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ON the dais. Farmington Hills financier Max Fisher, a major player in the Republican Party nationally, sat at the head table in Dearborn's Ritz-Carlton Hotel during President Bush's whirlwind visit to the Detroit area April 3.

The visit was on behalf of the Michigan Republican Party.

AUCTION time. Farmington Hills police will host their annual public auction at noon Friday, April 27. The department, on the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, will auction office equipment, bikes and miscellaneous items, including a 1980 Chevrolet Chevelle.

Police confiscated or recovered the items during the course of their investigations but could not find the rightful owners.

DID you know Farmington Road, between Shawwassee and 10 Mile, used to travel over the McCoo Hill Bridge, the remnants of which now end in a back yard in the Twin Valley subdivision, developed during the '60s?

QUOTE of the week

Maybe instead of giving our taxes to the city, we should mail it to the federal government.

— Massie Kurzoja, Olde Town/Meadowbrook Heights Homeowners Association treasurer, in reaction to Farmington Hills' block grant plan. Story: 1A.

9 to compete for 2 school board seats

Other area candidates, 6A
Candidates forum set, 7A

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Nine residents plan to vie for two seats on the Farmington Board of Education on Monday, June 11.

The slate of three women and six men includes one incumbent, a longtime PTA activ-

ist, and two school board watchers.

All have filed to run for one of two four-year terms, which become available when the terms of Janice Rolnick and R. Jack Inch expire June 30.

Inch has filed to run for a fourth term; Rolnick is not running again.

As of 4 p.m. Monday, the following residents had filed to run for the two board seats. Some could not be reached for comment.

• James W. Barnes, Harrow Drive, Farmington Hills.

• Richard I. DeVries, Chesapeake Court, Farmington Hills.

DeVries has attended board meetings and written letters in the past few years, raising issues about elementary curriculum and finances.

The father of three, the Ford Motor Co. engineer calls for the school board to set better goals.

"We're not going to get anywhere until we know where we're going," he said.

He also advocates a review of some major budget items.

"I just think if we're going to spend a dollar, what's going to give the most benefit to the students?"

• Richard J. (Jack) Inch, Meadowlark, Farmington.

Inch is an incumbent and board treasurer, running for his fourth term on the board. Inch is a professor of economics at Oakland Community College.

The usually outspoken trustee is

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'We are keeping too quiet'

Couple works to free homeland

By Joanno Maliszewski
staff writer

Tears come to Danquole Jorquits' eyes when she sees news tapes of Soviet tanks rolling down the streets of her homeland's capital, Vilnius.

"It makes me wonder why, it's not necessary. Why can't they just let us go?" said Danquole, who escaped Communist occupation of Lithuania after World War II.

Like Danquole, her husband, George, is frustrated that President George Bush won't stand up and firmly announce United States support for Lithuanian independence.

"We do feel if he came out a bit stronger, it would help. It would help (Mikhail) Gorbachev, too. Russia needs economic help from the West," said George, who also left Lithuania after World War II.

"Maybe Bush is doing more harm. What price are we paying to help Gorbachev or are we really not helping him at all. We are keeping too quiet," he added.

While the Jorquits and their grown children, Asta and Paul, wait for Bush, they're doing all they can to publicize Lithuania's plight and to pressure the U.S. government for support.

THE FARMINGTON Hills family is joining other Lithuanian Americans in protests, rallies and



SHARON LEMIEUX/photographer

Farmington Hills residents George and Danquole Jorquits are doing what they can to influence American leaders to stand up and support the independence struggle of their Lithuanian homeland.

letter writing to Bush and legislators for help in freeing their homeland.

The United States has long recognized that Soviet occupation of Lithuania and the other Baltic states is an illegal incorporation.

When Bush visited Dearborn

April 3 for a glitzy, \$1,000-a-head, fund-raiser at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the Jurgitis' were there armed with protest signs. Paul Jorquits was at Detroit Metropolitan Airport earlier that day waving a 10-foot by 12-foot Lithuanian flag he made himself.

"We only saw the motorcade. I would have to assume the people in the motorcade saw it," said Paul, who with his sister, Asta, have been raised in two cultures, American and Lithuanian.

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Radicals fined in school incident

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By Susan Buck
staff writer

Three self-avowed revolutionary communists pleaded guilty to misdemeanor trespassing charges stemming from distribution of party leaflets at Farmington High five days before a local peace march for racial harmony in October.

Detroiters Audrey Ann Davis, 32, a postal employee, Oren Darrell Jackson, 38, listed as unemployed, and Shawn Bernard Stewart, 18, a supermarket employee, pleaded guilty March 20 and waived their right to raise First Amendment issues.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington fined each \$25 and placed them on probation for nine months.

Davis, Jackson and Stewart are members of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party's Detroit branch of the International Committee Against Racism (ICAR). The New York-based group has 29 offices, including locations in the Netherlands and Great Britain.

The controversial group believes in militant, mass action with violence, if necessary, to further anti-racist and anti-imperialist views.

In October, ICAR planned to counterprotest the neo-Nazi National Group. The neo-Nazis canceled

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Observer & Eccentric offices will be closed Good Friday, April 13 between Noon and 3 p.m. Please schedule all advertisements before Noon.

Have a Safe Holiday Weekend!

Peltz property eyed as site for new library

By Joanno Maliszewski
staff writer

Two weeks after Farmington Hills officials applied for a state grant to develop 26 acres of city-owned property into a \$1 million sports park in the heart of the city, library officials are asking to buy some of the land for a new 80,000-square-foot main library.

"This site, commonly identified as a portion of the Peltz property," is considered suitable and centrally located," library board president

Robert Plummer said in a letter to the city council read at Monday's regular council meeting.

Some council members appeared surprised by the letter, which they apparently had not seen. The purchase request is expected to be scheduled for debate at a future meeting.

Councilwoman Nancy Bates made the only comment, asking that copies of the letter be given to council members.

Library officials are interested in buying about 12 acres on the Peltz property, south of

1-696, west of Farmington Road, for the 80,000-square-foot library to replace the cramped facility on 12 Mile, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

"That's the needed size. Anything short of it would be a compromise," Plummer said.

THE LIBRARY board's request also came a few weeks after the city council asked for a review of library expansion, including compatibility with other uses, such as a community activities center, on the Peltz property.

But to the surprise of some council members and library officials, the parks and recreation commission in the 11th hour asked the city council March 26 to authorize the grant application, with an April 1 deadline.

The application request came, some council members said, before a decision had been made on how the Peltz acreage and the adjacent, landlocked 45 acres owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation will be used.

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Hitachi to send teacher on 3-week trip to Japan

Hitachi Ltd. will sponsor William Brinker, a social studies teacher from North Farmington High School, on a tour of Japan for three weeks this summer.

Brinker will join three other American teachers from New York and California on the trip, visiting Tokyo, Hitachi City, Hiroshima and Kyoto.

Hitachi sponsors American teachers each year in an effort to promote a cultural and educational exchange between nations.

Teachers are expected to gain insight and understanding of the Japanese culture as they tour schools and factories, and experience Japanese

home life first-hand in a stay with a native family.

BRINKER HAS taught social studies at North Farmington for 25 years, and has had a variety of assignments there.

He has taught American government, world history, ancient history, medieval history and the history of Communism.

He serves as part-time student activities director, and has been student council advisor for 15 years.

Hitachi is represented in Farmington Hills by the Automotive Products Division of Hitachi America Ltd. and the Hitachi Farmington Hills Technical Center.

THE HITACHI companies moved into their facility in the Hills three years ago and have been active from the start.

A contribution of \$10,000 to Farmington Hills provided a picnic shelter at Heritage Park. A large-screen Hitachi television was donated to the Sheltering Arms adult day care facility in Birmingham.

And the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Center has received cash donations.

In May, Hitachi will sponsor a soccer clinic for area youth, conducted by Tom Mulroy, a former professional player with the Miami Strikers.



DOUGLAS BUSALLA/staff photographer

Tadahiko Otani, (left) president of Hitachi Technical Center in Farmington Hills, discusses a trip itinerary with North Farmington teacher Bill Brinker. Hitachi is sponsoring Brinker and two other teachers this summer on a trip to Japan.