

# City demands assurances before promises

The new owner of the LaSalle winery will have to obtain a building permit before being given preferential treatment in acquiring the city's last liquor permit, according to Farmington City Council.

John White, who recently acquired the 25-year-old building on Grand River, plans to convert it to a theme restaurant and offices.

Council gave him six months to obtain a building permit and preferential consideration for the license.

Two years ago council contracted the city a seventh and last liquor to the reconstruction of the winery into a restaurant.

according to City Manager Robert Deadman.

A building permit is issued after the structure's heat, electrical system and plumbing are inspected. Deadman explained.

"A BUILDING PERMIT is expensive to acquire," Deadman said. "He'll have to pay for the services of an architect to formulate the final plans. If he gets it, it's an expense he'll sit on."

The building permit will assure council the plans for the winery will be completed. We're looking for assurance," Deadman said.

If he does obtain the council's promise

to give him preferential treatment in the release of the liquor license, White will still be obliged to make formal application to the state liquor commission, Deadman said. The application requires the naming of principals in the business.

A portion of the building would be used for an office for wholesaler.

The restaurant will be centered on the theme of an old winery. The 85 remaining vats would be used as dining areas.

"The vats are about 10 feet by 13 feet," White said. "They would provide dining for those who aren't claustrophobic."

About 2,000 square feet would be set aside for kitchen facilities, he explained.

"WE WOULD RETAIN some of the machinery and wine making apparatus. There's equipment in the building we'd hate to see destroyed. We'd like to set it aside for people to look at," he said.

"It's a fortress within itself," White said. "It'll probably stand for another hundred years."

White, a Livonia resident who is associated with Sterling White of Farmington, has been approached by three groups who are interested in installing a restaurant in the winery.

Two of the groups are experienced in the restaurant business. One hasn't any ex-

perience in the business," White said.

The building has stood vacant for six years, since the LaSalle Wine & Champagne Co. found it too expensive to continue producing wine in the area. The company had to transport grapes it grew in western Michigan to the Farmington site.

"Because of the age, location, the parking facilities and the historic value of the building, I think it's an ideal location for a theme restaurant," White said.

The project could cost more than \$70,000, he estimated.

He proposed to cut into the building's concrete walls to create archways for the dining area.

WHITE HAS BEEN interested in the property for five years, but couldn't afford it until recently.

"Each time I go into the building, I discover something new," he said.

Using an aerial photograph, White discovered the property has a 51-foot frontage on Nine Mile Road. White is considering using the frontage as an exit.

"We have a few bugs in the building," he admitted. "But they're really bugs."

"We have a raccoon in there, too."

"You better watch out for that raccoon," Mayor John Richardson advised. "He'll be King Kong by the time you find him."



**Canine clipping**

Dogs like Duffy seldom bite the hand that grooms them. Groomers love their work which hasn't been nip and tuck for many a year. There's more tail wagging than growling. Read about groomers on page 3A. (Photo by Jim Hug)

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# Advisory vote draws flak

By LOUISE OKRULTSKY

Two city officials are questioning the effectiveness of the advisory questions on November's ballot which concern Farmington's recreational vehicle ordinance.

An advisory question isn't going to help, City Manager Robert Deadman said at Monday's council meeting. "The people who have the vehicles will vote the opposite of those who don't own them."

Councilmember William Hartsock, who lodged the lone dissenting vote against the second of the two advisory questions, agreed with Deadman.

"We're going to have the same handling after the referendum as before the ballot," he predicted.

Mayor John Richardson said he was concerned about the aesthetic value of a recreational vehicle to its owner's neighbor.

"No one likes Winky Bago looking over the fence at him," he said. "I'm thinking of the aesthetic value to the neighbors."

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reach such proportions," Albert Charles of Farmington said. "Ninety-five per cent of the people who don't own recreational vehicles will vote against the five per cent that do. We don't have a chance."

"The vote is for our information only," Councilmember Alvin Bennett stressed. "We're interested in learning how the community feels about these vehicles."

Councilman Richard Tupper, who owns a recreational vehicle, repeated the explanation.

"It's a sounding. It isn't actually a vote," he said.

Those who don't like the vehicles will vote for the most restrictive ordinance. Those who like them will vote for the most liberal law," he said.

Audience members objected to having to park the vehicles at the rear of their property.

"Some people with unattached garages can't fit their vehicle in between the garage and the house," Ronald Haenke said.

"SOME PEOPLE USE their motor homes as transportation," he added.

"I'm thinking of selling my van and using my motor home to drive to work," he said.

Haenke objected to paving part of his yard so he could comply with the ordinance and still easily drive out of his yard.

"I have no room to park in the back," said Lowell Hartsock, father of the councilman.

peals to grant a variance.

The variance clause is used by owners of vehicles to request they be allowed to park alongside a residence or on the street side of the front of the building, Deadman explained.

There are so many requests from recreational vehicle owners that without them the zoning board could meet only twice a month," Bennett said.

YOTERS WILL be asked to answer each of the following two questions.

"Shall the city permit the parking or storage of recreational trailers, motorized homes or equipment, boats or other types of utility trailers within residential districts with regulations similar to the city's current ordinance which limits the parking of such vehicles and equipment to the rear yard setback of a residential lot and the size of such vehicles and equipment to eight feet in width and 22 feet in length?"

The second question will be:

"Shall the city permit the parking or storage of recreational trailers, motorized homes or equipment, boats or other types of utility trailers within residential districts with regulations that would reduce the size from that allowed in the present ordinance for such vehicles or equipment that may be parked in the rear yard setback of a residential lot?"

## He's world record bound

By CORINNE BATT

Some of the spectators at the Harrison High track last Sunday smiled and a few wanted to know what Robert Eilmann of Farmington is up to. He was doing down in the trees.

Not only down but crawling on all fours, something between a snake and a caterpillar. Before the afternoon was over he had set a record that has crawled eight laps in 10 minutes.

around the track in one hour and four minutes and he has signed letters to prove it—plus the word of his best friend and pacer, Tommy Bates.

There's now a strong possibility that Robert will make it into the Guinness Book of Records. He is mailing in his application with signatures of his witnesses.

Robert, who will be in the sixth grade at Woodcreek Elementary School the fall, has been hoping to break a record and make it into the book for some time. He considered going for the hopscotch trampoline, coin snatching or keeping-a-ball-in-the-air records. A couple of those involved more than one person, so in the case of the coin snatching, some special skills.

Finally, he came upon the crawl record and it looked like one he could top with some luck and determination.

The world record for crawling speed is one mile an hour," he said.

He did his two miles on the track in just over an hour, so it appears he has topped the former record.

Robert says next year he may try for the crawl endurance record, which now is seven miles, 823 yards. He would like to make nine miles, but doesn't feel himself that it could be done at the pace he set last Sunday.

He wore knee pads, gloves and pads on his hands for his two-mile crawl.

But even with the padding, he said, "My knees looked like pinpricks they were so purple."

His hands suffered too. The palms became sore and pulled.

A doctor who watched the action warned him that it could result in arthritis when he became older, but so far, the prospect of making on to the record book outweighs the warning of future trouble.

He planned to try for the crawl record for about a week before he actually did it.



On his way to what he thinks will be a place in the Guinness Book of World Records, 11 year old Robert Eilmann begins his eight-lap crawl around the Harrison High track Sunday in an attempt to break the record for crawling the fastest. Best friend Tom Bates sets the pace. (Photo by Jim Hug)

## Armed bandit robs Lawson's

A lone gunman entered the Farmington Lawson's Party Food Store, 3070 Farmington Road, Saturday morning and left with \$80 in cash plus the cigarettes the clerk thought he was going to buy.

At approximately 11:32 a.m. Sunday, Enrico Bastianelli of Livonia was manning the store himself when the robber entered the front door. The man walked in and looked around. He came over to the counter, asked for cigarettes and then raised his shirt.

Under the shirt was what Bastianelli described as an automatic pistol. Farmington Police reported.

The bandit then told the clerk to hand over all the money in the cash register and then fled on foot.

Bastianelli following the thief's orders waited about three minutes before dialing 911 and contacting the Livonia police, who transferred the call to the Farmington dispatcher.

Farmington police have no suspects in custody and the incident is still under investigation.

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### Get Ready

It seems like only yesterday that school recessed for the summer. But no sooner do those memories of books and studying fade than the school district announces it has next semester's registration packets and schedules ready.

The packets will be available for all Farmington School District senior high students at the main office in each individual school beginning Aug. 23 and continuing through Sept. 3.

For all junior high schools, schedules may be picked up at their school's main office on Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1.

Times for all registrations and schedule pick ups is 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. on the assigned dates.

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## School board approves Nutter to fill vacancy

By RON GARBINSKI

For the next two years, it's going to be administrative challenges, school board meetings and the continuing education of more than 8,000 youngsters at the secondary level for Lynn Nutter.

Nutter's appointment Tuesday night was approved by the Farmington School Board as the new assistant superintendent of secondary instruction. He is the former principal at North Farmington High School.

The Livonia resident was selected after a several month search by the district to find a replacement for Leva Schulman, former assistant superintendent who held the post for four years. He was selected the new superintendent in June, succeeded Marvin Van Armdy, who returned after four years as the district's head administrator.

Nutter, 45, has been with the Farmington system since 1967 and served as North Farmington's principal for the past three years.

He was chosen from a field of 75 applicants by the five-member screening committee which narrowed the field to 10 finalists before deciding on Nutter as their recommendation to the board.

NUTTER SERVED as an assistant principal at Clarenceville Senior High School prior to coming to the Farmington district. Before that, he was athletic and pool director, a classroom teacher and head football and baseball coach for Clarenceville Public Schools.

He started with the Clarenceville district in 1956 as its physical education director and a sixth grade teacher.

In 1958, he was the supervisor of recreation for Livonia and was appointed to the recreation commission in 1970, a post he still holds.

Nutter, an army veteran, received his bachelor of arts degree in 1966 from Farmington State College and his master's from the University of Michigan. He also holds the title of education specialist from U of M.

He is married and has one daughter and two sons. He belongs to several professional associations and is involved in community activities both in Farmington and Livonia.

The new assistant superintendent's contract will begin Sept. 1 and run through 1979. His salary will be determined by the school board at a later date.

Nutter's appointment leaves an administrative opening at North Farmington. After approving him for the position, the board debated the posting of the principal opening.

SEVERAL OF the board members dis-

agreed with the administration's recommendation to keep the position posting within the school system, only reviewing applications from those who have heard of the opening from other sources.

"It is in the best interest of the district to get this opening posted outside the district. At least we will be making an effort to solicit all candidates be they female or minority," said Trustee Ernie Hakinen.

"We have to do something to work around the imbalance of administrators in our district. We should pursue finalists for the post from minorities and females so that this imbalance may someday be corrected."

Trustee Michael Spieck agreed with Hakinen, saying, "I would hope that we would go outside the district with the posting of this principal opening. This way we would be making an effort to conform with Title IX in trying to fill some of our key positions with females and minorities if the qualified candidates applied."

Schulman said he recommended confining the posting to within the district because there are highly qualified candidates in the district and they should be given the opportunity to advance within the system.

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### LYNN NUTTER