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BUYING houses is a common topic of conversation these days. It's also the topic of a special "Homebuying and Selling" seminar scheduled at the Farmington Community Center Wednesday, March 11. Representatives from the banking, legal and accounting industries will speak about each area as it relates to the seminar topic and answer questions. The seminar is sponsored by Thompson-Brown Realtors of Farmington Hills. More information can be obtained by calling 553-9700.

NEW DIGS will be ready for the Farmington Hills Police Department on Monday, March 9. That's the day the police department is expected to be operating out of its new quarters, a 30,000-square-foot building behind city hall. "We do know there will be some minor work that will be needed to be completed in the first few weeks we're in there," Chief William Dwyer said. The new police facility's planned opening culminates years of discussion and planning, and comes more than 1 1/2 years after construction was begun in the summer of 1985. A mid-May building dedication is expected.

A CHANCE in location has been announced for the two Farmington Hills property tax boards of review. The residential and commercial/industrial review boards will meet Monday and Tuesday, March 9-10, in city council chambers. As of Wednesday, March 11, however, the boards will move into the police building (police will have moved into the new facility), said assessor Dean Babb.

PRETTY city. If you're interested in keeping the city of Farmington beautiful, you can take a special interest by joining the city's Beautification Committee. You need not be a resident, but simply have an interest in betterment of the city. Appointments are made by the mayor. Call the city manager's office for more information, 474-5500.

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FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Farmington Public Schools officials announced that they had filed a four-count complaint against Farmington Hills because of the city's plans to use a tax increment financing authority (TIFA) along the 12 Mile office corridor. The suit's purpose was to halt formation of the TIFA district and to declare its use along 12 Mile unlawful. School officials later dropped the suit when Farmington Hills dropped its TIFA plans.



Our swimsuit issue

Look out, Sports Illustrated, the Observer & Eccentric's Street Scene has come up with more on the latest in swim wear. Turn to here to be ready for sun and fun in Florida, he in

his jam and muscle T-top, she in a one-piece maillot swimsuit in a primary color print. For more on the latest in swim wear, turn to Street Scene, Page 1D.

JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Violators are ordered to pay state fines

'All places were hit, but not all places were problems.'

— Robert McDonald
McFrook's owner

By Joanne Maliszowski
staff writer

They expressed anger and shock when first nabbed for liquor law violations three months ago in a Farmington Hills police undercover operation.

Now more than half of the liquor licenses have been found or have pleaded guilty to the violations.

In the second crackdown on liquor law violations in 1986, Farmington Hills Police — using undercover cadets — cited 75 percent of the city's liquor-licensed businesses for selling to minors.

Of the 50 liquor establishments charged with violations, 27 have appeared (either in person or by mail) before the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) and have been found or have pleaded guilty. Twenty-one licenses have not yet had hearings before the MLCC or have requested adjournments.

John Anhut, owner of the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, who was originally listed as one of those cited in the five-day operation, was given a warning letter. Anhut's violation was dropped and he was given a warning letter because "he wrote a letter and showed he had disciplined the employee (who served a minor) and he had had no violations in 40 years," Dwyer said.

Another establishment, Five Brothers Party Store, 29010 Eight Mile, which had been cited in both the June and November crackdown, transferred the liquor license to another business, Chief William Dwyer said.

IN ADDITION to being reported to the MLCC for violation of state liquor laws, liquor licensees were cited for violating city ordinance,

which prohibits the sale of liquor to minors.

Of the 49 employers or employees who were cited under city ordinance, 28 have either been found or have pleaded guilty. Five of the cases have been taken under advisement, one was voided (the MLCC was still notified), two were dismissed and 13 are pending trial in 47th District Court in Farmington.

MLCC violators have the option of pleading guilty and paying a fine to the MLCC through the mail or requesting a hearing. MLCC fines against licensees range from \$100-\$500. None of the licensees has yet had its licenses suspended or revoked.

City ordinance violation is a simple misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and \$500 fine upon conviction.

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Trial decision awaited

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Oakland County Circuit Judge James Thornburn will give his verdict tomorrow on felony charges against Paul Dober, a Livonia youth charged in connection with a 1985 shooting at Putt 'N' Games in Farmington Hills. Dober's bench trial ended Friday morning following several days of testimony, which began in late January and was heard sporadically by Thornburn over the past few weeks.

The former Livonia Stevenson High School football captain is charged with assault with intent to commit murder and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

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His ideas inspire

people

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

RON JONES is dressed in the uniform of a U.S. Army Cavalry officer and begins the lesson for the day by saying, "This is Feb. 17, 1876. We have arrived at Fort Laramie, Wyo."

He stands in front of the cavalry guidon, and he is surrounded by dozens of artifacts used by the soldiers who manned the U.S. Army forts in the post-Civil War days.

"This is not your usual history lesson. If one had to title the lesson it would probably be "Army Life on the Frontier." Jones calls it, "Living History."

"The only thing different about me today and a U.S. Army Cavalry officer is that I don't have a beard," said Jones, who brings the



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Historian Ron Jones tells a Farmington-area class about life in the U.S. Army after the Civil War.

Living History classes to his students at Behan Junior High School in Farmington.

"At a time when bathing was considered hazardous to your health, and you were busy planning the next campaign against the Indians, you didn't carry shaving implements around with you. I'll start growing my beard this spring."

WITH BEARD fully grown, the

Plymouth native will be back in Fort Laramie National Historic Site this summer acting out his role as a U.S. Army Cavalry officer, or maybe a mountain man — the name put to the early fur trader in that time and place — or maybe a storekeeper.

After a few weeks there, he will repeat his roles, at Scotts Bluff National Monument in Nebraska. Jones' penchant for history goes

back to childhood. "It was the only subject I ever took that I earned an A in, consistently," he said.

Just as consistent were his vacations to historic spots around the country. He connected up with the National Park Services for his trips back to Wyoming and Nebraska when he followed the Oregon Trail

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