

Professor: Hate groups see membership as key to future

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Groups like the Ku Klux Klan are always looking for new members. And one expert says those hate groups often try to recruit teenagers.

So it's a natural for white supremacists to go after teens on the Internet, according to Jack Kay, a Wayne State University professor who's studied hate group communication for some 16 years.

"These groups realize the key to their future is to build membership," said Kay, a Farmington Hills resident.



WSU Professor Jack Kay of Farmington Hills

By Southeast Michigan News. Mensa is a club for people scoring at or above the 98th percentile on an IQ test.

Kay said. Group members sometimes even lure Internet users into those chat rooms from mainstream chat rooms.

"Right now these groups have found the Internet to be just an incredible way of recruiting," he said.

Kay said parents should make sure they're educated about what's available on the Internet. There's more to worry about than just pornographic material, he said.

"When you buy your child a computer, put the computer in the family room — not in the child's room," he said. "Talk with your child. Get on the Internet with him."

Parents might want to think about using software to filter out objectionable web sites, Kay said. The Anti-Defamation League offers software to block hate group sites.

"It's not foolproof, but it is a good thing," he said.

Kay, a communications professor, first became interested in hate group recruiting while studying the farm crisis in Nebraska about 16 years ago.

Kay said he saw group members try to recruit disgruntled farmers at farm auctions, blaming the farmers' trouble on ethnic bankers.

"I was so shocked that this was happening in contemporary society," he said.

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revenue.

Streetscape improvements started in 1994 and were completed in three phases, starting from Eight Mile and Inkster. Workers finished Phase III from east of Tuck to Orchard Lake last year.

New business such as Pop Boys and Enterprise Rent-A-Car has moved in an area once blighted by three empty car dealerships, Anhalt said.

Employment growth has coincided with a surge of new business.

Enterprise added 85 new jobs and Ad Danboise Son Plumbing & Heating hired 75 workers during the same four-year span.

Pop Boys added 35 employees while White Castle and McDonald's reported job increases.

"We had zilch before that," Anhalt said.

Of the \$1.2 million the city spent, \$800,000 came through Community Development Block Grant money.

"I think we're getting our money back, and then some," Lampi said.

Eight Mile Road poses similar challenges, said Hills Council-

man Jon Grant.

Grant served as chairman of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, which includes 13 municipalities that border the corridor. He strongly favors corridor improvements, especially from Orchard Lake to Grand River.

Like Grand River, Grant said much of the industrial and commercial building took place before more stringent zoning and development ordinances were enacted.

A mixture of factories, taverns, mobile home parks, party stores and a Laundromat front the road.

"On Eight Mile, the industrial base is a little older. So there might be more redevelopment challenges on the business side," Grant said.

Improvements may include getting back some right-of-ways so trees can be planted, Grant suggested. Planners might consider moving parking from in front of the side of buildings.

A corridor study could start as soon as the fall, Lampi said.

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Aug. 9 meeting.

Work in Farmington Hills includes just tapering the roadway width from the intersection and roadway reconstruction immediately west of Inkster Road, Hills city officials said.

Hills residents, especially those who use 12 Mile to travel to Southfield, will still reap some benefits. An average of 9,904 vehicles travel east through the 12 Mile-Inkster intersection a day, a road commission spokesman said.

"In general, that portion of 12 Mile and Northwestern is jammed up a bit," said Tom Biasell, Farmington Hills Public Services director. "And our residents do travel through to Southfield using 12 Mile."

Short-term annoyances should lead to long-term relief, a road commission spokesman said.

"As far as the impact for Farmington Hills, there will be some disruption of traffic flow. The road won't be closed, though," said Craig Bryson, Oakland County road commission spokesman. "The whole goal is ultimately to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion."

The Inkster-12 Mile intersection is far from being the most dangerous.

The Inkster-12 Mile intersection had 18 traffic accidents — five resulting in injuries — in 1997, a Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County spokesman said. That figure ranked No. 247 out of 1,156 intersections in the county.

However, Inkster and 12 Mile is between two of the most congested intersections in the county: Telegraph-12 Mile ranks No. 1, with an average of 137,800 vehicles traveling through daily, while Orchard Lake-12 Mile is No. 2 with 105,200.

There were 115 accidents reported at Telegraph-12 Mile in 1997, while Orchard Lake-12 Mile had 88 collisions the same year.

"Any improvement like that (along 12 Mile between Inkster and Northwestern) will have a positive effect in terms of reducing accidents and congestion," said Bob DeCorte, Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County spokesman.

A lack of money stalled the project in Southfield for several years.

At least \$2.65 million of the \$3.3 million is coming from federal taxes. The county road commission is paying \$331,596. Southfield's portion is \$295,390.

OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN L. RICH

Services for Kathleen L. Rich, 96, of Farmington, were held Aug. 12 at Grand Lawn Cemetery Chapel in Detroit with the Rev. Wayne T. Large officiating. Mrs. Rich was born June 3, 1903, in London, Ontario, Canada and died Aug. 9 at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Bad Axe, Mich. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by son, James; daughter, Dorothy Hallock; brother, the Rev. Arthur Jones; sister, Marguerite Sisco; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold. Memorial contributions can be made to First United Methodist Church in Farmington. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

KATHLEEN G. HOCKETT

Services for Kathleen Gale Hockett, 75, of New Port Richie, Fla., were held Aug. 13 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Scott Thibodeau officiating. Mrs. Hockett was born Sept. 2,

1923, in Detroit and died Aug. 10.

She is survived by sons, Edward (Pamela), John (Maggie) and Charles (Patti); daughters, Alice (Gary) Gelleley and Nancy (Nick) Hytinen; sister, Alice Tesluk; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel.

Memorial contributions can be made to Angela Hospice. Arrangements made by Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

RALPH E. OSTRANDER

Ralph E. Ostrander, 63, of Sequim, Wash., died Aug. 7. He was born Sept. 18 in Clawson.

Mr. Ostrander was the son of Herbert Ostrander and Helen Anstett. He was a self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by sister, Barbara Packard; brother, Edward Hale; uncle, Paul Ostrander; and nieces and nephews.

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