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CITIZENS for a Decent Community members have announced their intention to boycott businesses in shopping centers on Nine Mile, west of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

Members are staging the boycott to protest alleged prostitution at the Keiko Spa, 29213 Nine Mile, and Kim's Spa, 30323 Nine Mile, said Sharon Chilson, group president. She's hoping the boycott will prompt shopkeepers to encourage their landlords to evict the oriental health spas.

"We want the landlords to evict Keiko and Kim's. We have had no luck in convincing the landlords to evict them," Chilson said.

One Nine Mile merchant said the boycott hasn't disrupted business — "We have a good relationship with our customers" — but certainly has raised his ire. "I am not mad, I am just very hurt. It's just unreal. I can't believe it's happening," said Darrell Marshall, owner of Wine Tasters Party Shoppe, a door away from Kim's near Tuck.

When the group first formed, Nine Mile merchants were supportive. But now, group members are "turning on" the merchants, who don't own the buildings, Marshall said.

In October, Farmington Hills Police raided five oriental health spas, resulting in the arrest of 17 people on charges relating to illegal sexual activity. Trials are pending in 47th District Court, Farmington.

MOVING up. Sister Dinah White of Farmington Hills was appointed vice president, mission effectiveness, at Providence Hospital, Southfield.

She will provide administrative direction to the Daughters of Charity mission and philosophy. She also will have administrative responsibility for several hospital departments.

SHIE'S promoted. Lisa Carpenter, a 1979 Farmington High School graduate, was promoted to Yeoman 2nd Class Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy.

She also was selected "Sailor of the Month" and awarded a scholarship to a university in the San Diego area.

ON THE move. Farmington City Council has recommended approving the transfer of an 80,000-gallon liquor license from Godmar Drugs, 23358 Farmington, to Arbor Drugs, which is moving in to the old Farmer Jack store at 23391 Farmington — across the street.

Godmar owner H.W. Watson, who sold the license to Arbor, will become manager of the new Arbor Drugs.

The license will allow Arbor to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only. Transfer still requires Michigan Liquor Control Commission approval and a determination that the new business use meets all building, fire and health codes.

Repetition of the former supermarket continues.

HONORS go his way. Jeffrey Beard of Farmington Hills was elected to the engineering honor society, Tau Beta Pi.

He's a Junior at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

FOOTNOTES. Did you know the Downs Farmington Center at Grand River and Farmington Road is 23 years old? It opened in 1963.

Water rates could jump in city

By Casey Hens staff writer

The city of Farmington faces a 25 percent wholesale water rate increase July 1, under a proposal submitted by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Board.

The increase is the second highest proposed for communities served by the city of Detroit, according to information from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Farmington residents could expect a 4-cent increase per 1,000 gallons of water used, according to information presented by Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman to the city council on Jan. 6.

A combination of the water increase and a sewerage decrease of 1 percent proposed by Detroit would cost Farmington an additional \$53,000 — or net annual increase of 9 percent, he said.

FARMINGTON'S wholesale water rates are currently \$3.24 per thousand cubic feet. The proposal would raise them to \$4.33.

In addition, Farmington Hills is looking at an 18-percent increase from \$5.50 to \$6.25 per thousand cubic feet, according to Dale Countegan, assistant director of public services for Farmington Hills.

Hills officials hope to get detailed information and answers to their ques-

tions at a water and sewerage public hearing in Detroit Wednesday morning.

"WE WANT to see what the (Detroit) staff is saying, to see if the rates are justified," Countegan said. "If they're not, we'll file an official protest following the hearing."

Countegan said several suburban communities have protested rate increases in past years.

A second public hearing before the Detroit City Council will be held in the spring to consider water and sewer budgets, Countegan added.

Farmington officials met with Detroit water and sewerage officials Jan. 6 to compare the Detroit projection rate model with records kept by the Farmington public works department.

Deadman told the council the city

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Happy 150th!

The Boteford Inn Grand Sesquicentennial Anniversary Party in Farmington Hills drew 230 guests Wednesday. ABOVE: The herald, Hills resident Paul Weiday, announced the arrival of guests with a horn once used by stagecoach drivers to signal inn-

keepers. AT LEFT: Farmington Players Karen Wendi (standing) and Emily McSweeney rehearse one of the anniversary skits based on portions of the new history book, "More Than A Tavern: 150 Years of Boteford Inn." For the story and more pictures, see Page 5B.

RANDY GORST/staff photographer

Schools search for new district chief

By Casey Hens staff writer

A timetable will be set during the next two weeks in the search for a new Farmington Public Schools superintendent, according to the consultant hired Tuesday to aid in that search.

Richard Featherstone of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) plans to meet with the Farmington Board of Education to begin work on a promotional brochure that will determine criteria for the new school chief.

Appointment of Featherstone's consulting group was approved 5-1 by trustees at a special school board meeting. Trustee and Board Secretary Janice Rolnick cast the negative vote, preferring a Michigan university consortium also considered for consultant. Trustee

Helen Ditzhazy was absent. Recommendation for the MASB was made by Board President Susan Renwick.

The university consortium did not offer administrative services, specializing instead in pre-screening services — something board members said they did not need. Trustees plan to screen and interview all applicants, without use of a professional.

THE MASB service offers administrative and clerical services — including printing and mailing of brochures and network contacts — for a set fee of \$2,500. Featherstone said. The school board Tuesday approved a \$10,000 project budget, which is expected to cover other expenses related to the search.

In addition, the board approved rent-

al of a post office or private box in which to receive candidate resumes. Approval was granted for MASB screening and interviewing workshops for board members to help them in the selection process.

A locked room in the district's central office has been reserved for the screening and filing of prospective applications.

The MASB will use posting outlets nationwide and advertise in national publications, taking Farmington's search beyond Michigan's borders, Renwick added.

Although trustees plan to solicit community ideas for superintendent candidates' criteria, they discussed Tuesday what they felt were important issues for the Farmington district. "Farmington deserves to be a little more specific in requirements than we

were 10 years ago," board vice president Helen Prutow said.

MOST TRUSTEES would like to see candidates with administrative experience, preferably in the central office area, successful classroom teaching experience and a strong academic background.

"We're blessed in the areas of finance and negotiations," Trustee James Abernathy said. "I would like to see a high level of academic experience represented."

The board will probably not require a doctorate-level degree for the position, according to discussions. Consulting with the board was assistant superintendent for finance Michael Flanagan, who was involved with a recent superintendent hiring in the Haron Valley school district where he was

previously employed.

In his experience, the community responded by consolidating their ideas by group and giving them to the board. "Some key bits of information were given by different groups, and taken into account," he said.

TRUSTEES in Farmington expect many quality applicants, including several from within the district.

Friend of Israel

Charitable work marked industrialist's life



Paul Zuckerman

By Alice Collins staff writer

About 1,500 people came from throughout the United States Friday to attend the funeral of Paul Zuckerman, philanthropist, great friend of Israel and the founder of Velvet Peanut Butter Co.

Zuckerman, a resident of Farmington Hills who also kept a home in Israel, died of cancer Wednesday in Harper Hospital. He was 73.

Rabbi Emeritus Richard Hertz, who officiated at the services, called it "one of the largest held at the Ira Kaufman Chapel" in Southfield.

The Consul General of Israel came from Chicago to personally represent Israel Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Friends and associates came from all over the country to pay their respects, Jews and non-Jews alike, and people from all walks of life.

Paul Zuckerman was 'one of the really great men in the American Jewish community.'

— Wayne Feinstein, Hills resident

Zuckerman began making his own peanut butter in 1927 because he thought he could make better peanut butter than the food company he was working for. He made it, packaged it, delivered it and eventually became a multimillionaire.

HE SOLD Velvet to Sunshine Biscuits Inc. in 1957, acquired it again five years later, and then merged Velvet with O'Donnell Importing Co. He was

the retired chairman of Velvet O'Donnell Corp.

Hertz, in his eulogy to Zuckerman, talked about "the four cornerposts of his life — his family, the state of Israel, his love affair with the Jewish people and his commitment to Detroit."

"He had lifelong devotion to the state of Israel and occupied many posts of leadership nationally. He traveled the country and raised millions for defense of Israel. Israel will never forget what he did."

In its obituary of Zuckerman, the Jewish News called him "a genius in fund raising" and "the diamond in the rough in Jewish leadership."

"One of the really great men in the American Jewish community," is how he was described Friday by Jewish Welfare Federation Executive Vice President Wayne Feinstein. "In my

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