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**B**ATTER up! Farmington and Farmington Hills city officials were recently invited by the South Farmington Baseball League to join in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to announce the opening of 21 upgraded ball fields on city and school property.

HIS reputation preceded him. Commander Gilbert Hill of the Detroit Police Department was keynote speaker at the Farmington Youth Assistance youth recognition breakfast Thursday at the Farmington Community Center.

He also is making quite a name for himself in the motion picture industry, having co-starred with Eddie Murphy in "Beverly Hills Cop" and "Beverly Hills Cop II." Hill played a tough-talking police inspector.

After being introduced Thursday morning, Hill gazed around the room at the attentive crowd of teenagers and their parents, then quipped: "After my roles in the two 'Beverly Hills Cops' movies, I'd like to show I can speak for five minutes without using a four-letter word."

SHE'S honored. Majorie Mitchell of Farmington was named Awareness Leader of the Year by the Detroit-based Awareness Communication Team for the Developmentally Disabled. She's president of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Michigan.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Safe Rides, the Farmington pilot project to get intoxicated teens home safely from proms dances and spring parties, got off to a slow start.

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## Center names interim director

Center board talks money, 4A

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

*'It (the community center) can offer so much — even more than it has.'*

— Lawrence Freedman

It's difficult not to get the feeling that the Farmington Community Center is looking toward a bright and innovative future. Just ask Larry Freedman. He has accepted the position as the center's

interim director, replacing retiring veteran director Betty Paine.

"I'm excited about the community center. The center is a wonderful place. And it's an important place. It can offer so much — even more than it has," said Freedman, who has resigned his position as assistant superintendent for the Farmington Public Schools.

Freedman's excitement is matched by the center board of directors' happiness over his accept-

ance of the job.

"We're so thrilled to have someone with his expertise and background," said Nancy Finley, who recently completed her term as board president. Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Jan Dolan is the new president.

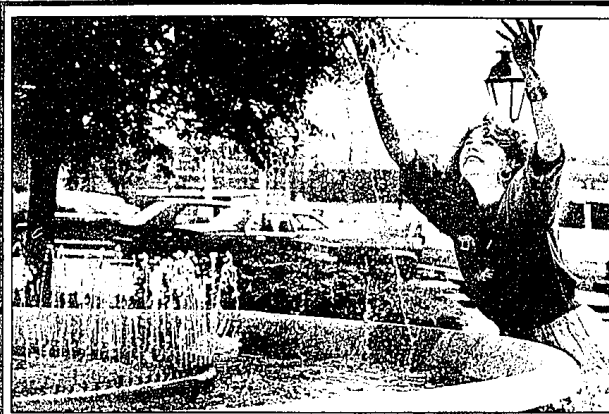
Freedman was officially appointed as interim director at the center's annual membership meeting May 26. The meeting was preceded by a fare-

well reception for retiring director Paine.

"BETTY PAINE, who ran the center, is absolutely a superb, dynamic person. She has done remarkably well with the center," said Freedman, a four-year center board director.

There's no doubt Freedman, who begins his new duties this week, has

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LAURA CASTLE/staff photographer

Kelly Garver, Miss Michigan, enjoys a spray from the Downtown Farmington Center fountain during last week's heat wave.

## Miss Michigan seeking career in entertainment

By Loraine McClish staff writer

**K**ELLY LYNN Garver describes herself as a "red-headed, fiddle-playing Charlie Daniels Ray Stevens Eddie Van Halen."

That is how she is billed for the one-woman stage show she has put together in her pursuit of an entertainment career.

"Marriage and school are both being put on hold. Entertaining is what I like doing best," said Garver, in Chicago last week arranging for an agent. "I'm not

### people

ready for a 9-to-5 life. I've seen too much and I want too much."

The seen-too-much and wanted-too-much attitude stems from a six-year connection with the Miss America Scholarship Pageant. That connection began with the Farmington Hills resident winning the Miss Farmington title. It will culminate June 12 in Muskegon

when she completes her year as Miss Michigan.

In between, she was a Miss Michigan contender who lost, a Miss Farmington contender who won the second time around, a Miss Michigan contender who won the second time around and a Miss America contender who was third runner-up to Miss America of 1977, Kellye Cash of Tennessee. During alternate years, she was a performer for both the Miss Farmington and Miss Michigan pageants.

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## Hills officers slate another liquor sweep

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Owners, managers and employees of liquor-licensed establishments in Farmington Hills can consider themselves forewarned.

In repeat performances, Farmington Hills police will check licensed establishments — bars, restaurants and stores — for sales to youths under 21 years of age, said Lt. Richard Murphy.

"We're going to be doing this prior to (high school) graduation and run through the summer," Murphy said. The planned sweeps are part of the police department's efforts to curtail teenage drinking.

Two major crackdowns were conducted in 1986, one of which irked many bar and restaurant owners, who took exception to the department's use of undercover police cadets.

"We said last time that before we started the operation, we would advise the community," Murphy said.

**BUT POLICE** are tight-lipped about the details of their planned sweeps. "All I can say is that all licensed establishments will be subject to being checked," Murphy said.

What Murphy will offer is some advice: "They (licensees) are required to get enough proof to verify that they (liquor purchasers) are 21 years old — Michigan's legal drinking age."

"If they (licensees) are not sure of a patron's age, they shouldn't sell. They spend a good deal of money for these licenses," Murphy said.

If, by chance, liquor is sold to a minor, employees should know they

are subject to penalty as is the licensee. Anyone selling liquor must be 18 years of age according to state law.

As in prior liquor crackdowns, violators will be reported to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for violation of state liquor laws. The MLCC has authority to levy stiff penalties as well as suspend or revoke liquor licenses.

**VIOLATORS ALSO** will be cited under city ordinance, which prohibits the sale of liquor to minors. City ordinance violation is a simple misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and \$500 fine upon conviction.

MLCC violators have the option of pleading guilty and paying a fine to the commission through the mail or requesting a hearing. MLCC fines range from \$100-\$600.

Fifty licensed establishments were charged under state law and reported to the MLCC in the crackdown police conducted in late October and early November 1986.

Of the 50, 30 licensees appeared before the MLCC and were either found or pleaded guilty to selling to minors, Murphy said.

One licensee was issued a warning letter, another transferred the liquor licenses and 18 are still awaiting hearings, he said.

As a result of the late 1986 crackdown, 49 appearance tickets were issued to licensees charged with violating city ordinances.

Of the total, 29 have been found or have pleaded guilty. Citations against 14 licensees have been taken under advisement, two have been dismissed and four are still pending, Murphy said.

## Youths' good deeds are spotlighted

Award winners profiled, 10A

By Bob Sklar staff writer

They care enough to give of them-

## Cleanup of river planned

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

If you're interested in helping nature do its thing, the Rouge River needs you.

Farmington Hills and Farmington volunteers are still being sought to help in the annual cleanup of the Rouge River from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Interested Farmington Hills res-

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selves to help improve the lives of others. And because they do, they spent a morning in the spotlight Thursday.

At its second annual youth recognition breakfast, Farmington Youth Assistance hosted 12 students who volunteered time and energy on the community's behalf without thought to personal reward.

"Most of the things I've seen involving young people are negative. And I've seen some truly vicious things. So I was glad to hear what you young people have been doing," said Commander Gilbert Hill of the Detroit Police Department, the keynote speaker.

Many of the teenagers he confronted turned to crime because they lacked guidance at home or in school, Hill said.

That's why he chose to serve on the boards of both the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Foundation, which keeps kids pointed to college or a vocation, and the Scholarship Fund for



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Youth recognition award winners are: front, Peter Keller and Kurt Lindberg; middle, Jeannie Chen, Angle Chen, Mary Beth Rudolph,

Kristen Neuman, Annie Chang and Kristine Kinsey; back, Amy Thiel, Suzanne Koller, Jack Horberholz and John Krol.

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