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NOMINEES are still sought. Nominations are open for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year for 1986. Nominees must have given outstanding service to the Farmington area during the past year or over several years either as a volunteer or in connection with their business. They need not be local residents.

Call the chamber office for nomination forms, 474-3440. Nominations are due Sept. 30.

HUNGRY? The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Farmington Community Center will present "Taste of Farmington" 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington.

House specialties will be offered by 11 Farmington-area dining spots.

The \$9 cost will include complimentary wine. Call the chamber for reservations: 474-3440.

DEBATE. Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce is among the sponsors of a debate between the candidates for the 15th state Senate District seat.

State Sen. Jack Faxen, D-Farmington Hills, and Republican challenger Frank Brock, a Lathrup Village councilman, will debate at a hearing meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Michigan Inn, Southfield. The cost is \$10 per person. Tom Fox of WJBK-TV2 will be moderator. Panelists will be Southfield Eccentric editor Sandra Armbruster and Detroit Free Press-Oakland editor Jacquelyn Boyle. Call the chamber for reservations, 474-3440.

ON board. Robert Van Every of H.A. Smith Lumber & Supplies was appointed to fill a two-year term on the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He will fill the remainder of a two-year term held by Susan Nattinger of Hunters Square/Tally Hall, who resigned to move out of state.

IT'S a different kind of citation. Farmington Hills Police Department's Special Patrol Operational Team has received a departmental unit citation for outstanding performance.

The citation reflects SPOT's 74 felony and 11 misdemeanor arrests during the first six months of 1986. Honored were Sgt. Albert Havner and officers Robert Burkart, Charles Hubbard, William Michaluk and Alan Soderlund.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Some Farmington Public Schools are seeking an evaluation of the district's 10-year-old gifted program with the hope it will be replaced by one that's more comprehensive.



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Miss America finalist Miss Michigan fiddles her way to 3rd runnerup

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

Miss America order of finish

1. Miss Tennessee, Kellye Cash, 21 — \$30,000 scholarship.
2. Miss Virginia, Jullanne Smith, 21 — \$17,000 scholarship.
3. Miss South Carolina, Dawn Elizabeth Smith, 22 — \$11,000 scholarship.
4. Miss Michigan, Kelly Lynn Garver, 23 — \$8,000 scholarship.
5. Miss Missouri, Tamara Tunge, 21 — \$6,000 scholarship.

KELLY LYNN Garver sparkled in a gown of sequins and lace when she was named third runnerup in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant shortly before midnight Saturday.

The daughter of Arlene and Gerald Garver of Farmington Hills, she represented the state in the nationwide competition and is back in Muskegon now, ready to carry on with her schedule as Miss Michigan until next June.

"No vacations here. Her first scheduled appearance is Tuesday. That's not much of a break," said Jack Bushong, Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant director.

"I love the girl, and it will be nice working with her for the rest of the year. She is the nicest winner I've ever worked with. No complaints, ever. She does anything you ask of her within reason and with a smile on her face."

Bushong spoke from his hotel room in Atlantic City, N.J., early Sunday, home of the Miss America pageant since 1929.

Bushong has directed the state pageant in Muskegon for the past 35 years. His job, from one June pageant to the next, puts him in a position that can be likened to an agent. If Garver had won the Miss America title, Miss Michigan's first runnerup would have picked up and carried on with the Miss Michigan schedule.

Bushong is on call for whatever Miss Michigan needs. He sets the dates for her yearlong calendar of appearances.

ONE of those dates is the traditional Miss Michigan "Homecoming," always in October.

Garver will be guest of honor at homecoming parties in Muskegon, and again in her hometown, which will be arranged by Bushong in cooperation with Pat Fallon, Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant director.

As the homecoming parties are a tradition, so is the Miss America pageant, which has changed only as America has changed.

The big change this year came when bust, waist and hip measurements went unannounced in the contestants' qualifications, a move urged by feminist groups.

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depth of the contestants' talent, a depth pageant officials this year called "exceptional."

The competition that began as a beauty pageant by the Atlantic City merchants to bring tourists to the Boardwalk now brings young women whose career goals range from the professional world to the world of entertainment.

Another steady change has come in the amount of scholarship money given to the 10,000 local queens and 80,000 entrants. The \$5 million in scholarships this year makes the Miss America Scholarship Pageant the largest scholarship foundation in the nation.

This year, the 51 pageant contestants, who included Miss District of Columbia, shared \$200,000 in scholarships.

GARVER, AN auburn-haired violinist, came home to Michigan \$11,500 richer. She won \$8,000 for being named third runnerup in the pageant and \$3,500 for being named one of the three most talented contestants in the preliminaries, held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Dressed in a black and white checkered dress, black sequined top and western hat Saturday, Garver fiddled a rousing version of the country tune, "Orange Blossom Special."

Garver already won \$7,000 as Miss Farmington and Miss Michigan. Last spring, she won a \$2,000 scholarship from the Detroit Chapter of Women in Communications.

She was honored for a documentary on teenage pregnancy she did while working toward a bachelor's degree in telecommunications at Michigan State University.



North Farmington High graduate Kelly Lynn Garver played the fiddle in the pageant. Talented counted 50 percent in the judging. Also counted were evening gown and swimsuit competitions and personal interviews.

Devoted nurse reflects on career



Retired Oakland County public health nurse Margaret Zelinsky (right) illustrates how she might treat a student ankle injury with Larkheiro Elementary second grader Lauren Hollock.

people

By Casey Hane
staff writer

Through a sixth-grade boy with a heart condition, Margaret Zelinsky realized the value of public health nursing, especially in public schools.

Her feelings about that boy changed her medical calling and moved her from the hospital into public health nursing in 1965.

Zelinsky has since devoted her life to the profession through the Oakland County Health Department, enjoying a special rapport with the Farmington-area community and many schools in the Farmington and Clarenceville districts, where she worked.

Society's trends affected her health role. Rubella field trials, the controversial swine flu vaccine and teenage defiance of the establishment with long hair and hallucinogenic drugs in the late '60s and early '70s were just a few of the health and social issues Zelinsky saw during her 20-year career.

A "very well-respected and well-known" figure according to one associate, Zelinsky recently retired from her 20-year Farmington-area assignment amid much applause from colleagues.

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