

**Fire** *from page A1*

there and set up first."

Overall runs increased from 5,417 in 1996 to 5,479, or 1 percent, last year. More than half of those are EMS calls.

Historically, that number of runs tend to increase as the advance life support is offered, Marinucci said. He's not sure why, but the department is prepared as firefighters become certified in advance of offering full ALS service in spring.

"We've planned for a gradual transition in the service ... We feel we have adequate staffing

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handicapped. The most common reaction from general education students, Ritchie said, is that the "Changing Places" activities are fun. "But then I say to them, 'Look how long it took to communicate a simple phrase.' Maybe now, when they see someone with the device, they can go up and understand what it's like."

At the "Sensation Station," occupational therapists Susan Ingrao and Jo Johnston displayed a myriad of ways physically challenged youngsters gather information from the senses, including vision, touch and smell.

A passage from "Cat in the Hat" is shown with the letters

and words jumbled, the way someone with dyslexia would read it, Johnston explained.

Students also had to work puzzles without looking at what they were actually doing, instead relying on their sense of touch.

Fifth grader Kaitlin Custer, 10, with a tongue depressor in her mouth, moved checkers around a computerized checkerboard at another station, "A Special Way of Learning in the Classroom."

Also at that station, 10-year-old Brad Levick used a head pointer to write on a computer. "It was hard," Brad said. "You might want to do an 'n' but your head might move and cause you to hit the 't'."

Another concern is a possible situation where some adjoining lots would be "landlocked." The only way to access the vacant lots would be "to build a road through the wetlands," Valley said.

The Highmeadow Homeowners Association fought the original proposed 40-unit development, which was spread over a larger area of the 12 acres south of 13 Mile, near Detroit Baptist Manor.

Phoenix Land Development and the neighborhood association have been locked in a two-year battle.

Residents wanted the site rezoned from RA-2 to a more restrictive RA-1; the developer

At an October special meeting, developer Steven Schafer proposed a compromise: More multifamily units confined to one-

third of the 12-acre site in exchange for his giving back five acres of park land and two acres of existing wet lands.

**Council members** - mainly Mayor Aldo Vanzetti - and residents talked at the 70-80 minute proposed. The developer has now brought it down to 64.

"I think that's the lowest I can go. It's half of what's in the neighborhood," Schaefer said. "I really don't want to go any lower than 64 more than I thought I should. But I wanted to get at the meeting of the minds, if you will."

Georgian townhouses would be built of brick and limestone and have a roofline 10 to 12 feet high. The planning commission's recommendation includes for a height variance of 5 feet.

The commission's recommendation goes to city council for approval.

**Law** *from page A1*

"One of the biggest problems Linda kept talking about," said Raczkowski Thursday, "was how she was calling state agencies and everybody was telling her it was not against the law."

Raczkowski promised Trzcinski he would do something to help him and other businesses from being taken advantage of and to protect customers from being duped.

The resulting bills, one authored by state Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, are now expected to "breeze through" the consumer affairs committee, Raczkowski said, before getting full legislative approval and being signed into law by Engler, perhaps before May.

If approved, the legislation would make it illegal for an out-of-state company, such as Raczkowski's Michigan City, Ind. based, to advertise or listings and require it to disclose its actual address and company name.

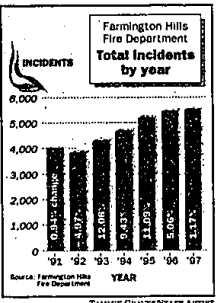
the proposed legislation. She was faxed a one-page press release Thursday from Raczekowski's Lansing office.

"This would be great if it all happened," Trzcinski said, looking at the release.

In the press release, Raczekowski vowed to battle any company that "prejudges the public." "We need to send a message ... that Michigan law protects Michigan owned businesses. Our policy ought to make every attempt to create an even playing field for our job providers."

Although the legislation was clearly prompted by the flower shop situation, Raczekowski said the two bills apply to all types of businesses. He added that Ameritech, the company that had the largest target in Michigan, is both aware and supportive of the bills.

Raczekowski said the proposed package also is an example of how elected officials can come



A 38-year-old Farmington Hills man later died from second- and third-degree burns sustained in a mobile home fire at Farmington Mobile Manor Nov. 7. The blaze destroyed the home and is believed to have been accidentally started by a light

Civil penalties could range from between \$100-\$10,000 for companies that do not comply. "This (legislation) is geared toward helping all businesses that are taken advantage of," Raczowski said. "This is to prohibit predatory practices from bogus companies, both inside and outside of Michigan."

**"This is truly the best-case scenario where elected political representatives and their constituents can work together and solve the needs of the community," he said. "People need to get more involved in politics."**

**Raczkowski can be reached at 1-800-864-2108 or (517) 373-1793.**



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How you feel can affect your arthritis. For example, I saw a patient with rheumatoid arthritis in her hands who complained of pain not only in her finger, but in her heart. She had been told by her lawyer in the apartment court case that she mentioned that her husband's death, she had, what she described, as a justing match, with Social Security. In this instance, what she required to stop her pain was not more medicine, she needed a resolution of her social situation.

No doubt being a weight upon your shoulders, being led up in knots, or fearful because of some upcoming event, will tighten your muscles and strain your joints.

However, this relation between your mood and arthritis, is different from saying that stress causes your arthritis. Tension makes what you have worse. But investigations have not yet found that mood can set off the inflammation that characterizes rheumatoid arthritis, or initiate the wear on cartilage that is the feature of osteoarthritis.

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A bad mood makes your arthritis worse, a good attitude will not drive your pain away

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# Orthodontics

*by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.*


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