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CHARLIE KERWIN

REVOLUTIONARY LEADER
Charlie Kerwin of Farmington Hills has been installed as the state president of the Michigan Society of the Children of the American Revolution. Kerwin is a senior at Redford Catholic Central. The Children of the American Revolution is a hereditary organization for youth who are descendants of the patriots who fought in the War of Independence. Members acquire knowledge of American history, preserve historical places and records, and extend the principles of American liberty and patriotism. Kerwin is past president of the Lexington Alarm Society.

SCHOOL PRESS
Mercy High teacher Kathy Sill taught a five-day high school journalism workshop at Michigan State University in August. Teachers who made up the faculty were chosen because of their outstanding reputations as good teachers and publication advisers. More than 400 students from Michigan, Maryland, Indiana and Ohio spent the week working on improving skills in writing, design, photography or desktop pub-

lishing. The workshop is sponsored by the Michigan Intercollegiate Press Association, an organization that promotes excellence in scholastic journalism and is housed in the MSU School of Journalism.

STUNNED ATTACHED
O.E. Duncel Middle School eighth-grader Susan Bartus has been accepted in the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan. She is the daughter of Wendy and James Bartus of Farmington Hills. Hillsdale Elementary teacher Kay DeLuca introduced Susan Bartus to the violin and she's developed with the help of private instructor Virginia Mekjian.

ENGINEERING GRANT
Walled Lake Central High School's Science Department received a \$1,000 gift from Electronic Data Systems to buy additional laboratory equipment. The Walled Lake School District includes a northwest portion of Farmington Hills. Wolfgang Rein, chief of Engineering at Mable

Inc., selected the school for the gift. Rein won the right to assign a \$1,000 gift to a non-profit educational institution of his choice through a drawing held by the University of Michigan Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation and EDS for outside automobile industry research consultants.

EAGER LEADERS
Farmington Public Schools are participating in the development of a leadership academy funded by the Kellogg Foundation. Participating are Farmington School Board member David York, Alameda Early Childhood Center Principal Gayle Zimmerman, Farmington High teacher consultant Ben Chin, Wooddale Elementary teacher Denise White, district Director of Evaluation Frederica Frost, and Superintendent Bob Mansfield. Five local school districts, two intermediate districts and two community colleges are involved in the effort, which plans to work on reform projects.

turn to take the kids to school. Or, it could call for tolerance when a male engineer wears an earring or ponytail.

"It's tough to manage diversity," Brooks said. "It's easy to manage affirmative action."

Brooks recalled how he couldn't deal with new male recruits who wore earrings. In hindsight, it was a value judgment. "I probably lost two great employees because of my short-sightedness," he said. On a larger scale, diversity also means hiring people from different backgrounds.

Affirmative action was necessary, but Brooks said the 30-year policy of preferential hiring of minorities needs to be updated, though. "I believe affirmative action will be a moot point by the year 2000," Brooks said. "It's a business issue."

Businesses have to understand cultural differences in order to succeed in a global economy, he said. For that, a diverse workforce is needed.

The automotive industry has already had to adjust. Vehicles include features with women in mind as they make up a growing

percentage of buyers. "You don't get that when you only have big macho men designing cars," Brooks said.

GM embarked on a diversity program five years ago. The company plans to spend \$1.5 billion with minority suppliers this year.

GM was also cited as in the top-three companies in the state for working women.

The process starts at the top, Brooks said. Leaders have to be "change agents," especially in a more competitive economy.

Change has also become a buzzword for companies reducing their workforce, an audience member said.

"It seems to me the main reason is the elimination of jobs through automation," said Iman Karob of Farmington Hills.

"There is a growing number of people who are losing their jobs at an alarming rate."

Education is the key. Many jobs go unfilled because there is a vacuum of skilled labor, Brooks said.

"For me it's capital 'E' is for education and the small 'e' is for enforcement," Brooks said.

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