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which goes to all homes in the

district.

Because lessons about sexual harassment and child abuse probably would be taught in the spring, beginning during the 1999-2000 school year, parent wanted a reminder closer to the time of actual classes, McElroy explained.

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Several parents became upset at a recent area PTA council meeting, when they heard what they said was almost a warning from McElroy.
According to McIody Jaske and Patti Kohnert, McElroy said parents would be closely scrutinized if their children don't attend

if their children don't attend when the lessons are given. "(McElroy) said they are going to be watched for any patterns relating to abuse" if they are not at the classes, said Kohnert. a Flanders parent. "... I think they're stretching it if they think the parent or guardian is the

abuser."

Jaske said she doesn't think the district has the right "to be the police. I just get the impression you have to prove your innecence. I was really taken back when she said this."

Parents also apparently were told at the meeting that the district did not want to send letters of notification about the child abuse curriculum because "they didn't want to alort" potential abusers. Kohnert added.

After being told later about the district's change of heart about notification, Jaske said she'd believe it when it happens.

"I've yet to see it first," Jaske aid. 'Actions speak louder than words.

Meanwhile, the parents were upset enough to contact 37th District House Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. He telephoned Maxifeld and was told that parents will be notified

onal protection, which delves after all.

"He (Maxfield) reassured me that would not be the case," and Ranzkowski, about targeting parents of no-shows. "Just because a student's not there that day, or parents found it (the material) offensive, I found it unconscionable for parents to be targeted right off the bat."

Maxfield also talked to parents. into matters such as child abuse.

That might even include expanding the original notifica-tion bill, which Raczkowski admitted "was written a long time before sexual harassment became a big buzz word."

"The purpose of the (PTA) meeting was to just get their input," McElroy said. "We want-Marfield also talked to parents about the recent PTA meeting.
"Somebody said there might be some suspicions of a child being abused" if he or she isn't in class the day the lesson is taught. Maxfield said, "Give me a break. We're not going to think that wny." ed to hear opinions from around the district. We'll take them to the committee and come up with a plan for previews and notificaway."
Currently the state requires that school districts notify parents about reproductive health and HIV lessons. State legislators, including Reczkowski, are working on bills that require asame notification for curriculum on sexual harassment and per-

She agreed that it's understandable that parents reacted the way they did after that meet-ing, because of the sensitivity of the topics. "As a parent, I'd want to do the same thing; that was the whole point of the meeting.

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was unfairly criticized, especially on the warrant. As it turns out, the warrant is one similar to once used before.

"It just seems strange that all those misdemeanors were quashed."

Hills police, which ruceived the tlp, joined Royal Oak and Oakland County Sheriff

authorities in executing a scarch warrant at the invita-tion-only party. Police seized \$220,000 cash and playing \$220,000 cash and playing cards in what was described as a high-stakes gambling operation.
Police also arrested four men on drugs and weaponscharges.

Community Band sponsors dinner-dance

The annual Valentine Dinner Dance sponsored by the Farmington Community Band will be held at 730 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the newly renovated Gleon Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. You can celebrate Valentine's Day at this annual event featuring the FCB Dance Band playing for your dancing and listening pleasure. Begin

with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., then experience the elaborate Glen Oaks Buffer Dinner and then dance the night away. Ticket prices are \$35 per person for dinner and dancing. Tables of eight may also be reserved. To obtain tickets call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

Chamber celebrates

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will host a special gala event to cele-brate the Chamber's 35 years of service to the cusiness communi-ty. This event on Saturday, Feb. 13, will be at the Excalibur Ban-quet & Conference Center. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and feature a gourmet meal, pre-

mium open bar, dancing to Newsmaker, as well as ganing tables. Chamber members who have been active for the entire 35 years will be honcred. Tickets are available to mem-bers of the public for \$100 cach and may be acquired by contact-ing the chamber office at 474-3440.

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what is scary, but it also has to be interesting. Price gets help from her male colleagues in parks maintenance. Parks technician Jos Guiberd, for example, puts up the gates and bars and tombstones for the Haunted Hike.

It is perhaps the expressions on the faces of her creations that are the most stunning and realistic—and all from Price's imagination. It make do with everyday thinrs from life to make these nation. "I make do with everyday things from life to make these

people."
Money is an object. So when

she is creating, Price goes out of her way to use things that aren't expensive. "You try to find the chenpest things and things you can salvage and make into some-thing else."

Discovering talent

There are some people who are betting that there's plenty more talent in Price, who says she wished she had gone to school to study something along these creative lines. But Price also says she had no idea she had such a creative talent.

"This isn't something you learn in school," said co-worker and city naturalist Joe Derek." She just has talent."
Buck to her real job, Price you've probably seen her - is the one stringing lights on trees at city hall for the holiday season. But she deesn't stop there. Wreaths that decorate city building during the holidays are her handiwork. And this woman does not work from a pattern or a picture to get an idea of how a wreath should look.
"I am self-taught. I just try to

Already Price is thinking of next year. How about pirates and the front of their ship on the

use my imagination. I try to

come up with something that I've never seen before," Price

Haunted Hike? Or how about trying to animate the figurines? "We are trying to experiment on how to make them animated.

We are trying different motors,"

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we've grown to over 361,000 cir-culation in Oakland County to become the dominant print media in that important arena," Aginian said. "We have also

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media in that important arean," Aginian said. "We have also reorganized our Home To will be a subsidiary, pleased that we have such News papers and that we have such News, Milford Times and South Lyon Herald under the direction of publisher of the direction of publisher of the direction of publisher of the direction of publisher of the opportunity to market all these award-winning nowspapers, while of the thind of the

from all three of these dentates staffers."
HomeTown Communications Network, headquartered in Livenie, publishes more than 60 weekly and twice-weekly community newspapers in Michigan, ohio and Kentucky, including the 15 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in suburban Wayne and Oakland counties. The corporation also includes the Michigan Directory Company, which publishes 25 telephone directories in Michigan and northern Kentucky.





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