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MISTAREN IDENTITY: A Detroit woman brought her daughter to 47th District Court recently to testify at a preliminary exam of a woman charged with the fraudulent use of the mother's credit card. But charges against the woman were dropped after a witness told startled police they had the wrong

person and that the real suspect was standing out in the hallway. The suspect, who was later released pending the issuance of a warrant, was the daughter. She was also, as it turned out, the first coustn of the woman originally charged. The confusing case began on May 5

employee. (A police spokesman said the woman first charged and her cousin, against whom they are seeking a warrant, are 'practically identical wins.')
According to bank officials, between \$6,000 and \$8,000 have been run up on the card in question.
The daughter of the card-holder told Farmington police she had never been inside T.J. Maxx but had driven her cousin there once and had waited in the car for her while she shopped.
The daughter, 33, herself a mother of three, lives across the street in Delroit from her mother.
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Police say that it appears from signatures on various credit-card receipts that more than one woman had signed for purchases.

FALSE ALARMS:If you thought you heard a lot of burglar alarms last week, you were right. But doo't fret, there hasn't been a crime wave. Blame it on the weather.

Burglar alarms often are set off during thunderstorms, triggered by electrical charges in the air or by the concussive effect of thunderclaps, which causes windows and doors to rattle—and beadaches for police, who must investigate each alarm in case it is the real thing.

In addition, a \$75 Panasonic radio was stolen from a Manda parked in the driveway. There was no damage to the

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Neighbors protest home

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which would handle the day-to-day operations of the bome.

Hollstic Living Opportunities is a new corpora-tion owned by Kathy Yonker of Ferndale. The pro-posed group bome on Old Bedford would be her first client.

The suit seeks to permanently prevent the fi-nancing and building of the home. It also seeks to prevent the vacant lot from ever being used for a

group home.

Residents allege in the suit that a group home on that site would:

Measurement of the state would:

Have a "detrimental effect" on property values in the neighborhood.

Create "undue congestion and traffic" in the

residential area.

Create "a danger to the residents of the area" if "mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons"

if "mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons" live in the home.

THE SIX adults who would be placed in the proposed barrier-free home would be severely and profoundly mentally retarded, said vilm Clark, a development specialist for the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC).

MORC, an agency of the state mental beaith department, monitors the caree and training of group bome residents. The agency also provides support services such as physicians and nurses. MORC owold rent the new house from the builders as well as contract with Hollstie Living Opportunities Inc. The suit also alleges that the DMH did not solicit comments or suggetions about the proposed site in Briar Hill from the city or residents as required by rules governing the placement of group bomes. Clark disagrees.

All the nailing and sawing going on at the former West Bloomfield Township Public Library on Or-chard Lake Road are renovations to create office space for Hadassah, the Jewish women's group that's moving in.

By Michele Glance staff writer

"I think we have totally (complied) and gone beyond what is required in notification," he said.

As required, MORC notified Briar Hills residents within 1,300 feet of the proposed home of their plans for a group home on Old Bedford, Clark said. In the letter MORC officials offered to meet with neighbors June 6 at a drop-in center at the Antioch Lutheran Church on 13 Mile.

In mid-May, MORC contacted the city indicating officials wanted to talk about a proposed group home, said Karen Birkholx, Farmington Hills assistant to the city manager.

"They told us the proposed site was in Outlo an Old Bedford," Birkholx said. "When they came to us they had the site picked out."

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City council members are uncertain whether MORG satisfied the notification rules through their non-time request back in 1981 for city input, into site locations for group homes within the community. State law enables group homes to be placed in communities without local approval. Municipalities also may not use their zoning ordinances to prevent the placement of homes.

CITY MANAGER William Costick reported that MORC did notify municipalities some years ago asking for input on sits selection. But Costick said he believes that officials may have ignored the request, afraid that a response would open the doors

he believes that the transfer of the doors to group homes.

"In 1981 there was an opportunity for Farmington Hills to play a pro-active role in site selection in the city." Clark confirmed, adding that officials didn't take the agency up on its offer.

Briar Hill residents first contacted the city about the proposed home in early June, Birkholt said.

"The homeowners association came and asked council to get involved. Council at that time said they were not willing to get involved. He they said they would give the subdivision association access to the city attorney and the city staff."

changed, Klein said.
New iandscaping plans are in the works, but
Klein said klings may not be planted right away.
Architect David Lubin and Contractor Burt
Cohen of the Million Roberts Co. have been working
with the group on the renovation plans.
Once renovated, the new building will be named
the Sarah and Raiph Davidson Hadassah House.

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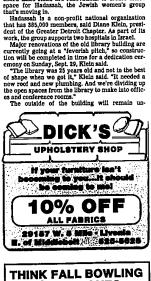
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