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Wannabe home-owners and amateur bettors with a "lucky number" will get first crack at tickets for the Michigan Dream Sweepstakes House Raffle at a presale party from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

The free event will launch what is probably one of the most unusual raffles ever held in this area: the grand prize is a new, three-bedroom, two-bath condominium valued at \$175,000.

The party, open to the public but limited to 300 people, will be held in the model of the grand prize home, in The Lagoons of West Bloomfield, off Halsted Road just south of Pontiac Trail. General ticket sales begin Monday, Dec. 7. Only 5,000 tickets at \$150 each will be sold through

Feb. 12. The drawing is Feb. 21.

The raffle sponsors, Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield (CCWB), hope to raise \$500,000 toward the construction of the planned \$6 million West Bloomfield Recreation Activities Center, to be located on the West Bloomfield Civic Center campus.

Starting Dec. 7, tickets will be on sale during business hours at the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department, 3325 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield 48323 (between Square Lake and Long Lake roads).

Tickets also are available by mail (make checks out to CCWB House Raffle and send to the Parks and Recreation Department).

For information, call the Raffle

Hotline at 33-DREAM (333-7326). Other raffle prizes include:

- First Prize: a 1993 Beretta GT from Jack Cawley Chevrolet;
- 5 Second Prizes: \$1,000 cash;
- 25 Third Prizes: \$200 cash.

The Recreation Activities Center, which will be operated by the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department, will be funded through a combination of fund-raising events (such as the raffle), state grant funds, corporate donations and individual support.

A committee comprised of area leaders, including U.S. District Judge Averil Cohn and State Sen. David Honigman, will lead the fund-raising efforts.

It is hoped that construction will begin by early 1994. When

completed, the 69,000-square-foot center will contain an indoor Olympic-size pool with outdoor deck, gymnasium with elevated running track, a complete fitness area, racquetball courts, locker rooms, dedicated centers for seniors and teens, parks and recreation administrative offices, a main kitchen, and multipurpose rooms for community meetings and special events.

Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield, the official sponsor of the raffle, is a civic organization now in its 20th year of serving the community. CCWB is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the quality of life of West Bloomfield Township.

defensive tactics instructor at the Wayne County police academy and an officer in Livonia. Officers should "constantly strive to improve and review techniques. If they don't, eventually they're going to lose them."

Proudlock said officers in his department are not allowed to carry impact weapons, although they carry a container with a form of tear gas.

"I've always felt that cadets should train with empty hands so they don't have to use impact

weapons," he said. "If I can't beat you empty-handed, then you go free. That's not the philosophy of the department or the training department. That's just me."

Richard Tillman, director of the Oakland Police Academy, says police training schools should teach cadets and officers to be "good human beings as officers" and that "excessive use of force" is not a euphemism for "police brutality."

"If it's brutality, it's illegal," Tillman said.

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