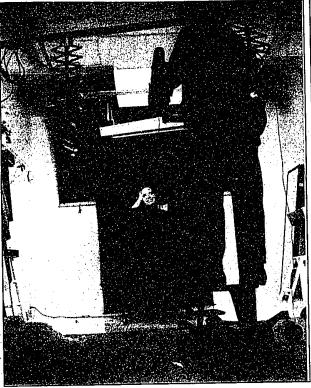
#### Smile pretty, please



Photographer at work: Kelly Merk, a photographer shown in silhouette in the photo above, zooms in on Farmington High senior Jessica Carveth in the studio at Focal Point in downtown Farmington. June through October are the busiest months for senior pictures, Focal Point personnel say.

### Schools seek instruction from community, business

. the Michigan Legislature says is they don't believe preparing kids for four years of college is enough in today's competitive

BY LARRY O'CONNOR

STAT WAITET

Farmington Public Schools will be tapping the collectives of college is enough in today's competitive world.'

Statistics, received as \$50,000 state of Michigan decational grant to launch a pilot program where business and community members will be interviewed by teachers. Interviewed by teachers. Interviewed by teachers. Interviewed by teachers. Interviewed by teachers and difference from overall call for 'relevant and vigorous' instruction in public schools, said Frederica Frost, director of Assessment, Evaluation and Special Projects.

Some 30 letters have been sent of the state of

## AAA hits premium in Hills with branch of the future

For Michigan AAA, the future For Michigan And, the tuture is presently in Farmington Hills.

Michigan's largest AAA insurance office will open Wednesday, July 20, at 38751 W. 12 Mile, between Halsted and Haggerty roads, Grand opening activities are planned July 20-23 at the down office.

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Company officials - who call the active 'the branch of the future' say it is nearly 50 percent larger than the traditional AAA office.

The pilot location contains a number of innovations designed to improve service to members, including longer daily hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 sturday Bours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m?

There also will be two drive-through claims inspection bays.

"It features multi-media cabing for sophisticated technology," said Joan Peer.

The nearly half-acre site, designed in the Williamsburg-Golonial style, is a full-service AAA Michigan (acility, providing travel, touring, membership and insurance services.

The office will serve 39,000 members from Farmington Hills, Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Millord and Walled Lake.

"This serves people where they are concentrated," Peer said. The next closest branch is in the Laurel Park shoping conter at Six Mile and Nawburgh in Livonia, she added.

During the grand opening, some lucky AAA members will win two United Airlines tickets vaild for travel anywher in the continental United States and Canada.

Entry blanks are available at the Farmington Hills branch. The winner will be announced

# For the books: Man marks 30 years on library board

BY LARY O'CONNOR

STATE WATER

For 30 years, Ernest Sauter
has been on the Farmington
Library Board. It's the one thing
he's not about to check out on.
The Farmington City Council
is honoring Sauter with a receiption at 7:30 p.m. prior to its regular meeting. Farmington Hillscouncil, which has a meeting
scheduled Monday, has sent a
congratulatory letter acknowledging Sauter's service.

"It's been my pleasure," said
Sauter, 74, who was appointed
to the board in 1984 by the City
of Farmington, replacing architect John Allen. "You don't dosomething for 30 years and not
nelow it. I've enjoyed it."

Sauter's three decades of inCounce can be seen in many
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fluence can be seen in many ways.

He worked tirelessly on successful millage elections in 1964 and 1967, and was there behind the scenes when things didn't work out in 1989 and 1993.

Sauter was involved in approving the architect and design for both the Farmington Hills branch and Farmington branch libraries, which were built in 1972 and 1975 respectively.

He also arranged for Oskland County to house the County



Library for the Blind and the Handicapped at the Farmington Hills branch.
There's more, of course. Those who work with him are likely to carry more personal ancedotes.
Farmington Library Board member Barbara Walker recalls working as a library page at the former branch on Farmington Road as a high school student.
"We used to be open on Friday and the staff was a little more relaxed back then," Walker said. We'd see him coming across the street and we'd say, 'Here comes

Mr. Sauter."
"Wo'd always act like we were really busy, and he'd come in and sign the checks."
Walker is a little less intimidated by his presence. In fact, she added with a laught "I oven disagree with him once in awhile."

she added with a laugh: "I even disagree with him once in awhile."

Papal, who is one of four library directors Sauter has worked with, remembers the first time she met him. She had just started as a librarian in 1973, and was quickly put in charge of starting a program for expectations to the library, board, "Papai said." I remember him being interested, kind and sympathetic to a new employee. That perception of him hasn't, changed in over 21 years. "It doesn't matter what I need, he's always there."

A simple love of reading brought Sauter to seek a spot on the library board.

It's an affinity he passed to his son, Eric, who's gone on to write several novels.

"I just can't imagine life without books," Sauter said.

#### School retirements listed

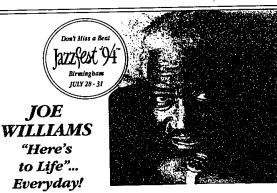
The following Farmington Public Schools employees have announced their retirements:

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Charles Autry, assistant principal at North Farmington High, nine years service with the district; Marion Brewer, teacher at Kenbrook Elementary, 14 years; William Brinker, social studies teacher at North Farmington High, 29 years; Bette Buckler, teacher at Warner Middle School, 22 years; Ron Freudenburg, teacher at William Grace Elementary, 28 years; Morcella Hornyak, business teacher at Farmington High, 24 years; Santosh Kapil, special ed-

ucation teacher at Visions Unlimited, 18 years; Thomas McConaghie, assistant principal at O.E. Dunckel, 28 years; Robert McLean, teacher at Flanders Elementary, 31 years; Shirley Michelotti, teacher at Flanders Elementary, 24 years; Yvonne Moylan, teacher at Kenbrook Elementary, 33 years; Barry Musaatto, counselor at North Farmington High, 27 years, Julia Nichols, teacher at Longacro Elementary, 28 years; Carolyn Plack, principal at Kenbrook Elementary, 28 years; Wallace Prince, principal at Beechyiew Elementary, 38 years; Neil Redford, physical ed-

ucation teacher at Larkshire Elementary, 24 years; Edith Roper, teacher at Eagle Elementary, 32 years; Lady Satterfield, teacher at Gillementary, 21 years; Norma Slaughter, teacher paraprofessional at Larkshire Elementary, 25 years; Marie Thompson, teacher paraprofessional at East Middle School, 9 years; Mary Elien Tolwin, learning center teacher at Wood Creek Elementary, 25 years; Elementary, 25 years; Elementary, 26 years; Elementary, 26 years; and Gerald Young, social studies teacher at Farmington High, 28 years.



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