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and busing, which they're not required to.

"Once schools see the provisions in the bill to show them how they can compete with private driving schools, some will become so competitive that they'll draw some students away from the private sector."

He stressed the program's idea of rewarding good driving behaviors. "Whether it's skateboarding or video games or anything, the more practice you have, the better you become. Today, we (give students) a very minimal course and a few hours on the road, then give them the keys and say, 'Okay, go play in the street.'"

"We're trying to put a structure in place that builds in practice time and an incentive to do well."

Despite their eager-to-drive stereotype, local teens already taking driver's education classes weren't groaning too loudly about the bill. In fact, some thought it was a good idea.

Chris Donan, a Brother Rice student who turns 16 in April 1997, when the bill would take effect, will be restricted by the midnight to 5 a.m. driving ban. "It doesn't bother me too much," he said. "I won't be out



Lauren Laudani

until 12 too often, and if I am, I have friends who are 17."

Although Lauren Laudani, of Wallad Lake Western High, will already have her driver's license by April, she thinks this is only the first new regulation. "We had a discussion about it in class," she said. "Some students aren't upset, but some thought it was a little too strict... (Driving laws) are probably going to get stricter and stricter."

"If you're 16, and out after midnight, you shouldn't be out that late anyway," added Yeager, their driving instructor.

But for Sgt. Green, the bill leaves a lot of questions unanswered.

"What about the limbo area of kids taking driver's ed before April?" he asked. "I assume there's some sort of grandfather-type situation there. I'm also concerned about what these parents are going to do (about getting in 50 hours of driving) in this busy world."

"All these are just technical issues that will have to be addressed," he continued. "We're kind of early into this thing, but as far as I know, the governor's going to sign it and we're going to live with it."



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Have a seat: Driving student Amy Russo, a sophomore at Farmington High School, holds the door open so her fellow students can climb in the back.



Chris Donan

Observer is honorary host of Cornucopia Ball

The Cornucopia Ball, a fund-raiser being presented by the Farmington Hills Community Foundation for Children, Youth and Families, will be held Nov. 9. Proceeds raised from the Ball benefit the Foundation's existing and proposed youth centers, as well as other programs for Farmington area youth and families.

The Farmington Observer is contributing \$10,000 in cash and promotional advertising space, for which it will be recognized as an honorary host of the charity Ball.

"We're very excited about the Farmington Observer teaming up with such a significant community event. The Foundation is doing a great deal to help young people, and it's just the kind of community-oriented program we

at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers strive to support," said Bob Sklar, managing editor for Oakland County, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Botsford General Hospital has made a three-year commitment of \$10,000 per year to the Foundation and, for the second year in a row, will also be an honorary host of the Ball.

"We're fortunate to have generous businesses in our community, such as the Farmington Observer and Botsford General Hospital. Their commitment to this event will go a long way to help lives of many young people," said Richard Daguanno, chairman of the Farmington Hills Community Foundation for Children, Youth and Families.

"Supporting the Cornucopia Ball is a way to positively impact the quality of life for our most valued assets — the children and families who live here," said Nancy Bates, Farmington Hills council member.

"We certainly appreciate the support, and we can always use more. Currently, we're seeking additional sponsorships for several different levels, as well as in-kind donations for the Ball and silent auction," added Deborah Grant, Foundation trustee and co-chair of the Ball.

For tickets to the Cornucopia Ball, sponsorship opportunities, contributions, or more information, call the Foundation at 473-1841.

Democrat Frumin aims high

BY GREG KOWALSKI

STAFF WRITER
Morris Frumin set his sights high in making his first bid for political office.

He's running against incumbent Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, for the 11th U.S. Congressional House seat. And he's a Democrat running in a district with a majority of Republicans.

Frumin drew 13,742 votes while Knollenberg received 47,472 votes in the Aug. 6 primary election.

But that has not dimmed his enthusiasm to seek election in the Nov. 5 general election.

"The 11th District is a unique district, said Frumin, 74. "It has a high concentration of educated individuals and they want good government, a thinking government."

Frumin, a Bingham Farms resident, said that Knollenberg does not represent the district, which includes Southfield and Lathrup Village.

"In my mind, he has been consistently out of sync with the general population," Frumin said. The 11th District also stretches from Highland to Redford and from South Lyon to Bloomfield Township. It encompasses some of the wealthiest communities in Michigan, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield Township.

But, said Frumin, "I don't see it as simply representing the \$200,000 income level. (Being a



Morris Frumin

representative) is something more than representing wealth."

A retired doctor and builder, Frumin said he sees health care reform as an unresolved but important issue.

"The health care issue is still a serious problem," Frumin said. "We need a long-term approach to health care."

He said he would recommend establishing a non-partisan commission to address a national health care system. The health care issue, in fact, was what prompted him seek election, he said.

After attending a forum on health care sponsored by Knollenberg, Frumin said he saw that the Republican Congress' idea of health care reform "was not to have any type of health care reform."
"Knollenberg's position with regard to health care was out of touch with the reality of the voters. He really had little to

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offer. I was very disappointed," Frumin said.

Frumin challenged Knollenberg's record, saying he gets high ratings from the Christian Coalition and the National Rifle Association but low ratings from the League of Conservation Voters, National Council of Senior Citizens, the NAACP and abortion rights groups.

"He does not represent me," said Frumin.

Frumin said he supports a balanced national budget, education "from Head Start to student loans," protecting the environment and neighborhood safety, including "keeping assault weapons and cop-killer bullets off the streets."

He also said he supports campaign finance reform. No one should spend more on a campaign than the amount of their salary," he said.

Frumin graduated from Michigan State University with a major in chemistry and soils. He did graduate study in chemistry at Wayne State University and graduated from the WSU Medical School in 1958.

He interned at Grace Hospital and did a residency at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Over the years he has been involved in many organizations, including being a staff psychiatrist with The Haven Hospital in Rochester and psychiatric consultant with Oakland University Psychiatric Services.

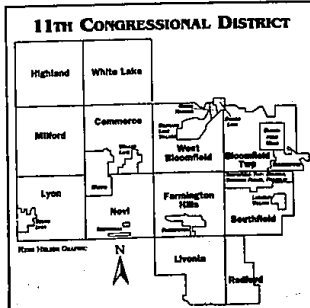
He also was on the staff of William Beaumont Hospital from 1963 until he retired in 1991.

He also served as clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the MSU School of Medicine.

He and wife Natalia have four children and 10 grandchildren.


Frumin said he would like to appear at public forums with Knollenberg to discuss the issues, but has not had a response from Knollenberg to do that.

"I would be delighted to confront him with his record," Frumin said.



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