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### CHIP on display

The nine Grandview fifth graders in Cindy Berkaw's CHIP (Children with High Intelligence Potential) class recently rehearsed and then delivered speeches on their projects to coincide with Gifted Child Week, April 24-28. Students in the program, who attend regular fifth grade classes along with the daily CHIP class, live in Livonia and Farmington Hills. This is the first year Clarenceville Public Schools has implemented a gifted pull-out program for students in grades three to six.

Berkaw is the support consultant and works with each elementary school two mornings a week. In the photo above, students rehearsing their presentations are: Megan Lemon, who demonstrates her balloon art making technique; Rachel Behring (left); Walter Koning; Hussein Yamani; John Maxwell; Jennifer Davis and Sarah Cunningham. In the photo at right, Hussein Yamani demonstrates origami to Shirley Pretzlaff's fifth grade class.

## Children's home reviews policies

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The center also will continue to closely evaluate intakes to predict chance of truancy. "Sometimes, some of our kids aren't leaders, but they're real good followers," Conklin said.

Meanwhile, programming and staff training will be adjusted to better meet "the needs of the children we are serving," he added.

**THE VICTIM**, examined at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, "is doing well," Conklin said. "Staff is working closely with her to deal with what has happened." She came to the center as a permanent ward of the court in December.

At a preliminary hearing Tuesday, Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Intake Referee Gary Sabourin found probable cause to believe a crime had been committed and enough cause to continue detaining the suspect, Sgt. Nebus said.

The boy, who came to the center as a temporary ward of the court last June, was ordered held without bond in Oakland County Children's Village pending a pre-trial hearing in probate court May 22.

"Most likely, he won't be returned here," Conklin said.

The center won't hesitate to "make sure charges are pressed" when behavior "infringes on the rights of another individual," Conklin said.

## Judge to rule on rape victim tests

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**TEMPLIN WILL** determine the degree of accuracy of the DNA tests, as well as determine whether the tests can be established as reliable and whether they are competently performed, Zabel said.

"My position is, let me examine your (prosecutor's) experts to see if they are qualified and to see what they say, based on their qualifications, and let the judge make a decision," Kaluzny said.

Szeman, a former West Bloomfield resident, awaits trial on 49 counts of rape, robbery and burglary involving 10 victims, ages 12-61, in Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and Independence Township in late 1987 and spring 1988. In April, he waived his right to preliminary exams in three district courts, including 47th District Court in Farmington.

DNA evidence was gathered from at least five of the 10 Oakland County victims of the ski-masked rapist. DNA is an organic substance used by investigators to analyze body tissues, such as blood-semen, which can provide a genetic fingerprint.

In early May, Templin ordered Szeman to be evaluated, to determine his criminal responsibility, at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti as well as by Dr. Sol Forman of Southfield, whom Kaluzny requested as an independent psychiatrist.

KALUZNY ALSO has asked for

medical records from Szeman's physician in Ohio, particularly regarding a head injury and subsequent treatment after Szeman's car left a West Virginia mountain road in 1984.

Kaluzny said he is considering a request for Szeman to undergo a sophisticated neurological examination at the University of Michigan, one of three or four centers in the country equipped to do the test.

Szeman pleaded guilty Jan. 4 to raping a suburban Cleveland woman in November. He was sentenced to a 58-to-140-year prison term.

In early May, Kaluzny said that Szeman, who is being held in a one-man isolation cell in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of a \$7.9 million cash bond, has received hate mail.

"He's depressed, he's vegetating over there. He is somewhat drained. It is boring sitting in a one-man cell," Kaluzny said.

An avid reader, Szeman is reading approximately 400-500 pages a day and has asked that his parents be allowed to bring books into the jail for him.

"They're devastated," Kaluzny said about Szeman's parents, who continue to have contact with him.

Oakland County investigators linked Szeman, an Ohio trash hauling company salesman who once held jobs in Troy and Southfield, to several local attacks through fingerprints found on a Farmington Hills victim's wallet found in his possession. The last Oakland County victim was attacked March 31, 1988, in her Farmington Hills home.

## 40 teachers picket Clarenceville

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

To remind the community they're still working without a contract, about 40 Clarenceville Public School teachers picketed the Board of Education office during Thursday's board meeting.

"We would like to have our contract settled," said teachers union president Janice Mills, who added the picketing was planned and carried out by some union members.

"We're still very hopeful that we're all still working (through negotiations), still talking," said Mills.

The district includes parts of Livonia, Redford Township and Farmington Hills.

But superintendent Michael Shiltner said after Thursday's session, "we're going to stand very firm," after teachers rejected an administrative counter-proposal.

"In my opinion, the offer we've given them is the best ever in the history of the school districts," Shiltner said. Both sides say they won't discuss specifics of contract talks outside of bargaining sessions.

TEACHERS AND administrators met in negotiations for more than

three hours after the board meeting, their third meeting since the 3.5 millage issue passed April 24. Another session is scheduled for Thursday.

Pay for teachers in the district has been frozen this school year by the current month-to-month extension of the 1987-88 contract, which expired Aug. 30.

Mills said teachers are seeking pay raises on a par with those going to teachers in nearby districts. Those raises have ranged from 6 to 8 percent.

IN URGING support for the millage increase, superintendent Shiltner


said part of it would be used to pay for salary increases for teachers.

Pay raises are needed, he said, if Clarenceville is to continue attracting good teachers.

Mills has said the union's goal is to settle the contract before the end of the school year in June.

A state fact-finder who met with both sides earlier this year to discuss contract proposals suggested a 6 percent pay raise for teachers effective Jan. 1 this year, with 6 percent pay raises to follow through two more years, beginning Sept. 1.

Shiltner has said administrators are seeking a contract running through Aug. 30, 1991.



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