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EVERYBODY loves a parade. North Farmington High School graduate Martha Smith, who plays CIA agent Francine Desmond on the TV spy series, "Scarcecrow and Mrs. King," will co-host the 1986 Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade with John Karler of "Cooney & Lacey." CBS-TV will provide coverage of the 60th annual parade. Smith recently filmed a guest appearance on the TV detective series, "Mike Hammer."

EARLY birds, take note. Four seats on the Farmington Hills City Council and three seats on the Farmington City Council will be up for grabs next November. In Farmington Hills, council members whose terms will expire are Joe Alkateeb, Joan Dudley, Terry Sever and Donn Wolf. In Farmington, council members whose terms will expire are William Hartsock, Richard Tupper and Ralph Yoder.

The deadline to file nominating petitions will be in August. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1987. For nominating petition information, call Clerk Joan Reynolds in Farmington Hills, 474-6115, or Clerk Jo Bushey in Farmington, 474-5500.

BUSINESS will command the spotlight when the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and the West Suburban Area Council of Chambers co-host a luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 3. Pearl Lipner and John Wanderslog, co-chairs of the Michigan delegation to the White House Conference on Small Business, will speak. The luncheon begins with a cash bar at 11:30 a.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 1-275 and Six Mile. Cost is \$10 per person. Call the chamber for reservations, 474-9440.

IN the spotlight. Francesa Weiner of Farmington Hills will play a principal character in the Detroit Country Day School production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical of the early West, "Oklahoma." It will be staged Nov. 21-22 on the Beverly Hills campus.

NEWS talk. The Observer's Sept. 22 story about 6-year-old Ray Rudzski's presence to stop, drop and roll after his clothing caught fire at a family friend's house in June was reprinted in the November issue of Michigan Fire Service News. The News is a publication of the Michigan Fire Chiefs Association. Ray, a first grader at Gill Elementary, learned to stop, drop and roll from firefighter Mike — Mike Garr of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — While the wheels of justice turn for 17 Oriental men and women arrested for alleged prostitution, citizens for a Decent Community plan to reinforce their opposition to five Oriental health spas under investigation for possible involvement in a Korea-based organized prostitution ring.

Training for teachers: on center stage

By Casey Hans staff writer

Farmington school trustees became students Tuesday night as they got a taste of the district's new teacher training program. "We're all in training," said Superintendent of Schools Graham Lewis. "This is a clear, capsule version of what is taking place and what will take place in the future."

Although the district plans enrichment and training programs for all employees through the newly formed staff development department, it is first focusing on what Lewis calls the "critical area" of teacher training.

The program is coordinated by Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development Judith White, who was appointed last summer to address staff needs.

"This is only a piece of staff development — one of the first packages," White told trustees. "I really want to stress that."

The teacher training program will involve a total of 100 teachers and building principals from all school levels during the 1986-87 school year and is based on ITIP — the Instructional Theory Into Practice model developed over 12 years in California by Madeline Hunter.

Officials estimate it will take a 3- to 5-year cycle to put the district's teaching staff in this initial program.

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Future years will include on-going training in other areas plus enrichment seminars.

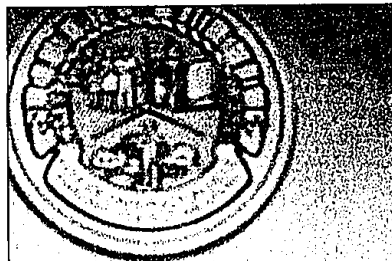
ALL PARTICIPANTS in the program are volunteer, according to Eva Swenarton, newly appointed administrative assistant for staff development, who presented the program to the board Tuesday. She said sessions are already filled for the rest of the year.

The question of why certain students learn more than others, and researching what teachers are doing day-to-day, is the basis for ITIP and the Farmington program, according to Swenarton.

"This is the first time anyone has known what an effective teacher is," she added.

The four groups of 25 are trained one day per month over a four-

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North Farmington High School senior David Siegal (above) plays the role of Farmington Hills mayor Tuesday at a mock city council meeting during the fifth annual Student Government Day. Farmington Hills City Hall provided the setting. For the story and more photos, see Page 16A.

Teacher quits over cocaine charges

By Davo Vargo staff writer

David Michael Schultz, facing a felony drug charge for allegedly dealing cocaine, resigned his job Monday as a teacher at Bloomfield Hills Middle School. Hills Superintendent W. Robert Docking said Schultz, a Farmington Hills resident, resigned voluntarily and without pressure from the district. Like the courts, Docking said, the district would presume innocence. "I am confident it was his decision," Docking said. The district was prepared to take action against Schultz, who was not tenured as a teacher, Docking said. He would have been suspended with pay until the case was decided in court.

Farmington public safety officers arrested Schultz, 24, and Daniel William Jamieson, 26, about 9 p.m. Nov. 13 at Jamieson's house on Hayden after Jamieson allegedly sold 10 ounces of suspected cocaine to a Livonia undercover officer. Schultz allegedly supplied the cocaine, which had an estimated street value



David M. Schultz

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Political sign removal fee considered

By Joanna Maliszewski staff writer

Attention, candidates. Farmington Hills officials are both pleased and displeased with the results of the city's first try at allowing political sign placement.

With just a little more than two weeks after the Nov. 4 general election, most political signs have been removed. And none of the political signs was considered "too large or garish," Zoning Supervisor Hal Rowe said.

City officials' displeasure stems

from the 438 political signs that had to be removed because of placement in public rights of way, particularly along major thoroughfares. Only 17 of the signs removed were large enough that it required the help of the city's Department of Public Works crews, Rowe said.



Hal Rowe

"It took a lot of time to take them down. And in some cases, signs were

back up within an hour after we took them down," Rowe said.

Though he's uncertain of the significance, Rowe said 88 percent of the removed signs were placed north of 11 Mile and 87 percent were those advertising candidates who were defeated.

WHEN A report documenting the zoning department's trouble with sign placement in the rights of way reached council Monday, some members were a little unhappy with what they were hearing about the removal of 438 signs.

Because of the time and costs involved with removing the signs, Councilwoman Joan Dudley suggested an ordinance under which a service charge for sign removal from rights of way would be levied. A recently adopted amendment to the city code prohibits placement of political signs in public rights of way but does not address the city's costs in removing the signs.

In a 6-1 vote Monday, council instructed administrators to study Dudley's suggestion and prepare an ordinance. Mayor Joe Alkateeb opposed an

ordinance. He told council he preferred notifying political candidates that their signs are in the wrong place before charging a service fee. "It's incumbent on people to know where the rights of way are," Councilman Ben Marks said.

But Alkateeb reminded council that other signs — real estate and garage sales, for example — are often in the rights of way. Yet other council members and administrators said an ordinance would apply to all

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Hills crackdown

Orchard Lake Road patrols stepped up

By Bob Sklar staff writer

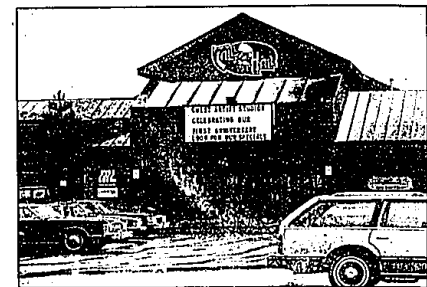
Farmington Hills police have tickled 42 young people since cracking down on alleged disorderly and disruptive behavior along the Orchard Lake Road business stretch north of 12 Mile.

Police began weekend surveillance of businesses and parking lots along the two-mile stretch two weeks ago, following several reports of such behavior, including fights. The problems have been worst at night.

Misdemeanor tickets were issued to 22 adults and 21 juveniles ages 13-28. Average age was 17. Of the 43, 34 were males.

Only 10 of those ticketed were from Farmington Hills. The rest were from surrounding communities: Wixom, Walled Lake, Novi, West Bloomfield, Southfield, Bloomfield Hills, Livonia, Oak Park, Maclellan Heights, Hamtramck and Detroit.

Many of those drawn to Orchard Lake Road come from the northern suburbs. "Since the problem stretch of Orchard Lake Road lies near Farmington Hills' northern border, that's not surprising," said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department's Juvenile Section.



RANDY BOSTAT/Staff photographer

Tally Hall in Farmington Hills has been a favorite gathering point for area young people on weekends.

Tally Hall, Loehmann's, Orchard Mall, Quality Inn, Han's Horn and 7-Eleven at 13 Mile have been favorite gathering points.

"WHAT HAPPENS among the 12 to 15 year olds is that their parents drop them off while they go to dinner or to another social engagement, leaving their kids unsupervised until

high performance cars — Corvettes, Trans-Am's and Camaro IROC's."

This past weekend, 29 misdemeanor tickets were issued. Allegations included minors in possession of alcohol (9), trespassing (8), disturbing the peace (6), littering (2), disorderly conduct (2) and reckless driving (1). One 28-year-old was ticketed for allegedly furnishing alcohol to a minor and transport of open alcohol.

Fourteen misdemeanor tickets were written the first weekend. Allegations included obstructing public passage (7), improper conduct (2), interfering with a police officer (2) and annoying conduct, disorderly conduct and driving with a suspended operator's license (one each).

Misdemeanor tickets for youths 17 or older carry a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine upon conviction. Petitions will be filed in Oakland County Probate Court against the juveniles ticketed.

POLICE also have issued 26 traffic tickets to teens and young adults along the two-mile stretch. Alleged violations include careless driving, reckless driving, speeding, defective equipment and transport of open alcohol.

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