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Larry Lichtman

Lichtman vote draws fire



BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Some Farmington Hills residents are still steaming about a planned development at 12 Mile and Middlebelt roads.

Several showed up at the June 20 Farmington Hills City Council meet-

The City Council approved a development at 12 Mile and Middlebelt, and some nearby residents don't like it one bit. They're angry at Mayor Larry Lichtman, who accepted campaign contributions from the developer and his relatives.

ing — as they had at Planning Commission meetings beginning last August — to protest the combination commercial and residential project.

The Farmington Hills Council approved the project, 4-3, and now those residents are crying foul. Mayor Larry Lichtman, who voted for the project,

is the target of their wrath. "I don't think a lot of people realize that Lichtman accepted campaign contributions from the developer," said Sharon Stein, who lives east of the proposed development. "Nobody came to speak for this project and they still voted for it."

The project, which will include a shopping center at the corner and 180 houses on 92 acres, will be developed by Jonna Realty Ventures. Developer Gary Jonna had contributed \$160 to Lichtman's 1993 election campaign,

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In the market for a bride



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Marriage in store: The Rev. Estei Dash (right) says the words as Bob Killinger and Kathy Wykes are married in the Cattleman's Market. Store owner Phil Maniaci stands at Killinger's left.

Meet market marry: Couple says lettuce wed

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Bob Killinger was doing more than checking out the lettuce when he shopped at the Cattleman's Market in Farmington.

In fact, when he went to pay for his groceries, he found something that was priceless.

Killinger and cashier Kathy Wykes met at Cattleman's, and the

romance blossomed into something special.

A year and a half later, on Friday, June 17, the couple took their wedding vows in the very food-store aisles where they first met.

"We met when it was Oak Farms, and he continued to pursue me after it (the store) became Cattleman's Market," Wykes said.

Cattleman's manager, Phil Maniaci, was best man, and planned the wedding and reception among the fruit stands and meat counters.

"Phil pulled it all together," Wykes said. "It turned out really nice."

It was only fitting that the ceremony took place during store hours and that customers were invited.

Wykes' daughter, Crystal Raby, and her friend, Nancy Smith, were in the wedding party, along with Mike Swabe, Cattleman's head cashier, and Wykes' son, Patrick.

The reception was held in the market after closing. Guests sang to karaoke. Printed impression of

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Area officials join forces to target youth violence

BY SUZ BUCK
STAFF WRITER

A big chunk of Farmington-area officialdom was on hand for a joint meeting recently — and school violence was on the agenda.

The June 14 meeting, involving members of the Farmington Board of Education and the city councils of Farmington and Farmington Hills, dealt with the importance of conflict resolution regarding youth and school violence.

Many participants said they were

satisfied with the results.

"It went well for the first meeting," said Farmington Hills Mayor Larry Lichtman. "There was a consensus that we would do this on an annual basis."

A police officer liaison program was also discussed. The city of Farmington Hills already funds one police officer who works in plain clothes at North Farmington High School.

The city will also help fund an officer at Harrison High School for the first time at the beginning of the

school year, Lichtman said. There's also a Farmington public safety officer at Farmington High School.

The liaison officer's role is to develop a rapport with the student body.

"The idea is to head off possible friction, provide answers about drug problems, and get kids to view the officer as someone to confide in," Lichtman said.

Police don't feel that there is a serious drug problem in the city, but the drug problem is still serious, Lichtman said.

"We talked about an overview of conflict resolution, ideas which could be used in the schools," said Cathy Webb, school board president.

The groups agreed to develop student assistance teams, using peer counseling, that could be begun by the next school year in secondary school buildings.

Reports came from Don Cowan, director of the schools' building and student services, and Estralee Micha-

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Some local fish stories

No choice fishing holes left in Farmington Hills, you think? Think again.

Some 60 residents went hook, line and sinker for the Farmington Hills Family Fishing Derby June 11 at the pond on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

The pond was not stocked for the occasion, said Andy Leng of the sponsoring Department of Special Services. Fish caught included sunfish, bluegills and bass.

Prizes were for the longest fish caught in adult and youth divisions, and for the most creative fishing hat worn by a child.

Brent Mills won the youth award for the longest and largest fish caught in the derby — an 11-inch bass. Roberta Cadger won the adult prize by pulling out a seven-inch bluegill.

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For the most creative fishing hat, the top three winners were Kyle Kubitskey, Pat Triscari and Abbey Robinson.

The derby was held in conjunction with Michigan's free-fishing weekend, sponsored by the state Department of Natural Resources.

Youth center opens

Attention Farmington-area youngsters aged 11-15: The Farmington Youth Assistance Summer Activities Center is open for business.

The center, located in William Grace Elementa-

ry School at 29040 Shiawassee, will be open through Aug. 9. Hours are 2-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Wednesdays are reserved for field trips to places like wave pools, Four Bears Water Park, and the Bonaventure Skating Rink. Regular activities include video games, basketball, billiards and cookouts.

A \$5 registration fee covers activities until Aug. 9. Each field trip costs an additional \$5, except for Bonaventure, which is \$5. Caroline Trout, a teacher in the Farmdale system, is the director.

For more information, call Farmington Youth Assistance at 489-3434.

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