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Sherri H. Gelman, a Farming-ton Hills resident, has been pro-moted to assist vice president of corporate communications/mar-keting at Detroit's Sinai Hospital. Gelman will continue managing corporate communications/mar-keting and the patient copresenta-tive department. She holda a hachelor's degree from Grand Val-ley State University and a mas-ter's of husiness administration from Wayne State University.

Jane Jones of Farmington Hills has achieved the position of independent sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. Jones will provide training, gui-dance, leadership and motivation to other Mary Kay independent beauty consultants.

beauty consultants. Jones joined Mary Kay in 1991 as us an independent beauty con-sultant. the position of sales di-rector is a direct result of sales and recruiting accomplishments. There are about 4,800 Mary Kay sales directors.

Thomas Troske of Farmington Hills has been hired as a senior account executive at Ross Roy Di-rect, a division of Ross Roy Communications, the Bloomfield Hills advertising agency. Troske will be responsible for database marketing on the Stroh Brewery and OfficeMax accounts.

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Jane Jones

Before joining Ross Roy, he was marketing project manager at PMH Caramanning Inc. He has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Ferris State University.

trom errirs state University. Connie Babecok, a Farming-ton Hills resident, has been pro-moted to pharmacy technician su-pervisor for Arbor Drugs Inc. In this position, Babecok will train, along with five other super-visors in the company, all the store pharmacy technicians in several areas, including customer relations, computer functions and applications, pharmacy order writing and insurance rejection rebilling.

BY BILL COUTANT The case of a Farmington Hills man convicted for computer fraud represents a new frontier in crime because of the technology in-volved and the type of criminal causing the grief.

Jeanne Hunter

causing the grief. Michael Shutes, 24, was con-victed of computer fraud for steal-ing with the aid of a pirated credit card number. Although he had only been con-victed of defrauding a company of a hard drive worth about \$2,000, his part in a network of computer "hnekers" and their combined ac-tivities were a much bigger con-cern to authorities and an indica-tion of a much wider problem. Which is do of much will, cost

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"These guys are not what you'd call well-rounded individuals." The death of his father when Shutes was 6, and other family difficulties have not helped, said Friedmer

difficulties have not helped, said Friedman. But computer fraud can involve the seemingly innocent stroke of a key and a victim that the hacker never sees. And most computer fraud is committed by juveniles, whose cavalier attitude translates into code names like "Black Wiz-zard,' that invoke mythological names of benign computer games,

not real electronic manipulations that cost banks, consumers and other companies hundreds of thousands of dollars.

."They don't see the faces of their victims," said Kirk Tabbey, the prosecuting attorney in Shutes' case.

most damage are someone who goes by the name of "Black Wiz-zard" of Southlied and "The Grim Resper" from Cranbrook," Because the young thives do their damage at a computer in-their own homes, their parents are, not aware that there is a problem, Tabbey said.

"The parents think every." thing's fine," he said. "If fact, they are relieved that their kids are at home and not in any trou-ble — or so they think."

And because they are juveniles, usually without any previous criminal record, they're is a limit to what kind of sentences courts can impose. Plus, the exclusive, nature of their network, their high intelligence and seeming invul-nerability add up to a cavaller at titude.

"Black Wizzard" had gotten in trouble one time with Comerca Bank," Tabbey said. "Afterwards he was talking about how stupid, they were. Unfortunately, that's the attitude you usually encoun-ter."







away the toys of other hacker, won't be easy. And, unlike Shutes, these young guns won't be cooperative. With mottos like, "Why pay for what you can steal," and the name "Nation of Thieves," which has the popular young people's acronym of NOT, these computer whiz kids have an attlude. Shutes's ordeal is not quite over. He has legal costs and has the "hammer" of prison over his head if he doesn't stay out of trou-ble.

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Lake City, Utah company, But he was obviously grateful not to be going behind bars. "He has cooperated, he has an employer who wants to hire him back, and he is truly remorseful about what he's done." said Shutes' attorney, Michael Pried-mon. "I think if he didn't have hess things going for him, he'd be sitting in jall right now." Shutes, like many computer hackcene, is very bright, but very channeled into computers, said Friedman.

Authorities have taken sway Authorities inter the computer equipment worth \$10,000 that he bought himself — to make sure he doesn't reconnect to a network of computer fraud. But taking STOP SMOKING WITH ACUPUNCTURE





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Although Michigan has a stat-tue to deal with the crime, there has not been much case law de-clided. Since 1990, there have been only 14 prosecutions and 12 con-victions of computer fraud in the state, Tabbey said. That doesn't make it any easier for courts trying to decide son-tences either.

"We really have no guidelines," said Michael Friedman, the Bir-mingham attorney who defended Shutes.