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The Michigan lottery numbers for Saturday, Oct. 14, are:

- **DAILY 3:** 903
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Sparks fly at mayoral debate



By BILL COUTANT
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There was no mistaking which debate you were watching in Farmington Hills Thursday night.

Farmington Hills mayoral candidates Paul Sowerby and Aldo Vagnozzi were in a sometimes conten-

tious debate that even had questioner Michael Shipico involved at the Democratic Club forum. The forum, which followed the mayoral debate and included the five city council candidates, was a love-in by comparison.

"I was not certain whether to come

up or get my blood typed first," quipped council candidate Nancy Bates during her introduction.

Sowerby, a Farmington Hills attorney and former councilman, and Vagnozzi, a current council member, had had a warm-up before senior citizens at the Farmington Hills Activities Center the day before, during a candidate forum.

But Thursday night's forum, which included questions from the audience and the candidates asking each other questions, was much livelier.

Sowerby, who literally wore his

community service like a badge by wearing name badges from his previous service jobs, said the new mayor should start off with a "clean slate." He wants an end to tax increases, and term limits for council members and members of the city's boards and commissions.

Vagnozzi called himself an "established fighter for residents," including his work to make Detroit Edison respond to power outages, and work for resident concerns of street repairs.

See DEBATE, 3A

Rooftop task



SHAWN LEMIERRE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Picnic area: Mike McIlarth, a roofer for LDS Contracting of Keego Harbor, stands in the bucket of a hi-lo as he puts the finishing touches on a sheltered picnic area on Orchard Street behind the Downtown Center in Farmington.

New park in store behind downtown center

Farmington's newest park on Orchard Street is a great stopping point halfway between the strip mall in the downtown center and the post office.

In unseasonably warm temperatures Friday afternoon, workers from Margolis Nursery of Ypsilanti — contracted by the city — planted sturdy midsize maple and crab

apple trees.

"Later today we'll be prepping for 'topsoil,'" said Frank Meadows, foreman.

A similar sunset walkway traverses the park and links covered picnic tables are already in place. Still to come are flower beds and benches.

"It should be done — all the ground

ing and the sod — in a couple of weeks," Meadows said.

"There are parking lots on either side of the new park, which will likely be used by nearby employees to eat lunch and shoppers looking to take a break."

"The park was in phase eight of the streetscape," said Judy Downey, executive director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

"Originally there was a house on the property. The city bought the land in case more parking was needed. But it was decided to make it a park area."

Several small plantings and one large maple tree were left on the property, Downey said. Flowers will be planted in the springtime, she added.

School board gives hockey idea cold shoulder

By LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

A recommendation that Farmington Public Schools start a high school hockey program will have a hard time skating by board members.

A hockey committee suggested the district start an interscholastic hockey program. Members presented their findings to a less-than-enthusiastic

board during a study session Tuesday.

Superintendent Bob Maxfield asked the group to look into the possibility of having a high school hockey team in light of the new Farmington Hills Ice Arena opening.

The committee recommends Farmington having one unified team representing all three high schools that would start play in 1996-97. The

board intends to study the matter further.

"I would have a great deal of hesitation in supporting a \$30,000 hockey program this year," trustee Cathy Webb said.

Added trustee Helen Prutow: "Why are we even talking about this . . . ?"

Board members said they're concerned about cost and liability. Start-up costs are estimated at \$30,760 for

the first year.

Those projections are on the high end, committee members said.

But Webb was dismayed at future costs, including the possibility the district would add teams later. Hockey could increase the athletic budget by 10 percent a year, "when we're not sure the dollars are going to be there," Webb said.

See HOCKEY, 2A

Super healing

Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield returned to his post Oct. 10 after undergoing emergency eye surgery Sept. 20 to repair a detached retina. Board members and staff welcomed back the school chief at a study session that night.

"Saying that it's nice to see people takes on a whole new meaning," Maxfield said.

Things of beauty

Some 80 awards will be given to Farmington area businesses, apartments, condominiums, and churches at Farmington Beautification Commission's annual awards luncheon Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Botsford Inn, Grand River Avenue, between Middlebelt and Inlander roads. Mrs. Lovell's Tea Cozy will receive an award for outdoor Christmas decorations and Postal Point Studio will be honored for holiday win-

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down display. Also, the Mayor's Trophy winner and the Chamber of Commerce Award winners are expected to be announced.

Acting out

Marjory High graduate Catherine Worth is featured in the Bonstelle Theatre production of Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" Oct. 20-23 and 27-29. Worth plays Luciana, a character who finds herself in the difficult position of being a sister-in-law to one and love interest to another of a pair of identical twins.

Worth has been an actor, singer and dancer in "Wedding Band," "Over Town," "Eye Eye Birdie," and "The Servant of Two Masters." The 1992 graduates is also a member of Wayne State University's touring dance company, Movin' Theatre,

and is a carpenter in the school's scenic shop. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Oct. 20-21 and 27-28 and 2 p.m. Oct. 22 and 29. Tickets are \$7.50 and \$9.50. Bonstelle Theatre is on Woodward Avenue, one block south of Meek. For information, call 577-2960.

Neighborly note

Plastic surgeon Dr. J.J. Colton will be the guest speaker at the Farmington Neighbors luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, at the Glen Oaks Golf Club, 13 Mills Road, east of Orchard Lake. For information, call 473-4543.

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