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Innkeeper drops Botsford's price



MILES PROBABLY
abound at the St. Vincent
and Sarah Fisher Center
in Farmington Hills these

days.

The center, which provides services for needy children and families, received a \$250,000 grant from the Skillman Foundation to fund a program called "Transitions"

lions."
Hopefully, the program will serure the futures of from 16-20
nomeless teen mothers and their
infants through temporary shortterm, housing and support ser-

term housing and support services.

It is hoped that a stable posticitively living situation will prevent homelessness and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect, said Sister Mary Patricia Larabeil, executive director of the center.

The need for this kind of program, she added, is supported by studies which show that, while there are services for both young, and the homeless, the needs of the homeless teen parent are not being addressed.

"The center has a strong commitment to the needs of young single mothers and their children," Larabeil said. "Our goal, the with help from the Skillman Foundation, is to grow the said strong portive, medically supervised environment for the first few critical months of the infant's life."

HERE COULD BE the makings of a traffic jam today when 10 vans full of wrapped Christmas gifts head for a Salvation Army facility in northwest Detroit.

During the recent holidaja, the senior citizens at the American House Retirement Homes — in-cluding the one on Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills — collected enough food and citotling from their families to form a 10-van presentation to the Salvation Army in the "Christmas Atter Christmas" program. "The older adults remember hard times and empathize with the needy," sald one of the seniors.

lors.
Today at 2 p.m., the vans with seniors and their donations will assemble at the American House in Livonia. The parade will go to the Salvation Army Brightmoor branch for their presentation. Each van will have a senior spokesperson in charge of their food drive.

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From the Jan. 10,
1952 Farmington Enterprise:
• Tavern Auto led the Farmington Shop Bowling League with
a record of 48 wins and 24 losses.
Westlake and Mayes Tool wettled for second place with 47-25
records.

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• Farmington Township lirefighter responded to a blaze at
the residence of Howard Jones on
liaisted Road. An oll burner
started a fire-which caused minor
damage. Another lire was reported at the William Morris residence on Liberty. Woodchips and
shavings caught fire in a basement worstable.

ment workshop.

• Playing at the Civic Theatre
was "Angels in the Outfield" with
Paul Lucas, and "Cattle Drive"
with Joel McCrea.

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tion carefully, concerned that the 150-year-old plus inn be pre-served and maintained.

Hopes a buyer will honor its history

By Casey Hane

Innkeeper John Anhut still greets people in the lobby of the 155-year-old flotsford inn with a "welcome home" salutation and a firm handshake.

handshake
But as much as he enjoys it. Anhut
would welcome a newcorner with a
love of history to step into the role
he has played for the last 40 years.
The Anhut family has dropped the
price on the historic lan on Grand
River in Farmington Itilis, which
has been for sale since 1990, and is
cagerly pursuing a buyer, as promises of a stronger economy sit on the
hurizon.

Anhut said the inn is now listed at Anhul said the linn is now listed at \$2.3 million, down from the \$3.5 million the Anhul family was asking just 1½ years ago. The price includes the inn, its property and all personal property including the numerous antiques on site.

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"I think we can safely say no reasonable offer will be refused," he addrd.

Iliring a new on-site manager during the past year did not bring the added business Anhut had hoped, so

Think positive

Hills mayor discusses priorities

Positive public relations is a number one priority in 1992 for Farmington Hills Mayor Jonathan Grant.

"I pledge to this council and to all of our residents that I will represent this city with Integrity, honesty, no games, no hidden agendas," Grant said.

Monday night — the Hirst city council meeting of the year — was an evening of ecremony as Grant and mayor pro tern Mancy Bates were sworn into their new posts by City Clerk Kathy Dornan Monday night.

"Now I know how Mr. (Mikhail) Gorbachev felt Christmas Day when he made his resignation speech," Vagnozzi said before he handed over the ceremonial reins of power — and the mayor's gavel — to Grant. Vagnozzi, who will continue to serve as a councilman for the remaining two years of his term, spoke of leadership.

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Quoting the late President John F. Kennedy, Vagnozis said the success or failure in offices held by public offi-cials will be measured by answers to four questloms. "First, were we truly men and women of courage? Second, were we truly men and women of judgment? Third, were we truly men and women of integrity? And finally, were we truly men and women of dedication?"

GRANT ALSO lauded Vagnozzi's tenure as mayor.
"Serving under the leadership of Aldo Vagnozzi in

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- Jonathan Grant mayor, Farmington Hills Mayor

stills hope that there are those in government who are there for the right reasons."

When it came to Grant's turn to talk about the future under his leadership, he made it clear he has no predetermined agenda of his own for the coming year. "I came to this council two years ago with no specific agenda, and I remain of the mind that it is not my place to develop the agenda for Farmington Hills.

"As I take over as your mayor, my agenda will unfold as the year progresses, and the residents of our city make known those Issues and projects on which you place high priority. Those too will become my priorities and I will do my best to lead our city in those directions."

Property taxes frozen at last year's prices

If you're grinding your teeth waiting for your annual property tax assessment notice to arrive in the mail soon, forget it. It's not

the mall soon, forget it. It's not coming.

That's right, Your assessment notice — the piece of paper that informs you whether the assessment on your house or property has increased, decreased or stayed the same — won't be sent out this year thanks to a freeze stapped on property assessments by the Michigan Legistature.

"Whatever your assessment was, last year it will be this year," said Dean Babb, Farmington Hills assessor. "Unless you are one of the excepted classes, you're forcer."

Ilter's what will happen for all types of real property, including

commercial, industrial, office, apartments and residential:

Property tax assessments on all real property will be frozen for one year as of Dec. 31, 1991, for the 1000 tox-sec.

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The Farmington Hills Board of Review will be limited in the type of appeals it can hear this year. Assessors, such as Babb, will be assessors and from considering 1991 sales for the 1992 assessment.

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THE ASSESSMENT freeze can either help you or even hurt you, depending on your particular situation.

First of all, there are exclusions to the freeze. They include property splits or property combinations, property changes with new construction, such as adding a deck or

Two men arraigned in coach's murder

Two Detroit men face murder charges in connection with the shooting death of a 21-year-old Farming-ton Hills man in Detroit Dec. 31.

Earlando Carter, 25, and Myron Williams, 21, were arrasigned on first-degree murder charges in 36th. District Court, Detroit, Jan. 2. Both stood mute to the charges and not chilly pleas, were antared-on-belir-multy, pleas, were antared-on-belir-multy, pleas, were antared-on-belir-multy. culty pleas were entered on their-behalf. Preliminary examination on the charges is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 10. Carter and Williams are accused

of shooting to death Cary C. Moore in a parking lot behind La Renaissance Motel, 18850 Woodward, Detroit, ac-cording to a Detroit Police spokes-

man. Police said Moore's body was found about 3:20 a.m. on Dec. 31. It died from multiple gunshot wounds. Moore was reported missing to Farmington Hills police by his factor, Bud Moore of Farmington Hills, about 7:30 p.m. later that day. Moore-habe-been missing-since the evening of Dec. 30, when he report-edly dropped a friend off at a Farm-



Cary C. Moore

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