Going to jail for a good cause

Dozens of community leaders from throughout the Farmington and Farmington Hills area will be point to 'Jail' on June 21 in support of the American Heart Association (AHA). This year's annual event will be held at the new Relish Grill from 11 am. to 2:30 pm. 'Our goal is to raise \$20,000," said Bill Hartsock, city council mayor and president of the local Ameri-can Heart Association, Baard of and president of the local Ameri-can Heart Association Board of Directors.

In the Farmington area, more

than 43 percent of all deaths are due to heart disease and stroke. Paula Masterka, another AHA board membera who works at Huntington Banks, added that there will be a new twist this year. "We're holding the event at the Relish Grill to help promote some of their heart-healthy ment items, to show people that healthy food can still taste good. Additionally, this year's Jail Birds will get free blood pressure and cholesterol screening."

The local AHA Board of Directions of the street of th

tors is holding a Community
Loader kick-off meeting at 8 a.m.
on June 13 at the offices of Palm
Webber on Northwestern Highway. "This meeting will provide
an orientation for our Community Leaders," said Hartsock.
"They in turn will go out and
recruit Jail Birds themselves."
Interested Farmington area
residents who would like to learn
more about this event, or the
health programs of the American
Heart Association, can call 1800-AHA-USA1.



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"I don't think it should take the place of teachers," she added later. "If here was a room with 30 computers and you had to choose between that and a teacher, I'd always pick a teacher. I'd always pick a teacher. I'd sill pick the teacher. Brouillette sees herself as a conductive to the sees herself as a conductive the sees hers

Brouillette sees herself as a conduit between technology and the schools.

She founded the Technology Committee at Hillside Elementary. Daughter Ann Marie, 8, attends Hillside while Catherine, 12, goes to O.E. Dunkel. Her husband is a manager with Silicon Graphics.

"I think that's important for taxpayers to know: They won't have to totally trust the consultants to say, This is what you need," she said. "I have the background in business and technology.

Brouillette gives the district's "Stepping into the Future with Technology" plan a thumbs up. Though at \$3.4 million, one could argue the steps are being made on stills.

Internet access provides to

Internet access provides a wealth of possibilities for stu-

dents and teachers, Brouillette said. Touchers could communicate with one another on line. Kindergartners could send pictures to children in California or German schools.

"Having access to the Internet wo've known in our lifetime," she said.

She dismisses the notion Internet access might be easier attained by subscribing to an online service. "This is a much more coat-effective way," she said.

The district will likely be scrutinizing costs as increases in state sid wont cover inflation.

In terms of cost containment, Brouillette favors looking at transportation to make sure

transportation to make sure buses are running full. Since 80-percent of the budget goes to salaries, she'd also make sure services are being provided effi-

services are being provided ex-ciently.

She's concerned there's too much emphasis placed on the MEAP and standardized tests in general. They don't measure a child's ability to be creative, work on a team, or communicate,

sho said.

Brouillette's creativity can be measured in many ways.

She's involved in a drama group at her church, First Presbyterian of Farmington, where she's also a deacon.

She's an avid reader, citing Shakespeare's works as her favorite. She started a monthly book group.

She has a bachelor's degree in English from Butler University. She and her family have lived in Farmington and Farmington Hills for 16 years.

They love the area and its pub-lic schools where both children

"The education they've gotten just takes my breath away," she said.

anid.

School politics runs in her family. Her grandfather served 35 years on the East Aurora school board, which is the district Wayne and Garth would's extended. Brouillette has yet to see "Wayne's World," though.

"It's on my list of films to see," she said.

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Bates, Grant and Daguanno, all said they had opposed government intrusion, but the overwhelming numbers of deaths and injuries suffered by bieclists not wearing helmets made the issue a public health priority.

"We have a car seat law as a result of pediatricians through-out the nation seeing kids killed and injured," Bates said, adding that Mothers Against Drunk Driving, an organization that has had a major impact on

drunk driving laws, was founded by the mother of a victim of a drunken driver.

drunken driver.
But several residents said that although they did not allow their children to ride bikes without a helmet, trying to legislate common sense was not the answer.
A democratic society requires citizens to think for themselves, said Kim Dennis, a mother of our children.
Dennis said the law would be costly and wasteful to enforce. If not enforced, it would do little

good and make the law con-temptible to children.

Several people complained that it would waste police resources, criminalize children and parents and set back rela-tions between police and the

The law would have required anyone under 16 to wear a helmet while driving on a public right-of-way, such as a sidewalk or road. It would not have required compliance in a private drive or lot, and would not require adults to wear a helmet.

The law would have made par-ents liable for children not wear-ing a helmet in their presence, but would hold the youngster liable outside of a parent or guardian's presence.









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