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Chiefs advocate death penalty

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer, along with Hazel Park Police Chief David Niedermeier, are spearheading a campaign to legislate capital punishment in Michigan.

In light of recent slayings of children in Detroit and three police officer slayings in the metro area in the past year, the

drive to add Michigan to the list of states that support capital punishment is worth pursuing again, Dwyer said.

About 35 people, mostly police chiefs from the metro area met with Dwyer and Niedermeier Thursday at the Waterford Township Police Department to discuss the campaign.

During the recent funeral service for slain Hazel Park police officer Jessica Wilson, Dwyer said he and Niedermeier

sat next to each other whispering their feelings that capital punishment should be in place for cop killers.

But after talking with the group Thursday, members agreed capital punishment for those convicted of murder should be across the board, not just for those convicted of killing officers, Dwyer said.

Among those in attendance were Oakland County Executive L. Brooks

Patterson, U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

STATE-WIDE EFFORT

"It will take a lot of effort and debating," Dwyer said of getting the proposal on the ballot for 2004. "I think we will be

PLEASE SEE PENALTY, A5

Ash meetings

The City of Farmington Hills will host two meetings to provide more information to local property owners about the ash tree decline problem in the Farmington Hills area. The first meeting, for business owners, office building



owners, and property managers, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. A second meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. for residential property owners. Dave L. Roberts Ph.D., an ash tree decline expert from Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service will provide the latest information about the "emerald ash borer." City staff will also be available to answer questions.

The Costick Center is located on 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster. For more information, call the City of Farmington Hills Planning Office at (248) 273-9543.

New directors

The Farmington Hills/Farmington Community Foundation recently appointed Paul J. Bizman and Thomas McAlister to serve on its Board of Trustees.

Bizman currently practices Estate and Probate law at his firm, the Law Offices of Paul J. Bizman, located in Farmington Hills.

He is a 1962 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He went on to earn an A.B. in history from Wayne State University and an MSW from Wayne State's School of Social Work. He earned his law degree at the Detroit College of Law in 1980.

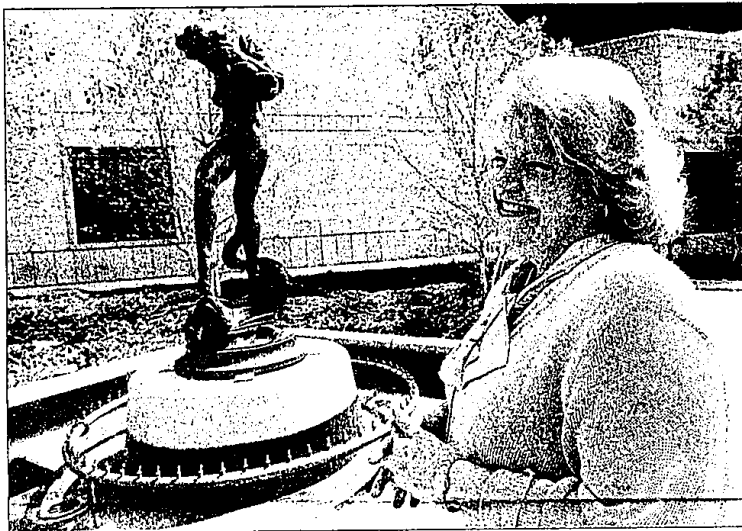
He and his wife, Leah, reside in Bloomfield Hills and have one daughter.

McAlister, Chief Operating Officer for DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC, is responsible for all activities within Chrysler Financial in North America, as well as DaimlerChrysler Services Canada. A 1972 graduate of Orury University, he earned his MBA from Drury Brecht School of Business in 1975 and has attended business classes at the University of Michigan, Northwestern and Harvard School of Business.

He and his wife, Ann, live in Bloomfield Hills with their three children.



Bizman



BILL BRISLER / OBSERVER

Bev Papai is particularly proud of the new art installed at the library like this bronze sculpture by a student of August Rodin.

Expanded library to open soon

BY JONI HURRED
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Community Library Director Bev Papai may be a little tired of overseeing the expansion of the Hills branch on 12 Mile Road, but she never gets tired of showing it off.

The 34,000-square-foot addition is set to open next month; renovation of the old section will be completed in December. Already the huge stacks that occupied the main library have been removed, leaving behind a big, empty space.

"That area will be filled with browsing materials, including fiction, audiovisual and young adult materials, as well as browsing copies of periodicals."

"In this space," Papai said indicating a spot on the wall, "we'll have a fireplace with lounge furniture...in memory of Gisela McCabe."

Also along that wall will be a 42" flat screen television set. Using wire-

PLEASE SEE LIBRARY, A5

Callers in 248 must use 10 digits

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

If you live or work in the 248 area code and let your fingers do the walking, they're going to be getting more exercise.

Starting Saturday, Sept. 7, all callers within the 248 area will have to dial (or, more likely, punch in) the area code before reaching any local number - even if it's across the street.

The reason is that the 248 zone, which includes most of Oakland County until a good chunk of northern Livonia, is getting a new "overlay" area code, 947, which will apply to new numbers.

No existing phone numbers will change. "Everyone will keep their same number," said Karen Norcross, a numbering analyst with the Michigan Public Service Commission.

But your new next-door neighbor could very well have a different area code from yours.

PLEASE SEE CALLERS, A4

Churches to host homeless this week

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

You don't have to live in certain Zip Codes to need help from the South Oakland Shelter in Royal Oak.

Commonly known as SOS, the shelter provides temporary housing and receives assistance from metro-Detroit religious sites that either provide volunteers or host groups of up to 30 clients.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 1 through Sunday morning, Sept. 8, North Farmington Community Church in Farmington Hills and Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield will jointly help the homeless. The Hills church will provide the volunteers; the West Bloomfield church, the facility.

North Farmington Community Church plans for 15-20 volunteers, including youth group members.

"We can't do housing because we have a day care which takes up all our space," said the Rev. Mark Sommers.

Typically beds are set up for the whole week.

"Although Covenant Baptist has hosted SOS groups several times before, this will be the first time that we have had the opportunity of so jointly be involved with

PLEASE SEE HOMELESS, A5

Nabisco workers picket on Research Drive

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Members of Teamsters Local 51 were on strike outside the Nabisco Biscuit and Snacking distribution building on Research Drive in Farmington Hills this week.

Larry Freeman, secretary-treasurer for the union, said the union and snack food company are in negotiations to settle a

contract. The last contract expired in March.

Employees are protesting two proposals from the company in the latest talks, Freeman said.

The first involves the company wanting to have its truck drivers deliver food to retail warehouses instead of taking goods directly to retail stores.

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As of Thursday, members of Teamster Local 51 were on strike against Nabisco's Research Drive distribution facility.

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