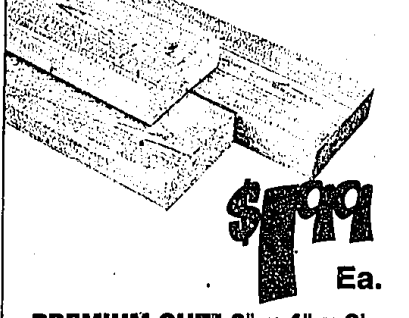
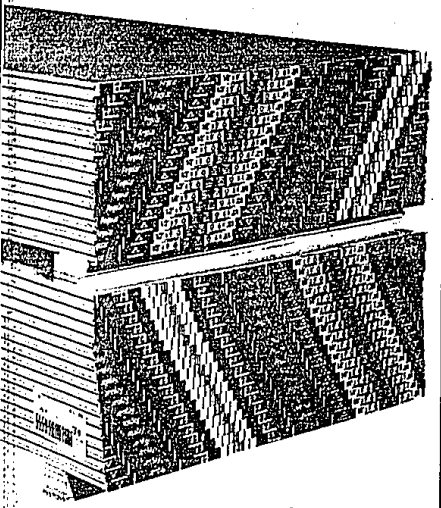


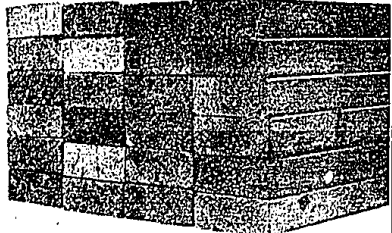
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gave her a tour of the library and introduced her to the library board.

Papai also took the step of offering Shimamura an internship for the summer, which the student believes will provide her with valuable experience she couldn't get in the classroom.

"It is very lucky for me to have this opportunity," Shimamura said. "It will be a good opportunity for me to get experience."

She has also appreciated how nice Papai has been to her and the time her mentor has taken to help her become more familiar with her chosen profession. That kind of extra effort directly contributed to Papai's receiving the Professional Service Award, Johnson said.

While Papai appreciates the honor from her peers, her proudest accomplishments seem to come from the work she's done over the years, not only in Farmington and Farmington Hills, but throughout the state.

Papai's career began shortly after Wayne State awarded her graduate degree in the combined studies of gerontology and library science. The university awarded her a fellowship in 1972 in one of the few programs that linked the study of the aging and libraries. She was hired right out of college to start a program for senior citizens in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"Within six months, we also became the home for the county's library for the blind and physically handicapped," she said. "It made sense, since so many people who were blind and handicapped were also elderly."

Since then, Papai has spearheaded the development of programs for library users of all ages. During her year as Michigan Library Association president, she called a statewide summit on technology, which led to more equal access to information through the Internet in libraries across the state.

"I really think that was a key activity, done at a key time," she said.

Papai has also supported collaborative efforts between the library and other agencies to encourage kids to read. Targeted groups have been ages 5 and younger, and younger teens.

"Those are critical 'at-risk' ages, because the skills and literacy they learn can have an impact on lifetime success," Papai said. "Kids who aren't ready to read will have trouble the rest of their lives. Teens are often put in situations that are life-challenging. If they engage in (destructive behavior), it impacts the rest of their lives."

Roads closed for parade; alternate routes planned

Alternate routes are planned for traffic as the Farmington Founders Parade gets under way Saturday morning.

The parade, which begins at 10 a.m. will begin at Uptown Plaza on Grand River, one block west of Orchard Lake Road. It will end in downtown Farmington at Grand River and Farmington Road.

That means Grand River, between Orchard Lake and Gill roads, will be closed to traffic from 9 a.m. until about 1 p.m.

Alternate routes for traffic are the M-5 expressway, Freedom Road and Shiawassee Road.

Hills firefighters offer tips for summer of heat and humidity

Heat can kill! Higher-than-average temperatures that last for a prolonged period, combined with high humidity can be a serious health hazard for the elderly, young children and those who are sick or overweight, particularly those who may suffer from respiratory difficulties. Here are a few tips for dealing with high heat conditions:

- Never leave children or pets alone in a vehicle.
- Slow down and avoid strenuous activity.
- Stay indoors. If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor or go to a public building that has air conditioning.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Drink plenty of fluids, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Avoid drinks containing alcohol or caffeine.
- If you have a medical condition that may be affected by extreme heat conditions, consult your physician on steps you may need to take to ensure good health.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department wants you to watch for these signs that require your immediate attention during extreme heat conditions:

- Heat exhaustion: Cool, moist, pale, or flushed skin; heavy sweating; headache; nausea or vomiting; dizziness; and exhaustion.
- Heat Stroke: Hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; and rapid, shallow breathing. Body temperature can be very high — sometimes as high as 105 degrees. If the person was sweating from heavy work or exercise, the skin may be wet; otherwise, it will feel dry.

If you feel that you or someone you know is experiencing a heat-related medical emergency, call 911 immediately!

The men and women of the Farmington Hills Fire Department wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.

■ If you or someone else is experiencing a heat-related medical emergency, call 911!

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