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Feelings: Rita Sinishtaj says kids walk for days to

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they are."

—According to Juncaj, who teaches English as a Second Language at East, Fatos family. There are the second that th

sovic assault.

Also discussing the situation were East students Mark Zekaj (a relative of Fatos), sisters Rita and Vilma Sinishtaj and their older bruther, Harrison student Vilson Sinishtaj.

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For many of the refugees, they are being faced with inhumane, cesspool conditions.
I think it's really bad," Vilma said. "They have no water, no food."
"Kids have to walk for days to get to Macedonia or Montenegro," added Rita.
The students, and Juncaj, said they feel hatred and anger toward Milossvic and toward the Serbian population.

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Mark Zekal was blunt. "We really don't like Serbians. What they've done to us we can't take that back. They took us out of our country, they made us flee."

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It is estimated that a million ethnic Albanians have fied Kosovo since 1989, when Milosevic changed the constitution and took away freedoms from Kosovan people. It had been entimated that about 2.2 million people were living in the region, which is approximately the size of the state of Connecticut.

Juncaj said he does not foresee 'how Sorba and Albanians can live together in Kosovo ever again after what's happened.'

The teacher himself immigrated from the Yugoslav province of Montanegro in 1983.

Juncaj still has a brother in

Montenegro, wondering whether that will be "the next target. I'm in contact with family there, and they expect the worst to happen

they expect the worst to implement any time."

Students view recent relief efforts by NATO and the U.S., such as bringing in food and supplies, as nice gestures but probably not enough by themselves.

Weapons help

Vilson sold supplying weapons to the KLA would be the best thing, along with infiltrating ground troops to battle Milose-vic.

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"Arming the KLA, or (bringing in) ground troops is our only chance," Vilson said. "It will take another 10 to 20 days to empty Kosevo" without assistance from

troops.
"They have to speed up the process," said Juncaj, "More bombing, arm the KLA and introduce ground troops as soon as possible."

introduce grount troops as some as possible. He said Kosevan people must take a stand, with help from NATO, of course. To get them all out (from Kosevo) is some-thing they should stop, because the people get out and every-thing is destroyed." Juncaj stressed that the rea-son Kosevanis are fleeing for nearby Albanda is not because of the NATO air strikes. "That's



Discussing: Vilson Sinishtaj, Vilma Sinishtaj, Rita Sinishtaj, teacher Luke Jucaj, Fatos Gjetaj, and Mark Zekaj talk about the situation in Kosovo when they have

not the reason why they're leaving, as the Serbs say. It's because Serbs are forcing them out at gunpoint."
Many of those who manage to get out could wind up in metropolitian Detroit, which along with New York City were top destinations for Albanian immigrants in the 1860s, when

many factory jobs were available due to the Vietnam War.

Meanwhile, Juncaj said there is a good chance that his ESL classes at East next year will have more Albanians. There are newcomer centers at East and Harrison, and Beechview and Woodcreek elementaries.

It is possible those classes will

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Transportation hired as the main contractor, are expected to Transportation hired as the main contractor, are expected to install datour signs directing motorists "where the most appropriate detour would be." When the Seven Mile interchange is closed, detour signs will direct motorists to Nowburgh or Heggerty to take to Six Mile or Eight Mile, Schron said. Pannecouk indicated that the contractor will do much of the concrete breakage and removal

contractor will do much of the concrete breakage and removal during daylight hours to try to avoid a lot of nighttime noise. In Livonia, Wayne County has scheduled resurfacing projects on Seven Mile between Wayne and Farmington roads and on Farmington between Five Mile and Seven Mile roads. That second project will affect motorists traveling from downtown Farmington—who may think they can use Farmington Road as an alternative route to 1-275 — to drive to Livonia. drive to Livonia.

Choose your route

Other possible detours include Novi Road to Eight Mile, then novi Hond to Eight Mile, then east to Haggerty or Newburgh. That route may work best for commuters driving from western or northern Oakland County. Motorists traveling northward from western Wayne County



communities may take Newburgh as an alternate route, but Haggerty will be resurfaced between Ann Arbor and Plymouth roads in Plymouth Township, so that will pose difficulties for Canton or Plymouth commuters coming to Livenia, such as Kramer.

He isn't that concerned about his drive, but wants to ensure his hotel guests are informed.

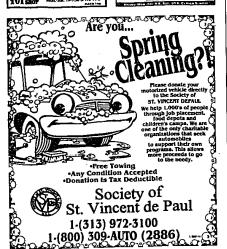
"Most of these people understand that our roads need repair," Kramer said. "Well try to anticipate it as much as possible in our reservations and booking them on arrival. We hope to let them know about alternate

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Pannecouk advises motorists:
"They should begin to think of
where they frequently drive, and
think of alternative routes. They
should try different things to see
what work's best for you.
Pannecouk said MDOT will
keep people informed on the project's status through changeable
signs along the freeway, and the
overhead Michigan Intelligent

Transportation Signs on the freeway bridges. They can visit our Web site, and we will keep the public informed through radio, TV and newspapers," Pannecouk said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey has a little of what he called homespun advice: "Have patience and look forward to a better tomorrow."

Motorists can learn more about construction projects in the Detroit area by contacting MDOT's Web site at www.mdot.state.mi.us/index.ht Wayne County's Web site at www.waynecounty.com and click on Roads.

Youths recognized May 5

The public is invited to the 14th Annual Youth Recognition Breakfast at 7:30-9 a.m., Wednesday, May 5, at the William Cestick Activity Centor, Activity Room, 28600 Eleven Mile (Gata 3 or 4). This occasion is a way of henoring young people who have contributed cutstanding volunters excite within our

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