



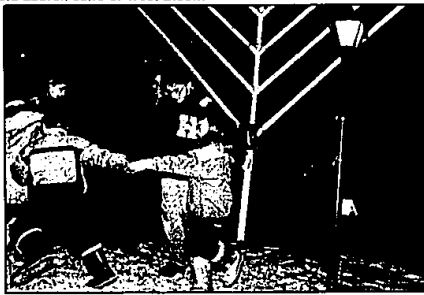
Making latkes is a tradition of the Hanukkah season. Here, at the Community Center, 5-year-old Lauren Jaffe of West Bloomfield laughs as she pretends to mix in the flour, as Maureen Schiffman looks on.



Jordan Berman, 6, and his 3-year-old brother, Evan, hold up cards with characters on them during a Hanukkah song at the Community Center. The brothers are from Farmington Hills.



Debbie Supowit of Farmington Hills dances with her 3-year-old daughter, Samantha, during Wednesday's Hanukkah celebration at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Center. The Festival of Lights ends today.



Dancing around a lighted menorah on the second night of Hanukkah in Farmington Hills are Rabbi Chaim Bergstein, his children, Rachel and Malya, and youngsters Joseph and Mindy Marks and Avi Drissman.

Festival of Lights

Congregations mark freedom struggle

PEOPLE throughout Farmington and the world celebrated the Jewish Festival of Lights, or Hanukkah, which began last week and ended today.

The eight-day holiday commemorates the struggle for religious freedom and personal liberty as the Maccabees, a group of Jewish reformers, toppled a regime that was replacing their Jewish culture with Greek

customs.

The Maccabees, after reclaiming the temple in Jerusalem, found that supplies were desecrated. Sacred oil for the temple lamps was almost gone and the lamps were expected to burn for only a short time. Miraculously, the lights burned for eight days.

Since then, brightly colored candles have been lit in menorahs in Jewish homes to

Keep Michigan Beautiful award goes to Hills' Avery

By Joanne Mallezewski
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Lincoln Avery, longtime chairman of the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, has been honored with a state award.

"Matters of beautification are of the utmost importance to Lincoln Avery. He has made them an integral part of his life and has devoted time and energy to making the world around him (and others) a more attractive place," said beautification member Elsie McKeown, who nominated Avery for the 1991 Keep Michigan Beautiful President's Plaque.

Avery has led the city's beautification commission since it was re-activated in 1985. "Beautification programs are a significant part of Mr. Avery's life and take him beyond Farmington Hills. He also strongly encourages his commissioners to take an active role in supporting other Michigan beautification organizations at regional and state levels," said Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick.

Avery, a member-at-large of the Keep Michigan Beautiful's 1991 executive committee was honored with one of the group's top awards at an annual awards meeting in October.

THE NON-PROFIT organization comprises volunteers, such as Avery, who sponsor a variety of projects intended to carry out statewide beautification efforts and environmental

quality improvements, as well as distributing beautification information to other local groups.

Avery, a former KMB president and board member, was also nominated for the award by Carol Kurth, vice chair of the Farmington Beautification Committee. He has been recognized by the Southfield Public Schools, where he worked as an elementary school principal, for promoting school beautification programs.

"His efforts are tireless and his willingness to go above and beyond the normal chairmanship duties is evident in his commission's unwillingness to vote someone new into that position despite the fact that there are 19-20 others capable of doing the job," Kurth wrote.

Avery has encouraged communications between the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. He welcomed Kurth as a liaison to the Hills commission and has appointed a Hills member to the Farmington committee.

Avery also served on the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan and promoted membership in the group even when Farmington Hills didn't have a beautification group, Kurth wrote.

"Lincoln (Avery) has a special talent for working with volunteers. He is a 'doer,' and does not expect any more from others than he is willing to give himself, and is especially considerate of the welfare of those

people around him," according to a nomination letter from former Farmington Mayor Shirley Richardson.

He continually stimulates new ideas and projects, and encourages members of his commission to attend district and state beautification meetings, luncheons and seminars," Richardson wrote.

In 1984, Avery was presented with a National Beautification Award by Lady Bird Johnson, for his Keep America Beautiful work, representing Keep Southfield Beautiful.

UNDER AVERY'S leadership, the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission in 1990 encouraged the involvement of youths in beautification. Members asked schools, youth groups and individuals to let commissioners know of their beautification efforts through a form in the Observer newspaper.

Also under his leadership, beautification commissioners have discussed school beautification, plantings on the Orchard Lake interchange, natural beauty road landscaping. The commission also sponsors floats for the Founders Festival. Under Avery's leadership, the commission also sponsored a contest for choosing the community's symbols.

"Lincoln, through is expert guidance and involvement, has made the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission a workable and positive group," McKeown said.

C'ville schools face added costs if state orders incinerator shutdown

By Marie Chestney
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If the state asks Michigan school districts to voluntarily stop burning trash in school incinerators, Clarencville School District will face some added costs to do so.

Clarencville has installed equipment on its burners to cut down on toxic emissions, and the district passes yearly inspections by Wayne County.

However, a movement now under way could lead to the shutting down of all school incinerators in Michigan.

The Air Pollution Control Commission, in what may be its last action before going out of existence in

early January, is considering whether to urge Michigan school districts to voluntarily close down incinerators.

Governor John Engler's plan to reorganize the Department of Natural Resources would eliminate the Air Pollution Control Commission as of Jan. 17.

Environmental activists fear that school incinerators are potential threats to the health and environment.

Clarencville does not burn plastic or expanded plastic foam in its incinerator; paper is the most common item burned.

If school districts decide to follow the Air Pollution Control Commis-

sion's request and close their incinerators, Dr. Jan Jacobs suggested they do it over a two or three year period so they aren't hit with higher trash disposal costs overnight.

JACOBS IS superintendent of South Redford School District which is phasing out its incinerators after receiving a complaint from a resident.

The higher costs come about because trash that is not burned or recycled would have to be hauled away, said Jacobs.

Clarencville would consider closing down its incinerators if asked by the commission to do so, said Ralph Skrocki, finance director.

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