

Checkmate

Steve Vargo (right) of Canton took S. Charles Bolter (left) of the Chess and Checker Foundation of Michigan up on his chess challenge. Bolter of Detroit was at Tally Hall/Hunters Square to conduct chess clinics and take on all challengers in either chess or checkers. He had up to 40 chessboards set up and

played all challengers at the same time.

The Detroit resident has appeared all over the state in similar exhibitions. He has been known to play as many as 631 games in one exhibition with only 13 losses. Players who are able to beat Bolter will be given a prize.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Bid to rezone is denied

By Jackie Klein
staff writer

Southfield City Council Monday, to the relief of a crowd of Southfield and Farmington Hills residents, made short shrift of a request to rezone a 50-acre tract in the 11 Mile-Inkster area for three-story apartment buildings.

City council unanimously denied the bid by Occidental Development to rezone the land on the east side of Inkster Road south of 11 Mile for a proposed 672 units of mid-rise apartments.

The property is owned by the Southfield School Board. Developer Edward Rose and Sons offered the schools \$2.5 million for the land subject to rezoning.

BECAUSE OF THE large number of petitions from Southfield and Farmington Hills residents opposing the rezoning, approval of the proposal would have taken a 5-2 vote of the city council. Residents in the packed council chambers applauded when the vote was 7-0 for denial.

Dan Robb, vice president of the board of directors of the Cumberland condominium association in Southfield spoke for the 200 owners and 10 residents in Farmington Hills across the street.

"Approval of the request would be a violation of the master plan for single-family homes and of transitional zoning," Robb said. "Without major road projects in this area, the added traffic couldn't be handled."

"You'd be sending out the wrong

message if you rezoned this property. The city has pledged to promote owner-occupied housing."

DR. MORRIS REIFF, a Cumberland resident and former chairman of the Southfield Board of Health, said there is no sanitary sewer system to serve the area. Adding 672 apartment units would lay the groundwork for a disastrous septic sewer backup, he said.

Robert Bisaro, vice president of the Oakland Village Civic Association, which has been in existence since 1944 in Southfield, said the proposed apartments would harm the single-family subdivision.

Councilman Eli Robinson said the quality of individual home ownership is a social consideration.

Program focus is sexual abuse

A show combining preproduced shows and a live, local panel will debut tonight on cable Channel 10 — the education access channel for Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

"Child Sexual Abuse — An Ounce of Prevention" will be

broadcast 6-8 p.m. tonight and will consist of four segments.

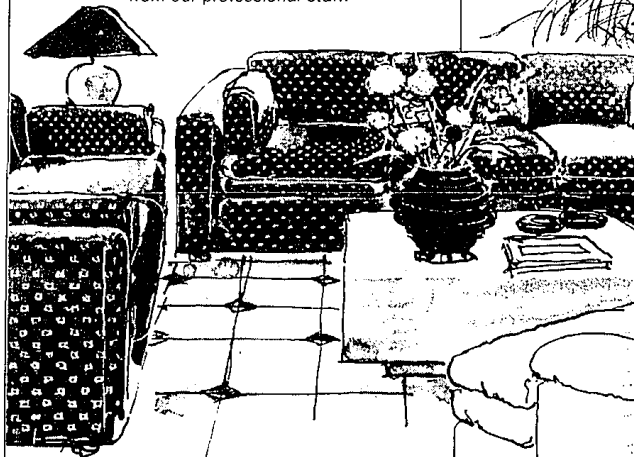
The preproduced segments will give information on sexual abuse and will be followed by a panel of local law enforcement, protective services and education representatives, who will take calls from the

audience, said Dean Cobb, telecommunications coordinator for Farmington Public Schools.

This is the first time Channel 10 — which broadcasts from a studio in North Farmington High School — will attempt such a production, Cobb said.

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