Changes

Preparing for the 21st century

Magna Carta Institute, with national offices in Farmington Hills, lays claim to becoming America's premier personal growth and achievement training corporation. Its forte is developing comprehensive people programs for business and the community.

"In the '60s we rebelled. In the '70s we indulged. In the '80s we regressed to the safety and innocence of the '50s. The decade of the '90s will most likely be remembered as the birth of a new beginning," said Russel Griffin, a psychologist on the Magna Carta staff.

"The coming decade presents to every one of us the challenge that if we are to survive in a world destined for change, we must create and learn new ways to greet our future as its master, not its slave."

Griffin speaks of a scientific and technological revolution, and of world nations on the threshold of economic and political reorganization.

As the year 2000 approaches, he says, "There will come a watershed in human evolution, an epoch that will redefine our values and purpose as individuals and as a species.

"Magna Carta Institute is creating the foundation that will support the transition Americans will make as they redefine their place — and power — as human beings in the 21st century."

THE INSITUTE is dedicated to the development and realization of individual, human growth. Its purpose is to make a meaningful difference by providing "Positive Life" instruction.

The training series is a progressive three year program. Each year involves 12 weeks of interactive classroom instruction. The spring classes, which meet two evenings a week in the institute at 33533 12 Mile, are forming now.

"If ever there were a time in history to take charge of our lives, to learn the unlimited power of the mind and spirit, it is now," said J. W. Zidar, president of Magna Carta.

Magna Carta's vice president Donald Converse adds, "Although we have immeasurably improved the quality of our lives, we are terrified of our cities, and we are ashamed of our schools. We hate our jobs, but we fear leaving them. We want our families together, our marriages without divorce, our children safe from drugs, our environment free from pollution.

"The labor of our bodies and minds may have produced incredible advances in the way we live, but it has also launched us into tomorrow, long before today had ended," he said.

Peggy Teshka, educational services director for Magna Carta, talks about the importance of keeping pace.

"In 1970 human knowledge was said to double every 10 years. By 1980, every five. It's already been established that by the '90s our knowledge base will double every two years.

"Don't fool yourself for a minute that your life tomorrow will resemble what it is today. Technology is a tremendous power. It has and will continue to change social and economic systems. We must keep pace with it," she said.

"The rules have changed and you better believe they will change again."

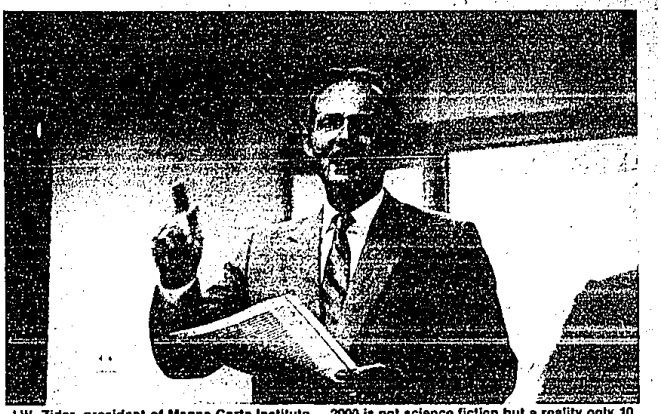
GRIFFIN DESCRIBES the students who come to Magna Carta as "people who look ahead, not back." And, as those who believe "we are all ultimately responsible for our own destiny."

He believes that when that destiny is reached is not important. How that destiny is reached and the way one lives, is important.

"The decade of the '90s opens a new American frontier," Griffin said. "It is a place in which our future is still at odds with our past. However, it is also a time in which our potential to attain unprecedented knowledge, health and happiness is neither a memory nor a dream.

"It is a reality."

Inquiries about Magna Carta or the spring classes are taken by calling the institute at 489-4030.



J.W. Zidar, president of Magna Carta Institute, aims to make his students realize that the year 2000 is not science fiction but a reality only 10 years away.

Pageant Corps gets beefing up

The 1989 Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant is set for Wednesday, July 12 in Vladimir's and to make the event another success, the pageant committee needs more help.

The first call for young women to enter the pageant as a contender for the title, the crown, money for education, a host of prizes and the chance to be a part of the Miss Michigan pageant went out late last month.

If tradition holds, between 12 and 15 hopefuls will put in their applications and a corps of volunteers will go to work preparing the contenders in a series of workshops so they will be putting their very best foot forward on pageant night.

Simultaneously still other volunteers will be working backstage on the many and varied facets that hold to the Miss America pageant rules while making the local production a spectacular, in imitation of the Miss American Scholarship Pageant every September.

"It is a lot of work," said Sarah D'Ascenzo, who is in the throes of reorganizing the 15-year old Miss Farmington pageant by setting up a board of directors and beefing up the volunteer corps.

She needs persons with business backgrounds, marketing experience, theatre backgrounds, choreographers, anyone who can help in staging a production.

"Whatever capacity a volunteer can help us in, we can use it," she said.

D'Ascenzo took over the executive directorship of the pageant two years ago because, she said, of the help it gave her daughter in launching her career and how important the title has been to other young girls who have won it.

Roxanne D'Ascenzo was Miss Farmington in 1982.

Sarah D'Ascenzo will take calls of inquiry from potential volunteers at 661-2048 or 365-5200.

Boxing exhibition taped

The Kronk Boxing Exhibition, staged April 26 in Vladimir's as a fund-raiser for Detroit Westown Lions, has been taped for MetroVision viewers.

Ken Dumm of the Metro Vision Production staff said, "Normally MetroVision does not send it's staff out to cover such events. But because of the involvements of the community, including sponsors and Lion's Club members, MetroVision recognized the magnitude of this fund raiser."

The footage of the event will be edited to summarize the event while recognizing the sponsors and the involvement of Lion Club members in the community.

The show will be aired on Channel 12.

Concert fosters musical growth in the young

A concert dedicated to fostering the musical growth of young musicians begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, in Livonia's Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh near Joy Road.

The Livonia Symphony conducted by Francesco Di Blasi will perform Bellini's "Overture To Norma," Mozart's "Concerto for Bassoon," and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5."

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony conducted by Alan MacNair will perform Verdi's "Overture to La Forza Del Destino" and Tschaikovsky's "1812 Overture."

The finale will be played by both orchestras.

This performance is an educational outreach concert by the Livonia Symphony and it will donate $1 of every ticket to the Metropolitan Youth Symphony.

Tickets are available at Hammell Music, Madonna College, and the Livonia Civic Center Library. General admission is $8.50; students and senior citizens, $5.

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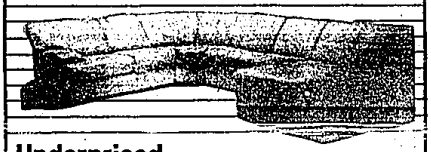

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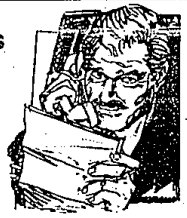

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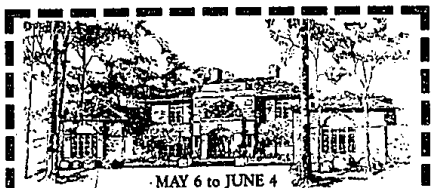

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