

Lunches get pitched, kids go for candy bars

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lun, she said, nor are they allowed to decide whether or not to have crossing guards.

"That doesn't deny them their liberty," she said. "They should be protected from second class food that causes their teeth to rot."

The role that money plays in the sale of sweets was emphasized by the director of school services for the Toledo

schools, Edward Goodman.

"The Toledo system offers its students a full line of snacks including sweets in vending machines," he said, "with the money going to the lunch program."

He added that good causes are supported by the sale of candy in school stores.

When questioned about the amount of judgment young children have about

their purchases, he stated: "I am not involved nutritionally. I see myself as an administrator. I don't get involved in what's good. For us to tell the students what they can or can't do is going pretty far."

The Detroit school system has a greatly different nutrition philosophy, according to Mike Dinan, who has a job similar to Goodman's. Assistant director of Detroit's food services, he urged

that the four sweet foods not be sold in competition with the type A lunch.

"Candy, gum, pop and frozen desserts have never been allowed in the Detroit schools at any time of day," he said. "I hope they never will be. For some of our students, the only nutritious meal they get all day is the school lunch. Not to ban the sweets would be a tragic mistake."

IT IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, noted Janice Rolnick of Farmington Hills, for the government to provide nutrition programs and nutritious meals while at the same time allowing foods of low nutritional value to compete.

A member of her local school board, Mrs. Rolnick stated: "The selling of junk food in vending machines in an educational setting conditions youngsters to believe that such products are conducive to proper dietary patterns."

Sniping at those who would sell junk foods for profit, she added: "Profits from the sale of competitive foods should not inure upon the nutritional well-being of students. I refuse to believe that parents, students, teachers and administrators are so uncreative that they cannot think of another way to earn money which is educationally sound."

Representing the Feingold Association of Southeastern Michigan, Sandra Leupen of Birmingham emphasized

that hyperactive children react badly to the artificial coloring and flavoring as well as the sugar in the food foods under discussion.

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Urban distress level is low in Hills

By MARY GNIEWEK

If Farmington Hills plans to do any industrial expansion or neighborhood rehabilitation in the coming year, it will probably have to fund the projects without federal government aid.

In a national study released by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Farmington Hills scored low priority in an urban distress assessment test.

The test was designed to determine eligibility for HUD's Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG), which are available to cities for various economic development activities.

Urban distress levels were measured on the basis of 1970 census data and U.S. Department of Commerce figures tabulated in 1975. Cities were assessed in six areas: population change, housing

stock, poverty, unemployment, income gains and job market growth.

The test showed that the population of Farmington Hills leaped 102 per cent from 1960 to 1975 — well above the HUD criterion of 15.5 per cent. The net income gain per capita from 1965 to 1974 had to be at least \$1,424 to pass the HUD test. Farmington Hills gained \$2,556.

Only cities with population of more than 40,000 were tested. Farmington Hills scored a zero rating on a minus two to plus seven scale. Cities with more than three points were eligible for UDAG.

The worst conditions were reported in Battle Creek, Bay City, Flint, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Pontiac and Saginaw. Each of those cit-

ies scored at least five points.

At zero, Farmington Hills was on par with Dearborn Heights, Redford, St. Clair Shores and Wyoming.

DESPITE HIGH MARKS, a HUD official in Detroit said the rating would not affect Farmington Hills chances of obtaining federal funds for senior citizen public housing. The city wants to build a 240-unit apartment of low rents for the elderly.

City officials have expressed a desire to snare HUD Section Eight or Michigan State Housing Development (MSHDA) funds for the project, which has been on the drawing board three years.

"The action grant program doesn't

have much to do with housing funds," said Larry Wilkinson, economic and market analysis director for HUD in Detroit. "It would not rule out Section Eight or MSHDA. For obtaining housing grants, there is no set formula like the urban distress test."

"But if community development block grant programs and multi family housing needs are not met, then a city would have less chance getting HUD or MSHDA funds," he continued.

Last September, the Farmington Hills City Council by a 4-to-3 vote rescinded a decision to accept a \$434,000 community development grant from HUD. The money was to be used for storm sewer installation, housing and zoning code enforcement, loans and grants.

Lanier: Our superstar in residence

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er continued. "We've been friends for a long time."

For the past five years, Lanier and Vitale, former U-D coach now in his first season with the Pistons, have run a summer basketball camp for youngsters aged 10 to 17 at West Bloomfield High School.

"It's more unique than most camps. Dick and I have rap sessions with the kids. We talk about dope and other problems. It's more interesting than just throwing a ball around. The kids get a lot out of it."

Some basketball superstars, like David Thompson and Julius Erving, earn

\$800,000. Lanier's salary is about \$500,000.

"The only way a player can make money is if someone is willing to pay. As long as the owners can pay, the game will survive."

"I'd like to see women get more involved. Since they don't play the game as children, they don't really understand it. I think TV ratings would improve if more people could relate to the sport."

LANIER ADMITS HE is a homebody. He said he liked the closeness of Cobo Hall. But he has adjusted to the Silverdome, the Pistons' new home in Pontiac.

"It's colorful, newer and it can at-

tract tremendous crowds," he said.

Lanier, his wife Shirley, and three children have lived in Pebblebrook Estates in Farmington Hills for eight months. They moved there from Southfield.

Besides a pool, a sauna and stained glass windows, the house has an attached nine-car garage. Lanier drives a Bronco and a Cadillac, his wife drives a Corvette. They keep informed of local affairs via a neighborhood friend.

Off the court, Lanier enjoys playing golf, tennis, backgammon, and card games like poker and euchre. He likes jazz, rhythm and blues, and the music of the O'Jays and Grover Washington.

"I like active things. I can't sit around the house all day planting flo-

wers or something."

The Laniers often dine at the Roman Terrace in Farmington, and in Detroit at Joe Muers and the London Chop House.

"I don't really like going out to eat, because I eat out all the time on the road. But my wife enjoys it."

Mrs. Lanier sells real estate, but is considering opening a clothes boutique downtown Detroit.

Though he isn't planning to retire now, Lanier has considered alternatives for the future.

"I thought about going into real estate. I've also considered becoming an announcer, or going into sports management."

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Mrs. Lynch, 82, of Farmington, died Feb. 7 at Detroit Mt. Carmel Hospital. Survivors include a daughter, Doris Lynch of Farmington; son, William C. of Cleveland; two sisters Mrs. Adelia Burke of Evansburg, Pa. and Mrs. Emily Hess; one brother, Anthony

They; and grandson, Kerry Alan Lynch.
Services were held from the Thayer Rock Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.
NATHAN M. LITTLE
Services for Mr. Little, 52, of Farm-

ington Hills, were held from the Heene Sundquist Funeral Home on Feb. 6.
He was a truck broker with the Great Lakes Express. He also served in the army from December, 1944 through August, 1946. He received several commendations for his service. He was a member of the Phoenicia No.531

Masonic Lodge.
Survivors include his wife, Cleo R.; children, James, Joseph, Danny, Combs, Mrs. Linda Collins, and Mrs. Becky O'Neill; mother, Lena J. Little; brother, John; and three grandchildren.
Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

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