

Checking IDs a good practice, officials say

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ate in programs in which patrons are cut off if they appear intoxicated and offered safe rides home along with the promotion of safe drinking and driving.

McDonald, for example, requires participation in the TAM program as

a prerequisite to hiring in his establishments. McDonald's also participates in the designated driver program. For parties of three or more people, free coffee and sodas are offered to the person who offers to serve as a designated driver for his or her companions, McDonald said.

AND MOST restaurants main-

tain they have policies concerning identification. O'Shea's has a policy that requires bartenders and servers to ask for identification of anyone who appears to be younger than 25. McFrook's has a double-check system — a man at the door and servers who ask when a drink is ordered.

Ginopolis has a policy of asking anyone who appears younger than 30 to be required to show identification.

"If they look 26, 27, we still card them. With all the laws, you have to take extra caution. On the weekends, they are carded at the door and also maybe at the table. The fact that they may get in the door doesn't

mean they won't be carded when they sit down," Ginopolis said. To further emphasize compliance with the law, Ginopolis said he totally supports his employees who ask patrons to leave if they are underage or fail to show identification. "I don't care who the customer is. I will back my staff. Very seldom do people walk out. I have no problem

with that. I don't want to serve a minor. I don't need the extra money. In fact, I don't think there is a business owner in this city that wants to serve a minor."

BUT GINOPOLIS said he believes the undercover operation was fair in that all licensed businesses were visited. "They didn't just single one out. They went out after everyone." And he believes at the least the operation may "perk people up. I think what it does is that there is a time in everyone's business when you can get a little lax. When I walk around my place, I look at people now a bit differently."

That's just what police, the MLCC and licensed beverage association wants licensed businesses to do.

Problems for restaurants and bars are a bit different than for party and grocery stores. Yet training employees about the law — how to comply and how to spot someone underage or who is intoxicated — are primary concerns, Hadden said.

Often, it's the employee who sells to minors — some simply because they fail to check identification. While the employee will receive a citation, it is the business owner who suffers the most because that violation is listed on the MLCC record. It is the owner who stands to lose the liquor license, Hadden said.

Both restaurants and store owners should make it their business to develop and enforce strong policies for their employees, Hadden added.

C'ville gives written guarantee with diploma

By Mary Klimec
staff writer

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Smokeout fest set

Thursday, Nov. 20 has been designated the "Great American Smokeout Day" by the American Cancer Society.

In response to this designation, Botsford General Hospital is sponsoring a week-long series of events, starting Monday, Nov. 17, in which certain incentives will be put in place to educate people and simultaneously encourage them to stop smoking.

"We have placed a large glass fish bowl in the main lobby of the hospital and filled the bowl with cigarette butts. Employees and volunteers will be able to guess the number of butts in the bowl. The winner will receive a free Thanksgiving turkey," said Russ Tuttle, community relations director for the Farmington Hills hospital.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, the American Cancer Society will have its van on the Botsford campus. Those who wish to sign up to quit smoking will be entered in a drawing in which a pair of running shoes will be given away. Tom Ryan of WOLC-FM, also known as Count Scary, will appear with the American Cancer Society folks.

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, all interested people may come to the gift shop in the hospital lobby and turn in a package of cigarettes and receive,

in exchange, a roll of mints, a package of chewing gum or a package of peanuts.

On Thursday, Nov. 20, the official smokeout day, the Botsford cafeterias will offer cold turkey sandwiches on the menu.

Botsford is on the east side of Grand River, north of Eight Mile, behind the Botsford Inn.

perintendent Michael Shiber.

Beginning with the class of 1988, students who graduate from Clarenceville High School will receive a written guarantee along with their diploma. The guarantee will declare that the student has the necessary basic skills to read, write and do arithmetic to succeed at entry-level jobs.

If the graduate's employer isn't satisfied, he or she may call Shiber. Shiber then will offer the graduate a chance to take, free, night classes as needed through the Clarenceville adult education program.

"We are giving more than lip service that a kid can read, write and compute," Shiber said. "We also believe it will give (the graduate) an

edge going out in the job (market)." The district includes parts of Livonia, Redford and Farmington Hills.

MEMBERS OF the school board gave the proposal its first reading at their meeting Thursday night. It is expected to be adopted at the board's next meeting, in December.

"(The guarantee) will be signed by the board president. It will be placed with the diploma itself," Shiber said. "What we hope will happen is that the student will take it on a job interview and give it to the employer."

"I think it's an excellent idea, and I have no hesitation whatever in guaranteeing that our graduates are prepared," said DeWayne Nutter,

Clarenceville principal.

"I think it will give them an incentive, something to take to their employer, that should help them obtain a job," he said.

THE DISTRICT adopted a competency testing program for high school students last year. The class of 1988 is the first required to take part in the program.

Under the program, in addition to all other graduation requirements, a student must pass a reading, math and grammar test with at least 70 percent proficiency in order to earn a high school diploma. The tests are repeated every year.

The testing began last fall. Students who were in the 10th grade at that time had three years to pass the tests before the 1988 deadline.

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Alleged cocaine is seized in raid

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Hand waived the 12-day rule, which requires exams to be held within that time frame. No exam dates have been set, Amato said.

Each man faces a 20- to 30-year mandatory prison term if convicted.

POLICE HAVE evidence the men have allegedly been dealing in cocaine since 1983, Goss said.

Thursday's raid culminates a six-month investigation. During that time, 10 ounces of suspected cocaine were sold to an undercover officer. After obtaining a search warrant from Hand, investigators Thursday confiscated another ounce of the suspected drug and two pounds of suspected marijuana, two loaded handguns and a 12-gauge shotgun. All were found in the basement of the house on Hayden, where the alleged drug dealing took place, Goss said.

Also seized were two Chevrolet Corvettes, one Oldsmobile 88, a motorcycle, \$700 in cash and a variety of jewelry and stereo equipment, "all products of selling narcotics," Goss alleged.

THIS IS the first drug raid conducted by the Farmington Department of Public Safety. In the past, the city has called upon the Narcotics Enforcement Team, coordinated through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Goss and Amato said.

The Farmington raid was coordinated first by Commander Thomas Cox and completed by Amato, who formerly worked on the NET team. "Hopefully we've sent out a message," Goss said.

Schools save money on gas

Farmington Public Schools will save at least \$50,000 by purchasing some of the district's natural gas directly from the wellhead.

The school board approved the action Nov. 4.

The district will buy around Consumers Power, its current supplier, according to Beverly Hausman, administrative assistant, who proposed the change.

She termed \$50,000 a "modest estimate" of the money the district could save, and said there was "no risk involved" in making the change.

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