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**OAKLAND** County commissioners support the Farmington Hills City Council in urging the Michigan Department of Transportation to rebuild and improve the M-102/Grand River interchange. The city has urged MDOT to make interchange improvements a priority project. In 1978, MDOT held hearings about the adequacy of the interchange. Heads a county resolution: "The existing Grand River Avenue bridge to the M-102 freeway is severely congested, especially during the morning and evening peak rush hour traffic periods, almost to the point of complete gridlock, and is worsening with the growth and development of new businesses on a monthly basis."

**ISRAEL** is turning 38. And Floyd Bornstein of Farmington Hills was appointed to serve on the planning committee for the annual Jewish Community Council-sponsored events honoring the special occasion.

The community-wide celebration of Israel Independence Day will begin with a ceremony featuring Israeli dancing at noon Wednesday, May 15, in Kennedy Square, Detroit. "Let's Celebrate Israel" activities will continue 1:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield.

**TWO** 13-year-old girls from Farmington Hills were among the teen-age actresses who took part in the filming of a 30-second television commercial created by Detroit-based W.B. Doner & Co. for a new attraction at a Charlotte, N.C., amusement park.

Elizabeth Berkeley and Tammi Johnson are both represented by Affiliated Models, Southfield. "The Frenzy" is a new ride at Carowinds, a 77-acre theme park in Charlotte. The ride is a model of a Viking ship that loops 300 degrees, suspending riders upside down 80 feet in the air. To advertise the ride's effects, Doner suspended young people in the air with the help of gravity boots, as if the looping ride had left them upside down.

**SUMMIT** Lighthouse, a non-profit organization based in Pleasant Ridge, will present a one-hour show, "Summit University Forum," at noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 on local cable Channel 12.

The talk show will feature an interview with Dr. William Gray, a national expert on homeopathic medicine. "This is the first in what organization members hope is a series of cable TV programs on alternative health care. Viewers can provide feedback by calling MetroVision of Oakland County, 555-7203.

**THEY'RE** ready. The Farmington Board of Education will begin budget study during a session at 6 p.m. April 15. Discussed for this and future year's budgets will be more than \$10 million worth of projects for buildings throughout the district, reported Assistant Superintendent for Finance Michael Flanagan.

**FOOTNOTES:** At the turn of the century, apple trees in Farmington Township were watered by standing atop a two-horse-drawn wagon and spraying water toward the trees.

## All Oriental spas closed in the Hills

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

The five Oriental health spas raided by Farmington Hills Police five months ago on suspicion of alleged illegal sexual activity are all closed as of this week. "I would perceive no problem in the future with spas where illegal activity would take place," Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said Tuesday. The last spa, Tokyo Oriental Health Spa, 28841 Orchard Lake, was closed on Monday, the same day the much-debated Farmington Hills massage regulation ordinance went into effect. "We have closed the last health spa down," Dwyer said. "They (Tokyo operators) were informed to cease and desist the operation of their business. It appears they have ceased and desisted."

City attorneys sent the operators of the Tokyo spa a letter March 6 informing them the city clerk would not issue a 1986 business license, Dwyer said.

**TOKYO, LIKE** Keiko Oriental Health Spa, 29513 Nine Mile, was closed following the conviction of

*'I am ecstatic.'*  
— Sharon Chilton, president Citizens for a Decent Community

female employees arrested during the police raids Oct. 7-8, Dwyer said. Osaka Oriental Health Spa, 38449 10 Mile, closed almost immediately after the police raids. Kim's Spa, 30322 Nine Mile, and Sun Health Spa, 29402 Orchard Lake, have also closed, Dwyer said.

Raids of the five spas in October by Farmington Hills SPOT (Special Patrol Operations Team) officers — after a six-week police investigation following residents' complaints of sex-related offenses at the storefront spas — led to the arrest of one Korean-born man, one Japanese-born woman and 15 Korean-born women.

Police seized about \$16,000 in cash as well as jewelry and luggage in the raids, Dwyer said.

Court sessions on March 4 were the second round relating to activities at the five Oriental spas. Four women last week pleaded no contest to soliciting-related charges in 47th District Court in Farmington. Sentencing is pending. The women were employees at Osaka and Tokyo. Trials for arrested Sun employees are scheduled for early May. Osaka's owner pleaded guilty last week to one count of a misdemeanor zoning violation, with other counts of loitering and of aiding and abetting dismissed.

## Forum's theme — teaching

By Casey Hens staff writer

Farmington school board members saw the "complicated life of an elementary school world," and "honest, creative expression" during a 30-minute curriculum presentation March 4. Elementary curriculum committee members brought school activities to life with the help of a 22-minute video presentation narrated by elementary principals Millie Bennett of Longacre and Dick Close of William Grace. Nick Abid, principal of Gill, served as the committee chair. Technical edit-

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## Police can be sued for bad warrants

By Bob Sklar staff writer

Farmington-area police officials have a mixed reaction to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that an officer who obtains a warrant for an unconstitutional search or arrest may be forced to pay damages to the victim.

In a unanimous ruling handed down March 5 in a Rhode Island case, the justices said an officer can be held lia-



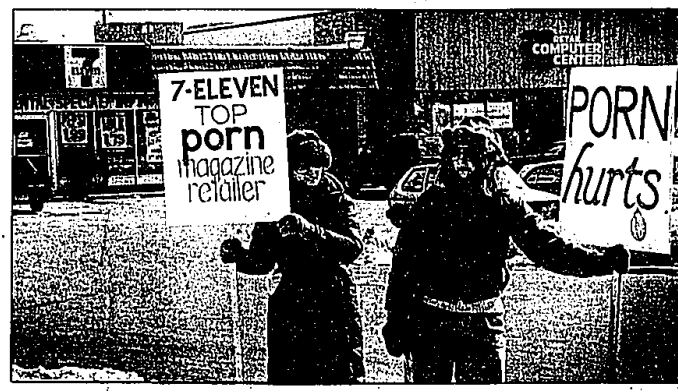
### Treat time

The Farmington Area Community Women will present "Lunch with the Easter Bunny" 11-11:45 a.m. and 12:15-1 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington. Price will be \$2.50 per person. In addition to lunch the Easter Bunny will talk to the children and pass out treats. Entertainment and surprises are promised. Bring your camera. For reservations, call Katrina: 474-3380. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Above, Ryan Ellis (left) and Alicia George share a moment with Easter bunny Denise Albrecht.

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## 7-Eleven picketed

### Residents oppose stores' sale of 'soft porn'



Farmington Hills residents Carol Markey (left) and Sherrice Stewart picketed the 7-Eleven store on Orchard Lake, just south of 13 mile. 7-Eleven's parent company, Southland Corp., says corporate-owned 7-Eleven stores require store managers to keep adult publications behind the main cashier counter and covered from public view so as not to offend those not interested in them.

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

The 14-degree temperature Saturday failed to dampen the spirits of four residents who picketed a Farmington Hills 7-Eleven convenience store in opposition to the sale of what they believe is soft pornography.

The four Farmington Hills residents joined members of the Mississippi-based National Federation of Decency in an annual picket of 7-Eleven stores around the country. Sherrice Stewart, spokeswoman for the local picketers, was joined on the picket line by her husband, Jeff, and two other residents in front of the 7-Eleven store, 29318 Orchard Lake, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. "They (7-Eleven) are the top pornography magazine retailers in the nation," charged Stewart, a federation member.

According to information gathered by Stewart, she maintains that 7-Eleven, owned by the Dallas-based Southland Corp., makes \$10 million in profit annually from the sale of adult magazines such as Playboy and Penthouse.

BUT SOUTHLAND Corp. spokeswoman Doug Reed disagreed.

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