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Enrollment is projected to be 110-120 students, which is the highest number The International School has ever had. The school has a staff of 18 instructors.

Yearly tuition for the private school ranges \$6,600 to \$7,800.

"We're not competing with the public schools, and we're not a charter school," said Faxon, who was a critic of the charter school concept. "We offer a curriculum that is driven by the international nature of the Michigan economy."

The International School is the only one in the state to have its elementary curriculum certified by the German government. Many students are children of German nationals who have been transferred here to work in the automotive industry.

The school allows children to continue their education and return home, "without diminishing of their German skills," Faxon said.

Immersion in French and Spanish languages are also offered.

Ironically, it was another international school — this one a charter academy started by the Bloomfield District — that led to the relocation. The International Academy — where 15 Farmington students attend — is housed in a site of a former private school.

When that private school, Kensington Academy, needed a new facility, it bought the building that housed Faxon's school.

Several vacant office buildings would've required extensive structural changes, Faxon said. The Lubavitch Center didn't need any.

Faxon and his staff spent last week moving into their new home. During the summer, Faxon operated the school's business affairs out of his Birmingham home.

"If I had known we would've been moving here, I'd probably never left (Farmington Hills)," Faxon said. "Even though (house in Wood Creek sub) was too big, it would've been closer to me."

"Who would've predicted it?"

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al billboard, Baker said. The site adopts the Downtown Development Authority's marketing theme, "The Crossroads Where Dreams Come to Life."

"It's an image enhancing thing," Baker said. "People in Japan and Berlin can access it."

Marketing Communications Counsel constructed the page as a demonstration site, agreeing to undertake the start-up costs of \$20,000.

Farmington pays a monthly maintenance fee of \$250 and a \$100 annual domain charge as part of the two-year agreement.

Farmington doesn't have the staff to maintain the site on a daily basis, Lauff said.

## Botsford from page A1

dedicated to patients suffering from a dementia-related illness, such as Alzheimer's disease.

And 60 beds will be used for chronic care patients. The majority of residents in this unit are bed-bound and therefore, the quality of their lives is greatly influenced by the physical design and decor. Indirect lighting and bed-level windows bring the outdoors inside.

"We tell people that we get to go home every night," Mlynarek said. "These people do not get to go home."

For that reason, the unit includes common dining areas, entertainment centers, pastel, rather than institutional colors, finished furniture and beds of every type made to look as homey as possible. It even includes a special floor covering imported from England that

looks and feels like carpet, but can be mopped.

The new 178-bed unit will be filled with current patients and has a waiting list. Patients will be moved into the facility in mid-September.

"We're sure that they are all coming with us," Mlynarek said.

The facility is part of the larger Botsford Commons campus that includes a new apartment complex and condominiums that incorporate features aimed at aging residents who have special medical needs. The idea is to allow them to live as independently as possible while providing state-of-the-art health care.

"Another advantage of this arrangement is for the spouses of residents," said Margo Gorchow, Botsford's administrator for public relations. "This allows

the spouse to live in a condominium and visit or take a spouse home, that kind of flexibility."

Mlynarek said the facility can be reasonably priced because of its efficiencies. She said 63 percent of the residents are Medicare reimbursed. Other HMOs, PPOs and health programs also qualify.

This kind of facility will be in increasing demand as the population ages and medical care for the elderly and infirm progresses, Mlynarek said.

In 1995, 34 million Americans were 65 or older and 3.6 million were 85 or older, according to United States census figures. The government estimates that the demand for long-term care will rise steadily until 2020 and double by the year 2040.

In Farmington and Farmington Hills, 22.67 percent of the population is already 65 or over. That is above the averages for the area that includes the cities of Detroit, Plymouth, Northville, Livonia, Dearborn Heights, Novi and Southfield.

"We are in a good market area," Mlynarek said.



Farmington Living Calendar Farmington Needs You

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Ron Baker  
—Marketing Communications Counsel

## Cayce trial starts Tuesday

A man accused of killing two Farmington Hills women by knocking them out with carbon monoxide and then burning their house is scheduled to begin Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The trial of Arthur Hollingsworth Cayce is scheduled to begin with jury selection Tuesday in Oakland Circuit Court. Judge Barry Howard will hear the case.

Cayce and George Tyrone Davis, both 24, are accused of killing Louise Bovair, 52, and her daughter Melissa, 21, on

Dec. 19, 1995, and then setting the women's Quail Hollow house on fire.

Both men face premeditated first-degree murder, felony-murder and arson charges and would face mandatory life sentences if convicted. They are in the Oakland County Jail without bond.

Davis will be tried separately.

Cayce is also facing charges of rape, attempted murder and assault involving his former girlfriend who was a close friend of Melissa Bovair.

## 4-H programs to be presented

An informational meeting will be presented by 4-H for parents and children 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32727 W. 12 Mile Road.

Programs such as science, peer-helping and workforce

preparation are offered by 4-H. Those who attend will find out how to start their own 4-H club or join one of the 88 already in Oakland County.

For information, call the 4-H office at 858-0889.

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**in the 90s**  
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.,  
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**ADULT CONCERNS**

While they may have worried about cavities as children, adults are more concerned about gum disease when they grow up. There is good reason to be concerned because about one out of four people over age 35 will eventually develop some form of gum disease. Fortunately, the problem is largely preventable.

Concentrated brushing and flossing can rid the teeth of the sticky, bacteria-laden film (plaque) that causes the mildest form of gum disease known as gingivitis. When the plaque is allowed to build along the gum line, the gums become inflamed and infected by bacterial byproducts and by plaque that has hardened into tartar. If infection to oral hygiene continues, mild gum disease will likely progress into periodontitis.

which in its severe form affects about 10% to 15% of the population. By concentrating efforts to preventive action, adults can alleviate their concerns about their gums.

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