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read or report of racial tensions and ethnic insensitivity, no matter where it happens," said Lewis, whose daughters Donna and Glenda are North Farmington High graduates.

"These incidents make me and my family even more grateful for the wonderful, powerful human spirit here in our community."

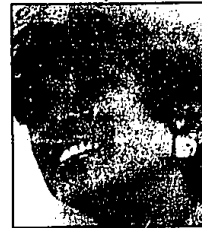
"We should be very happy with ourselves, but even more so we should thank and give a round of applause for our community council."

A diversity of perspectives were shared from board of directors to high school students.

"Whether individuals or corporate citizens, it is extremely important we join hands and forces to sustain a healthy and diverse community," said Edward Hodges, chairman of the Botsford General Hospital Board of Directors.

Harrison High student Kelly English related how she moved from a predominately black Southfield school as a freshman. Now she has friends who are Chaldean, Asian and Filipino.

"I learned not what they are but who they are," English said. "So when you go back to work, or



Diana Lewis

back to college or back to high school, take the extra energy, time and effort to enjoy the different experiences.

"Because you have to learn we have come far, but we have not come far enough. So do not give up."

The community council intensifies its efforts this year by varying programs and times. The group has traditionally met for its monthly forums on Tuesday mornings, but has night-time events set this year.

Michigan State University professor Richard Thomas will facilitate a community workshop 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at Farmington Training Center.

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Songs of unity: Kelly English (left) and Alexandria Burgess, members of the Harrison High School concert choir, provide songs of unity at the multicultural dinner Thursday.

In principle: Suggestions for a 'healthy, diverse community'

Here are the six "Farmington & Farmington Hills guiding principles for maintaining a healthy, diverse community" as outlined at Thursday's multicultural dinner:

■ We believe in diversity. Racial, religious, cultural and ethnic diversity in our community will be respected, nurtured and celebrated.

■ We believe that healthy communities maintain a comprehensive and balanced program of services which are accessible to all citizens. We believe that all citizens residing in Farmington and Farmington Hills should have equal access to services and opportunities.

■ We believe in equal education. Every member of this community will have equal access to an

effective education.

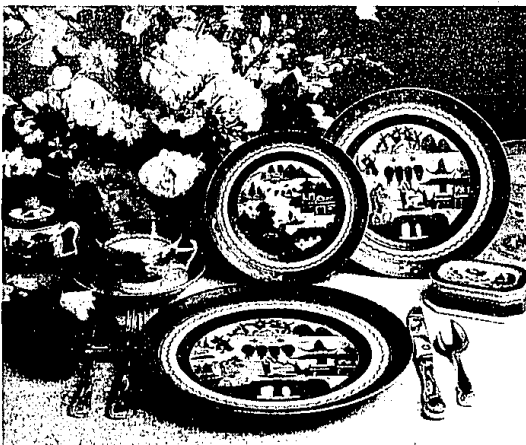
■ We believe in equal employment. Every member of this community will have equal access to useful employment. There will be no discrimination in job opportunity and benefits based upon race, culture or ethnicity.

■ We believe in equal housing. Every member of this community will have access to quality housing, unimpeded by any restrictions based upon race, religion, culture or ethnicity.

■ We believe in equally safe neighborhoods. Every member of this community will be safe and secure in his or her person and property.



Happy clapper: Jim Hall and Karen Bolsen, co-chairs of the Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council, applaud, along with Karen's daughter, Carolyn Sundquist.



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New on the force: Farmington Hills' newest police officers are (from left) Matthew Parsons, Neil Keurejian, center, and John Piggot.

Hills hires, honors 3 new officers

Three Farmington Hills police cadets have been hired as officers. The three were honored Aug. 23 at police headquarters.

Neil Keurejian was hired as a cadet on Sept. 11, 1995. He was a Farmington Police Auxiliary officer for the previous four years.

Keurejian graduated from the Schoolcraft College Police Reserve Academy in 1991.

He has a bachelor's degree in history from Hillsdale College and a teaching certificate from Madonna University.

Keurejian was a National Merit Scholar and an all-league wrestler in high school.

He has worked as a substituted teacher in Bloomfield Hills and at the Eaton Academy in Birmingham. He was the head wrestling coach at Cranbrook Academy in Bloomfield Hills and has coached football and lacrosse.

He is a former nutrition counselor, physical education coordinator and athletic program director for the Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland.

He began training at the Oakland Police Academy Aug. 28 and will be assigned to a field training

officer upon his return to the department.

Officer Matthew Parsons was hired as a cadet on Oct. 30, 1995 and joined the department as an auxiliary in December of 1995.

Parsons is a graduate of the Schoolcraft College Police Reserve Academy and is attending Oakland Community College.

Parsons began at the Oakland Police Academy Aug. 25.

He and his wife Deborah are remodeling their house. His hobbies include archery.

Officer John Piggot was promoted from cadet on July 22.

He was hired as a cadet on March 4, 1996.

Piggot attended Oakland Community College and transferred to Grand Valley State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and graduated from the Grand Valley State Police Academy in August of 1995.

He is a certified medical first responder and in defensive tactics.

He is assigned to a field training officer in the patrol division.

The Clarenceville School District's carnival begins Thursday, Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22.

The carnival, sponsored by Clarenceville alumni and friends, will be held to raise funds for a foundation designed to support teaching and learning

in the school district.

Pugh Shows will bring rides and attractions to the high school football stadium on Merriam Road for the four-day carnival. Show times are Friday, 4 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, 12 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m. until 10 p.m.

District's carnival coming up