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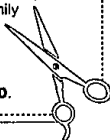
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- Feeling a little spent after the holidays? Cut your weekly grocery bill an average \$20 to \$30 a week clipping coupons by Kraft, General Mills, Kodak and others that will be inserted into your home-delivered Observer newspaper beginning the week of Jan. 3.
- While you are clipping turn to the Taste section in Monday's paper for quick and easy recipes your family will enjoy.
- Don't miss out on the savings. To have the Observer delivered to your home, call 591-0500.



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Frank Lauhoff

Lauhoff gets 4% raise



BY SUB BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff will receive a raise beginning Jan. 1.

Lauhoff's new salary will be \$70,720, about a 4 percent increase from his present pay of \$68,000. "We always have agreed to a new

Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff received a vote of confidence recently from the city council. Lauhoff, who will celebrate his first year as city manager in February, was awarded a salary increase effective Jan. 1.

compensation level, just like a normal employee whose pay goes up every year," Mayor Arnold Campbell said. The Farmington City Council strives to keep the city manager's salary at like levels with city managers who work in similar cities like Farmington, Campbell said. Comparisons, usually made accord-

ing to population, rank Farmington in similar size with the cities of Plymouth, Clawson, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"Farmington has normally been in the upper quartile (for city manager wages)," Lauhoff said.

He added that he serves at the discretion of the Farmington City Council and said that his contract does not have an expiration date.

In considering his pay raise, Lauhoff said that the council took into account the fact that until April

See RAISE, 4A

Grim reminders



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SADD students: The only utterance Harrison High School sophomore Tara Christo made during a recent school day was through her music, as she practiced with the school symphony band. Christo and 17 other Students Against Driving Drunk donned symbols of death: a white face and black clothing.

Cops nail 2 eateries in sting

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Cronin takes rejection well. In fact, the 19-year-old Farmington Hills police cadet prefers it when he is refused alcohol at the 50 establishments in the city that serve booze.

Mostly, the youthful-looking son of West Bloomfield police Chief Ron

LIQUOR

Cronin gets his wish. But on Tuesday and Wednesday, when Cronin and two Hills detectives went out on the department's semiannual liquor sting operation, there were restaurants where his request for a beer was honored.

At the Metropolitan Musicafe on 12 Mile, Cronin told the hostess he was "looking for a young lady," then strolled to the bar and asked, "Do you have a Bud Light?" "Sure," was the bartender's response. Just as sure was the response of detectives Bert Cook and Pat Camini, who then talked to the manager and issued the bartender a ticket for selling to a minor.

The restaurant is also issued a citation for violating the terms of its liquor license, which is not the first time for the Metro. Too many of those can cost an establishment its license.

"One of the waiters said, 'I knew who you were when you walked in here,'" Cronin tells Cook and Camini. Copies of a certified letter warning the restaurant that police would conduct a sting are taped near the bar, and still, the bartender fails to ask Cronin for ID.

"One simple question," Cook said. "That's all it takes."

The department has already taken a picture of Cronin, to verify how he looked when he went out on the assignment — like a "Joe college" wannabe. He carries no ID so that there can be no question that he "faked it." And he doesn't badger the waitress or bartender. When they ask for ID, he politely says that he left it in the car and leaves. No problem.

And for the most part, restaurants ask for ID and Cronin is on his merry way.

At the next stop, Roosevelt's on Orchard Lake, Cronin is rejected; same result at D. Demison's Seafood Tavern nearby, ditto at several others, including the Roman Terrace II in the Halsted Village shopping center, where Cronin is greeted and politely asked for ID in less than 30 seconds.

But regrettably, a waitress at the Macaroni Grill asks, "So, do you want any booze?"

Cronin orders a beer, Cook and Camini come in and talk to the manager and introduce him to the cadet,

See STING, 4A

Winter investment series

Now that holiday shopping has put a chill in your finances, it's time to think about taking care of your money in the new year.

The Farmington Community Library is again presenting its winter investment series. The program will be on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in either the auditorium or conference room at the Farmington Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile.

Individuals may attend one, several, or all of the programs. There will be an opportunity at the end of each session to ask questions. There is no charge. For more information and for reservations, call 653-0300.

- The programs include:
- The advantages of no-load funds, on Jan. 25.
- Proper estate planning, on Feb. 1.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

- The impact on taxes of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, on Feb. 8.
 - Everything you need to know before you begin an investment program, on Feb. 15.
 - Planning for a secure retirement, on Feb. 22.
- The series runs through March 22.

Purr-fect feline

Elizabeth Estavanko of Farmington Hills took top honors in the Best of Breed championship for Oriental shorthair cats last

month at the Cat Fanciers' Association International Show in Nashville, Tenn.

Her cat won in the first CFA show, which included categories for several breeds.

Nearly 900 cats and kittens representing 33 breeds and 43 varieties participated in the CFA International, traveling from Canada, Japan, France, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands and 42 states to compete for the titles.

All of the entrants qualified for the CFA International at one of nine regional competitions in October in the United States, Europe and Japan.

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