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Alarm plan comes to aid of residents

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

A smoke detector is probably one of the last things Sheila Alapert would have had installed in her Farmington Hills house. It's not that she hasn't been interested in safety or protecting her 4-year-old daughter, Candice. The reason is lack of money and "lack of knowledge where it would be put."

Through donations from paid "call-back" firefighters, the firefighters' Local 2659 and the American Legion, Garr was able to purchase 125 smoke detectors. ("Call-back" firefighters are volunteers who call the station and report for duty when they hear of a fire.) "I have the funds to buy maybe another 75," he said.

Although Garr's original intention was to make the smoke detectors available to all Farmington Hills residents, the receipt of some Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money has curtailed that.

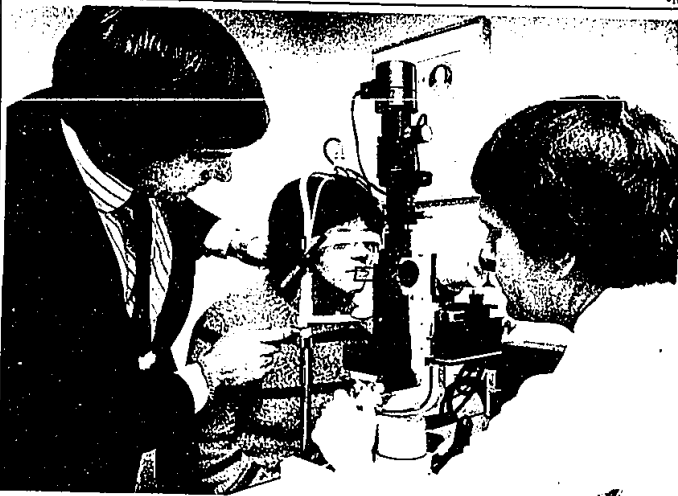
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Mike Garr Farmington Hills firefighter

Last week, Alapert became the first resident to benefit from a new program to get residents to provide themselves with probably the best protection available against home fire deaths. "I have been told people don't believe they can get something for free anymore," said Garr, the moving force behind the fire department's smoke-detector program.

BUT AS FAR as this new program goes, "free of charge" is the incentive to get residents to provide themselves with probably the best protection available against home fire deaths. When used in conjunction with a good home escape plan, detectors can prevent many of the approximately 6,000 annual home fire deaths by simply alerting residents to the first sign of fire, Garr said.



Dr. Terry Myers (left), a dentist, and Dr. William Myers, an ophthalmologist, use lasers to ease the pain which often goes with a visit to the dentist.

Space age lasers fight tooth decay

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

It's difficult to imagine a trip to the dentist without the menacing buzz of a drill's drill.

have tried the laser technique on 10 decayed teeth (still in patients' mouths) and on 30 extracted teeth. "This is an extremely experimental process," said Terry, who helped his brother, Dr. William Myers, a Southfield ophthalmologist —

the mark, the buzz of a drill could be replaced with the zap of a laser — a YAG (yttrium aluminum garnet) laser, that is.

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Board 'lands' 2 gifts

By Tom Beer staff writer

The Farmington School District is \$1,000 and three-quarters of an acre of land richer thanks to several benefactors. The land, adjoining Wooddale Elementary School on Peppermill Drive, was a gift from four families, who had owned it jointly.

The three-quarters of an acre, a narrow and wooded plot to the northwest of the school in the center of the Colony Park subdivision, west of Farmington Road and north of 12 Mile. The land was purchased in 1980 from Robert Tandy, a longtime Farmington-area resident, by Albert and Nancy Rosten, George and Pat Gliza, Tod and Sharon Butler and Dr. Richard and Peggy Knight. George Gliza, a self-employed personnel consultant, said they purchased the strip to prevent unwanted development and preserve the area's wooded setting. Two of the families live on Oak Point Drive; the Knights reside on Forest Ridge Drive. The Rostens recently moved to California, Gliza said.

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In orbit Teachers jump at chance to blast off

By Tom Beer staff writer

RONALD REAGAN wants to send a teacher into space. Kathy McAdaragh and Marjorie Ports respond, "Let it be me." McAdaragh and Ports, teachers in the Farmington system, are hoping they'll be picked to represent their profession in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Teacher in Space Project, announced last year by President Reagan.

teaching veteran, has a strong background in science and a long interest in the space program. "I guess it's been an interest all along," she said. "I was in high school when the first manned spaceflight was going on. That was such an exciting time." "A couple of years ago, I was invited by NASA to a conference about Shuttle 7 when Sally Ride went up. I got to watch it firsthand, and it was a tremendous experience. "Now here's an opportunity for me to get even closer to it. It'd be so great."

"curious to see the whole world in the same perspective as the astronauts. "Another thing is that I've been involved in many exchange programs and I think that we can use the space program to help people on this planet get along better," she said. "Teachers have until Feb. 1 to submit their applications to the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington by Feb. 1. Two teachers from each state will be nominated, and the field will be narrowed to 10 finalists by this summer. Teachers must have been in the classroom for the last five years and meet NASA medical standards. Applicants also must present a special educational project to be accomplished during the mission. The lucky winner and several backups then will face eight weeks of training at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, and the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. And the teacher's obligation won't

end with the landing of the shuttle. "You'll be working for NASA for the 12 months following the flight," McAdaragh said, "pretty much on a speaking tour." THE whole idea of sending a teacher into space is to give a non-technical person a chance to communicate the experience to the general public. "Teachers usually are good communicators," McAdaragh said, "and they do a good job transmitting the excitement of the experience." McAdaragh said she feels the space experience will be a huge help to her in teaching science in Farmington, where she stresses a hands-on approach. "If I've had some experience through traveling or whatever, I can see a real difference in the way they (students) react," she said. "When I was invited to that conference to watch the shuttle blast off, my students were almost as excited about it as I was."



Teacher Kathy McAdaragh: "The main thing they're looking for is someone who can communicate."

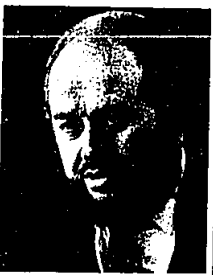
Spirit of brotherhood gives this church a home

By Karen Hermes Smith staff writer

Twice a week, 30 charismatic Christians enter the sanctuary of Temple Kol-Ami in West Bloomfield. They sing songs, worship and give praise to Jesus. The members of the newly formed West Bloomfield First Assembly of God started meeting in the Reform Jewish temple Jan. 6 after their pastor, the Rev. H. Paul McCullough, negotiat-

ed a six-month lease with the temple's president, Richard Lenter. In an interview last week, McCullough admitted both congregations — one which believes Jesus is the promised Messiah and the other which doesn't — are a bit nervous about the arrangement. But, McCullough said, he respects the Jewish faith, and won't try to convert Temple Kol-Ami's members to

Christianity or debate the two religions. "I believe God can take care of that," he said. "I'M NOT there to have a showdown between Christianity and Judaism," he said. Lenter said the congregation agreed to host the new church because it was extended the same neighborly gesture



Rev. H. Paul McCullough new church leader

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