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previous interview.

The additional \$3 mill would cost a taxpayer with a house having a market value of \$100,000 an additional \$16.50 a year; owners of a \$150,000 home would pay \$24.75 more a year, and residents with a \$200,000 home would pay an additional \$35 a year.

"Space requirements in a library are changing," Papai said. "Experts once predicted that by 1990, Americans would be a paperless society, but that's not the case."

There's still an intrinsic value derived from people holding a book, Papai said.

The number of microcomputers sold quadrupled to 16-20, Papai said.

"Computers are here to stay. The (new) building would give greater flexibility to set up computers. We need to plan for fiber optics. We need a building flexible enough to accommodate whatever the technology requires."

The proposed site for the library was selected because of its central location.

Road improvements on Orchard Lake Road have eased traffic, she said. "The library's peak hours are not the rush hours," Papai said. "They're evenings and weekends."

Although no traffic studies have been completed on the Orchard Lake site, Hills traffic engineer Kevin McCarthy doesn't see a problem there.

"Orchard Lake Road is designed to handle a lot of traffic," McCarthy said. "I don't think this (turn) would be a problem if the proper (turn) lanes are installed. The (current) library is drawing a

lot of traffic now. The library, the post office and an office complex are using a common driveway."

Papai said she has received phone calls from people who want their children to be able to ride their bicycles to the library.

"But I'm looking out my window on a nice summer day and there isn't one bicycle on the rack," Papai said Monday.

It can be dangerous to ride bicycles on 12 Mile Road, she added.

A new main library could offer more to its patrons, Papai said.

**Bev Papai**  
library director

Space would increase from 38,000 to 80,000 square feet.

The book collection would increase to 300,000 from 125,000 volumes. Public seating would number 500 seats rather than 170 seats, and 325 cars rather than 213 cars would find parking spaces. Short-term and long-term parking would be available.

There may even be a drive-in window similar to the one at the Rochester Hills Library, Papai said.

"This will be the last (new) library built," Papai said. "Eighty-five percent of Farmington Hills is developed."

The library held discussions with Oakland Community College (OCC) about constructing a public library on the Orchard Ridge campus which would provide library services to the public as well as to OCC.

After 13 months of discussions, the OCC board was unable to proceed due to their inability to meet the financial obligations that a joint venture would require," the library's literature says.

Each week, the recreation division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information regarding programs, call the recreation office at 473-9570. For the city council agenda items, call the Newsline at 476-3938.

**AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS**  
Tickets for your favorite amusement park can be bought at a discount rate at the recreation office. If you are going to Boblo Island, Cedar Point, Detroit Zoo, Four Bears Waterpark, Kings Island, Sea World or Great America, stop by for a savings on tickets.

Please note: The prices listed in the 1993 summer brochure for Boblo, Cedar Point (adult) and Crossroads Village (child) were printed incorrectly. The correct prices are: Boblo (Gibraltar) \$16.50, Cedar Point (adult) \$20.50, and Crossroads Village (child) \$4.25.

**MERCY SWIM LESSONS**  
Registration is now being accepted for the eight half-hour lesson swim program at Mercy Center pool beginning Aug. 3. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday and Tuesday and Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Classes are offered by various learning levels and at various times. Contact the Recreation office at 473-9570 for more information on the swim lesson program.

**EQUIPMENT RENTALS**  
You need it; we got it. An assortment of recreation equipment is ready for your picnic, birthday party or special event. Reservations must be made at least three working days in advance by calling the Recreation office at 473-9570. A \$20 deposit fee is required on day of picking up equipment. Equipment sets include: picnic packs, volleyball, softball bases, croquet, badminton, parachute, tug of war rope and floor hockey.

**STARS IN THE PARK**  
Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and listen to the sounds of the Sweet Adelines on Aug. 6 at Heritage Park. Concert begins at 8 p.m. and there is no charge.

**ROCKERS SOCCER CAMP**  
The Detroit Rockers/Total Soccer camp will be held the week of August 9 through 13 at the Mercy Center for children ages 6-16. Their goal is to further the technical and tactical understanding of each participant. Instruction by Total Soccer staff, coaches and players from the Detroit Rockers. Campers will receive official Rocker Camp T-shirt, soccer ball, sport team tickets and squeeze bottle. Camp runs from 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fee is \$99 per person. Preregistration at Recreation office is required.

**YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION**  
Registration is being accepted until Aug. 6 at the Recreation office for children in kindergarten through third grade for the fall soccer program. Teams will play a five-game schedule which will be played on Saturdays starting Sept. 11. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. Contact Herman Smith at 473-9570 if you are willing to coach. Fee is \$20 per child.

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Goss said the department will follow the lead of the Child Protection Services on what, if any,

action may result. The incident appears to be isolated, though. "We need to investigate a little

further," Goss said. "These are one of those things that shocks a community . . . 'Who's watching

the kids?' We need to look at this a little more closely. "Both parents are very upset."

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was a factor in her running this year.

Buyers said he made up his mind prior to Richardson's announcement, though.

"Some of (Buyers' friends) said, 'Buyers, you don't stand a chance; perhaps you should wait,'" Buyers said. "I decided to go ahead and run. If you have an interest in serving the community . . . you have to go head to head with these people."

Aside from being a precinct delegate 30 years ago, Buyers is a

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**Russell Buyers**  
council candidate

political neophyte.

The Detroit native has been practicing law for 28 years, including work as an attorney for the Wayne County Road Commission. He's a general law attorney, working out of his office on

Grand River.

Buyers is married. He has four sons from a previous marriage, including one who recently took the bar exam to become an attorney. Buyers moved to Farmington in

1987, and was a neighbor of current councilman Dick Tupper. He speaks highly of Tupper, though he doesn't agree with some of the council's decisions.

"I think they're very capable, honest people," Buyers said about the council as a whole. "I think they might be unaware of some of the things going on because there is just not enough times to check these things out."


John Kenney, who ran unsuccessfully in 1989 and 1991, has decided not to make a third try after some consideration.

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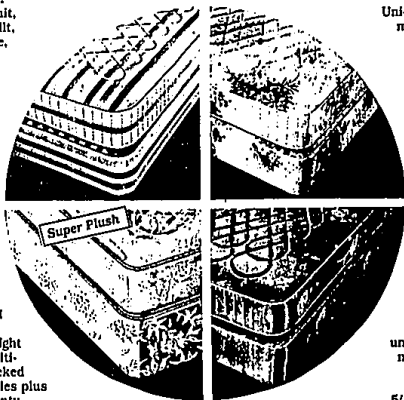
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