

# Minister visits Mideast

The Rev. G. Charles Sonquist of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia has been selected as one of 16 Michigan ministers to make a religious pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The pilgrimage is being sponsored by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan, of which Northville Commandery No. 39 is a member, with many Farmington members.

Sonquist has pastored in Michigan since 1967 when he moved here from Iowa. He has degrees from Cornell of Iowa, Southern Methodist University and the Ecumenical Theological Seminary of Detroit.

He looks forward to the February pilgrimage to provide background and living detail for biblical and confirmation classes he will lead.

The ministers will visit such biblical sites as the birthplace of Jesus, Mountain of Beatitudes, the Garden of Gethsemane and numerous other historical memorials.



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According to Knight Ronald Bone of Farmington, "The purpose of the trip is to offer outstanding ministers from various Christian faiths an opportunity for spiritual enrichment and an educational experience."

# Mom's second-hand sale on tap

The Farmington area Community Women will host a Mom's Second Hand Spring Sale 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 20, at the William Costick Activities Center, 11 Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt.

Admission is \$1 and refreshments will be available. All proceeds will support the Farmington Emergency Fund.

Tables for rent are still available for \$30. Call 489-0803 or 476-9074 for more information.

# Quilters from page B1

Lucia Robiner of West Bloomfield started making baby quilts about eight years ago.

"At one time I had a group of people working together," she said. "We donated over 300 quilts for AIDS babies. Now we donate to unwed mothers."

Eleanor Smith, also of West Bloomfield, discovered the quilter's group by accident.

"I swim here at the center," she said. "I noticed this group. They've been wonderful, very helpful."

Smith runs a volunteer project involving making stuffed dolls which are donated to sick children in local hospitals.

"The dolls are given to children to calm them down. You can put plaster casts on them, or medical tubes. We've given away thousands of dolls in eight area hospitals," said Smith. "Quilters have other interests, too."

Shirley Perlman was showing the others her first attempt at stained glass quilting and also brought a Celtic pillow quilt she just completed.

Dorothy Smith (who is no relation to Eleanor Smith) admits she's good at hand piecing "but not with the sewing machine. Now I need help, and the quilters here are very helpful. We all bring a lot of different experiences, little tricks to get the points to meet."

The women all say quilting is a wonderful hobby and therapeutic, too.

"I quilt every night when I'm alone watching TV," said Lucia Robiner. "I need something to do with my hands and this is one of the most gratifying things I've done."

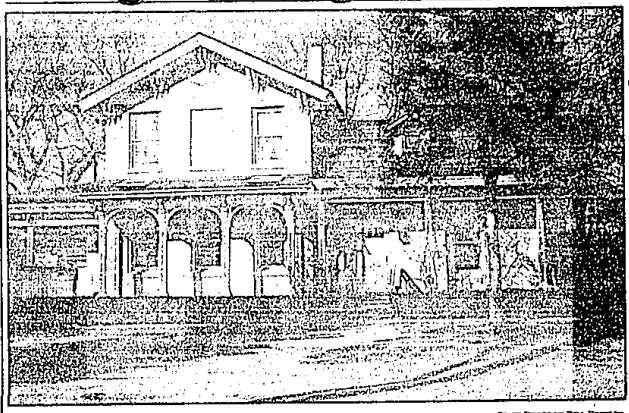
Mary Turton was working patiently on a large blue quilt her mother began 15 years earlier.

"It's a double Irish chain," she explained. "I picked up where she left off. And it's all done by hand."

New members are welcome to join the quilters. They meet 10 a.m. every Friday in the Wexford Room inside the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

Sharing knowledge

# Vintage Farmington from page B1



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Local brick: Exterior of the George German House, constructed of Bigelow brick. The farm was in the Farmington school district. George German was an early supervisor of West Bloomfield Township.

The steep banks along the Franklin River are what is left on the location of the brick making factory which stood for more than 100 years. There at 14 Mile Road, Inkster Road ends. Then it begins again along the section line or border of Farmington and Franklin.

Ruth Mochman is a local historian and author of "Heritage Homes of Farmington."

# Chat from B1

"And," she continues in rapid fire as knees buckle, "I take care of the bills and do all the cleaning. When is the last time you've washed clothes or even done the dishes? ... I make muffins and lunches, which saves us money. When's the last time you took me to dinner? A movie? or bought me flowers?"

Talumpt.

The referee waves his hands; he's seen enough. Howard Cosell whispers about the shame of a once proud man whose wallet was once his shield of honor is reduced to a heap of currency and credit cards on the canvas.

The bella rings, but all the spender can hear is a whirling sound ... of a new Hoover.

Larry O'Connor is a free-spirited (when he can get away with it) staff writer for the Farmington Observer.

# Advocates meet

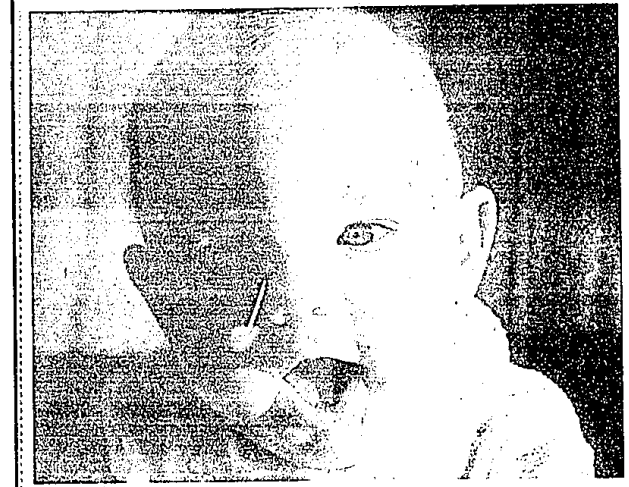
The Oakland County branch of Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, a new effort to improve quality of life for Michigan's nursing home residents, will meet 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Korby's restaurant, 21200 Haggerty Road, in Novi.

For more information, call Lydia Rizzo at 478-7293.



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Quilters: Mary Williams, unofficial spokeswoman for the Farmington Hills senior center quilting group which meets in the Wexford room every Friday morning, works on a project framed by an embroidery hoop while chatting with fellow quilter, Eleanor Smith.



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# Cardozo Society plans outing

Jewish Federation's Cardozo Society will visit the Jewish Ensemble Theater to see "Never the Sinner" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 in the Aaron DeRoy Theater of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple.

The Cardozo Society conducts programs of interest for persons in the legal profession.

"Never the Sinner" focuses on the Leopold and Loeb murder trial of the 1920s.

Tickets are \$13 per person, and spouses, guests and colleagues are invited. A community-forum and informal reception will follow the performance.

Reservation deadline is Friday, Feb. 19. Call Jodi Berger at 203-1486 for more information.

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