

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1992

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Meeting planned

A one-hour legislative workshop, sponsored by the Coalition of Michigan Parents and Advocates for Excellence in Education, will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the cafeteria of Farmington High School, 32000 Shilwaukee.

On the agenda: A brief presentation on recent state finance proposals which affect education and an opportunity to write state legislators and other key government officials, who need to be aware of the proposed state funding cuts.

Everyone concerned about public education — parents, school administration and staff, city officials, members of the business community — are invited to attend.

She's top Vivian

Eve Samra of Farmington was recently elected president of the Vivian Club, the auxiliary to the Farmington BPO Elks Lodge 1986.

The purpose of the group is charity and fellowship and assisting the Elks Lodge when requested. Charities for crippled children, the Head Start program and food baskets for the needy have been the main focus of the club.

As president, Samra, whose husband, Fred, has been a lodge member for 25 years, is planning club bake, fashion and rummage shows, as well as a desert booth at this year's Founders Festival July 9-11.

He's a life member

The Farmington Area PTA Council presented Michael Flanagan, Farmington superintendent of schools, a lifetime membership to the National PTA.

Debbie Cornwell, president of the Farmington Area PTA council, made the presentation at the annual Founders dinner at the Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills. The award recognizes "the dedication and concern Mr. Flanagan dedicates to the students in the district," according to the PTA Council.

"He joins a group of esteemed national educators and National PTA presidents in receiving this award."

BY CARRY HANS
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A regional solid waste authority is recommending its members not support an "intergovernmental agreement" with Oakland County at this time.

The board of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County told its members at an April 30 meeting that it could not recommend approving such an agreement until the county has a better handle on how it plans to deal with solid waste issues, including landfill space in the county and overall recycling.

The four-year-old agency issued a po-

sition paper detailing its opinion. Oakland County officials are trying to get agreement from all 61 municipalities in the county for their solid waste plan.

Robert Deadman, Farmington's city manager and chairman of RRRASOC, said the group would like to work with Oakland County, but said their plan has fallen to political pressures because of problems they have encountered in building an incinerator and getting sites for land needed landfill space in the county.

"We certainly still want to work with the county," he said. "We need Oakland County."

"Obviously, they were not elated (with RRRASOC's decision), but I think they understand our position."

RRRASOC represents the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon and Lyon Township. Each community's elected governing board will vote on the intergovernmental agreement by the end of May.

RRRASOC's position paper asks the county to:

- Abandon a possible incinerator project because of the availability of the facility in Detroit.

- Get an appropriate site for a landfill in Oakland County and negotiate to obtain agreements for exporting garbage to Wayne and Washtenaw counties as a supplement.

- Pay for the county's solid waste management system through the county's general fund.

- Consider the county's solid waste

problem as a regional one, so opportunities can be maximized.

RRRASOC officials say they cannot, in good faith, recommend an agreement for the county's program until it is amended. "The overriding issue at this time, is strictly cost," Deadman said. "There really isn't a plan there anymore — we'd really be buying into an unknown."

The RRRASOC group was formed after a coalition of six of its members had discussed options for garbage collection/removal and recycling programs in their communities. The group formed an authority, which now has two additional members, and has moved ahead with curbside recycling programs and alternatives to handling the solid waste stream in member communities.

About half of the population of Oakland County currently exports its garbage to other counties.

Series helps identify early signs of abuse

BY SUZANNE PARKER
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"Are you concerned that you or someone close to you has a substance abuse problem and you don't know what to do about?"

Every Tuesday this May, Maple Grove Community Education of West Bloomfield is holding a series of programs about the use and misuse of alcohol and other drugs 7-9 p.m. at its facility on West Maple Road.

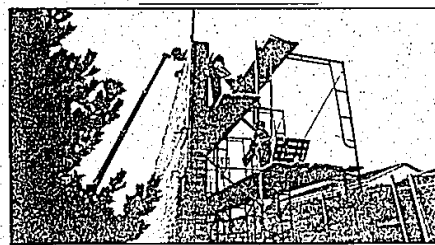
How to identify the early signs of de-

pendency was the focus of the first class which began Tuesday, May 6.

How quickly the disease progresses, though, depends on the user's age. If someone begins drinking when they are 18 years old, it could take 10 or more years for them to develop a full dependency, however, can become dependent on alcohol and other drugs within six months.

These programs are open and free to the public. Call 661-6170 for schedule and sign up information.

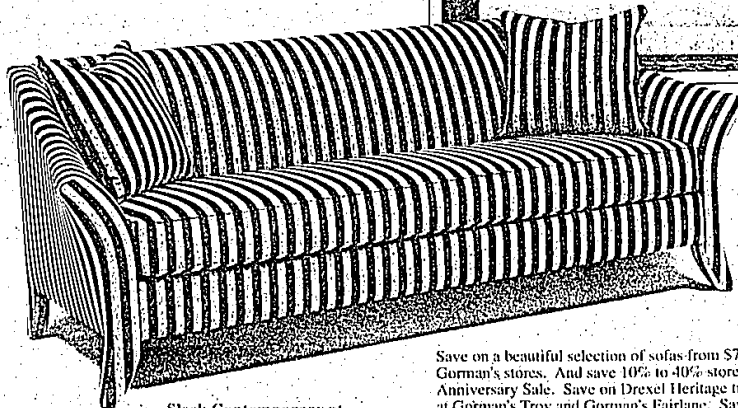
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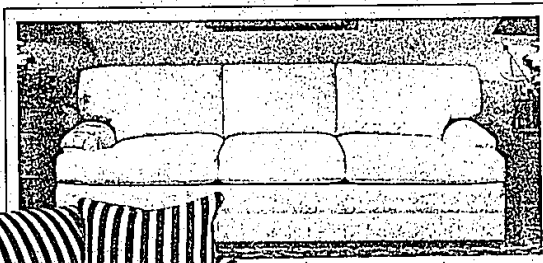
Brick by brick: Crews are building brick walls and berms along I-696 to buffer residents from freeway traffic. This wall is just south of the Kendallwood Apartments.

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*See entry form for official rules.

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