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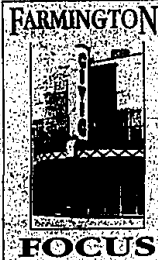
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BIG NEWS of the recent firing of Farmington President John Campbell from Detroit County Day School in Birmingham has once again hit the national news. This time, Campbell's firing made the pages of the Aug. 12 issue of "People" magazine.

Campbell — the real-life model for the character portrayed by actor Robin Williams in the 1989 film, "Dead Poets Society" is quoted in the story.

"Actually, Robin Williams wasn't as radical a teacher as I am. He tells the students to rip out the pages in their books. I tell them to throw the whole thing in the garbage."

The 55-year-old history teacher was fired about three weeks ago. Country Day headmaster Gerald Hansen said Campbell, who has been on probation for several years, has "not satisfactorily demonstrated a willingness to adhere to all the academic and professional standards of the school."

But Campbell had a response to that in the article: "I didn't fit the corporate image. And (school administrators) couldn't deal with that."

FIRST for Botford General Hospital and the West River Shopping Center will be their Kids Health and Safety Celebration at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at the shopping center, 30000 Grand River, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads.

Health Development Network of Botford General Hospital is coordinating activities for children to participate in throughout the day. The event will include a drug abuse prevention puppet show by Botford Family Services, as well as an emergency service rig staffed by Community Emergency Medical Services.

The event will also feature a nutrition display offering information, healthy snacks and giveaways for the kids. Tests for vision and hearing will accompany other health and safety activities. That's not to mention the clowns that will be making special appearances, giving away treats and offering to paint kids' faces.

SIGNS, temporary ones, that will dominate a study session of the Farmington Hills City Council tonight at 6 p.m. in the lower level conference room at city hall, 31535 13 Mile. Study sessions are open to the public. At 7:30 p.m. the council will move in the chambers for the regular meeting.

MEMORY LANE — From the Aug. 9, 1991, Farmington Enterprise: Remember when... a 5-pound bag of sugar cost 43 cents, a loaf of wheat bread cost 18 cents, a 48-pound bag of peaches cost \$1.28. Those were some of the advertised prices at the C.F. Smith Co. on Eight Mile Road. Advertising on the same day, Johnson's Market offered a pound of Maxwell coffee for 79 cents a pound and roasting chicken for 49 cents a pound.

Music brings cops down on center

More complaints lodged against concert noise



Members of the Chuck Robinette Trio play Wednesday night at the Community Center Amphitheatre, as part of the center's jazz series. Jazz events are also slated for Wednesday night, Aug. 14 and Aug. 28. About 15 people attended Wednesday night's concert.

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Neighbors have complained, once again, about noise from an outdoor concert at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Center, prompting a visit by police.

The Wednesday night complaint is a continuation of nearly two years of bickering between the non-profit center and its neighbors since an outdoor amphitheater was built on the historic property and outdoor entertainment events were scheduled. Police arrived at about 7:53 p.m. Wednesday, and center officials were warned about the noise complaint.

No ticket was issued at the scene, but the police report will be turned over to the city attorney for review, said Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer.

"They were just loud again," said resident William Short, who made the police complaint with another neighbor, Donald Stolberg. "It was only a three-piece combo, but they were raising hell with the drums and all."

"They don't care one hoot about the neighbors at all. There's no concern there."

COMMUNITY CENTER director Dorothy Pfaff could not be reached for comment about the most recent complaint. But program director for the center, Joanne LaFleur, said those attending the concert were upset at the interruption. About 15 people attended the concert — the first in a three-part jazz series scheduled for Wednesdays in August.

Also, she said, city planning employee Katy Ulrich was at the concert monitoring the sound levels with a decibel meter at the Community Center's property line, and that Community Center officials believed they were within the legal sound limits. Neither Ulrich or city planner Ed Gardiner could be reached for comment.

"It's the old story — it's in the eyes, or ears, of the beholder," said Community Center Board president Ben Marks, who also sits on the Farmington Hills City Council. "We've just got to prove we can co-exist. We are not going away. We provide too good a service."

THE SITUATION is confusing because the city is monitoring noise at Community Center events with a meter and using a 70-80 decibel

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Bank seeks 2nd OK to house homeless

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Employees want to open up the doors of Michigan National Bank Thursday gave its approval to the second annual proposal for bank employees. But the request must still pass muster with the Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals at a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20.

"I think last year concerns with the program centered on security," said Michigan National Bank attorney Lisa Symula-Nabikian. "We

had absolutely no incidents."

This year, about 80 bank employees want to house no more than 30 people through the Royal Oak-based South Oakland Shelter at the bank, west of Inkster, north of I-696, for seven nights, Sept. 22-29.

"Most of the people are moms with kids and people who are having a tough time for a limited time," Symula-Nabikian said.

The attorney told planning commissioners the bank is perfect for the temporary shelter program because showers are available, as well as a kitchen, and the men and women in the program would have separate sleeping quarters.

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4 Farmington school groups, superintendent get raises

By Susan Buck
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Members of the Farmington Public School District's four unions, along with Superintendent Michael Flanagan, will take home fatter paychecks this school year.

The Farmington school board approved ratification Tuesday of three 1-year contracts for unions representing teachers, support personnel and cafeteria, maintenance and custodial workers, giving them an overall 6-percent increase. The increases also apply to school bus drivers, who settled a three-year contract last year with a "me too" clause tied to this year's wage settlements.

The contracts include across-the-board 4.4-percent wage increases, plus a 1-percent cost-of-living increase and an additional 0.6-percent for salaries for additional time beyond the regular work day. Employees will be required to report for one additional work day under the contract.

LANGUAGE AND other parts of the three contracts were extended for one year.

A similar 4.4-percent wage increase was also approved for one year of Flanagan's three-year contract. Flanagan currently earns \$110,000 per year.

School board members Cathy Webb and Helen Ditzhazy were absent at the July 6 board meeting when ratification votes were taken.

Board member Jack Inch voted against the teachers' contract but supported the other unions' and Flanagan's wage increases. After the meeting, Inch said, "there are considerable differences in the base salary" of teachers and other employees.

THE THREE unions getting new contracts are the 720-teacher Farmington Education Association, the 200-member Custodial, Maintenance and Cafeteria Workers and the 350-member Educational Support Personnel.

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12-Orchard Lake tops in accidents

By Joanne Maliszewski
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You probably don't need statistics to tell you which intersection is by far the worst in Farmington Hills.

And it probably doesn't take much guessing to figure out that the 12 Mile-Orchard Lake Road intersection still ranks up right at the top of the pile for the number of accidents. "There's more chances for conflict there," said Farmington Hills traffic engineer Kevin McCarthy. "Because it's not a boulevard, the capacity is a little less. You're jamming cars through there."

Despite the highest accident rate — 79 in 1990 — at 12 Mile-Orchard Lake, it's not the intersection with the highest traffic volume. That honor goes to the intersection of Middlebelt and Northwestern Highway, which sees about 80,000 vehicles traveling through it daily. The Middlebelt-Grand River intersection ranks second in volume.

Northwestern-Middlebelt doesn't even rank in the top 10 for accidents in the city. There's reason for that and why 12 Mile-Orchard Lake continues to have the most accidents.

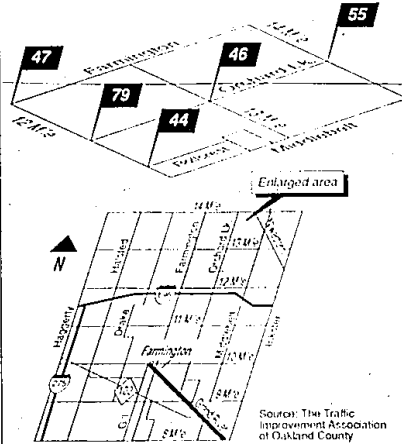
"AT BOTH of these intersections — Grand River-Middlebelt and Northwestern-Middlebelt — left turns are not allowed. You have to use the turnarounds to go left," McCarthy said.

The 12 Mile-Orchard Lake intersection is another matter. "Now you've introduced left turns into the picture. You're crossing traffic at

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Most dangerous places to drive

In 1990, these five intersections had the highest accident rates in Farmington Hills. Each flag indicates the number of accidents.



that intersection," McCarthy said. The boulevard at Northwestern-Middlebelt can accommodate a higher volume of traffic more efficiently because left turns are not being made against traffic.

Number two for accidents is the Orchard Lake-14 Mile intersection with 55 accidents; third is 12 Mile-Farmington with 47 accidents; fourth is 13 Mile-Orchard Lake with 46; fifth is 12 Mile-Rollerrest — across from Harrison High School — with 44 accidents.

"This is where we are targeting our work," McCarthy said of the intersections.

The 12 Mile-Rollerrest intersection concerns McCarthy and Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills Police Department traffic section.

"This is an example of an intersection that shouldn't be high in accidents because it just doesn't have the volume of traffic," McCarthy said.

At that intersection, you've got left turns, right turns, pedestrian traffic from the high school and a

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