Club presented the Freedom Shrine to the City of Farmington — a donation of 28 historical

documents which are expected to be framed and hung in the city council chambers of the city sometime in early 1992.

Shirley Richardson, former mayor and city councilwoman who helped organize the luncheon, said she was pleased with the turnout and thanked the local Exchange Club for its gift.

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The Hometown and Observer and Eccentric "Creative Living" section has the largest selection of suburban display real estate ads in the metro area.

Chief's criticism wrong — group

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1992. Since it's signing, Dwyer said he has received 28 complaints. He says he gives a copy of each complaint to the POA.

Dwyer said that he is willing to contact the prosecutor's office for a warrant if the need ever arises.

"I just feel that the citizens of Farmington-Farmington Hills should be aware of the tactics of Midwest Publishing Company in soliciting money and that no more than 15 percent is going back to assist the police," Dwyer said. "Almost weekly, I receive at least one complaint."

Slowinski said these are the first two complaints he's seen since he assumed the POA presidency six months ago. He won't cite the percentage the POA receives or the stipulation of the contract.

When the contract was signed more than a year ago, Dwyer said he printed and distributed placards in city offices and the library, stating that the Hills city and police administration does not support this type of solicitation by any police or fire organization.

Dwyer encouraged residents to notify his office if they are harassed or intimidated.

Ed Jacques, Midwest Publishing vice-president and Hills resident, said that Dwyer considers libraries

'I've reviewed the complaints and they are baseless.'

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POA president

about the solicitation the same as complaints.

"We received our calls," Jacques said. "If the person calls up in the middle of the call, we do not call them again."

JACQUES SAID that Midwest is the only telemarketing firm to record phone calls.

Bob Burkart, a former POA president, denied that Midwest uses "high pressure tactics." A new employee may be a little too gung-ho," Burkart said. He added that there has been "one or two times" when he suggested to Midwest that they not use that employee.

In addition, Burkart said that he dropped off 18,000 books to Farmington schools last year and another bundle this year, but couldn't understand why they didn't use them. He said that he dropped them off at "numerous places," including private schools.

Farm O'Malley, assistant to school

superintendent Mike Flanagan, wrote two letters to Bob Burkart, FTHPOA president, on Nov. 27, 1990 and again on Oct. 8, 1991.

"Unfortunately, the material you provided for our review contains advertisements for many businesses," O'Malley said in the first letter. "It is our policy to distribute only those materials which do not contain commercial messages. If these messages can be removed, we would then be able to distribute the books."

In her second letter, O'Malley reiterated her concerns about the advertising and added another issue.

"Our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Judy White, has reviewed the materials and is concerned about many things in the booklet including a large number of questionable value statements as well as stereotyping statements," O'Malley said. "It is her opinion that this publication is inappropriate for our schools given our current curri-

ulum materials and objectives."

FRANK GUIDO, an attorney for the POA's parent organization, the Police Officers Association of Michigan said that Dwyer is just trying to "deflect" from a controversy generated from statements made during a Channel 7 report on solicitations in mid-November.

The POAM has asked for a retraction from both Dwyer and the TV station because it feels that its organization was shown in a false light. Guido said Monday that Channel 7 attorneys have granted the additional air time.

Ken Grabowski, a POAM business agent said that the POAM is currently seeking more restrictive legislation regarding phone solicitation, with support from Midwest.

Slowinski said that contributions generated from the Midwest Publishing fundraising effort as well as police officers' general fund have gone to the annual Cops for Christmas program, a day at the movies for kids selected by the Salvation Army, New Horizons of Oakland County (Oct 1991), the Optimist for Youth International Golf outing, the Farmington Hills Firefighters' Association softball tournament, the National Institute for Burn Medicine and the Leukemia Foundation.

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