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Managing nicely: Bill Costick, former Farmington Hills city manager, was respected and admired, says reporter Bill Coutant. /10A

LOTTERY

The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$15 million. The Michigan Lottery numbers for Wednesday, March 6, 1996 are:

- DAILY 3: 691
- DAILY 4: 4648
- CASH 5: 4, 12, 14, 15, 22
- LOTTO: 7, 9, 14, 22, 32, 35

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Dr. Kevorkian tatters image as own witness

BY PAT MURPHY
BY THE WRITER

Days of testimony by Dr. Jack Kevorkian left some spectators second-guessing the wisdom of defense attorneys in calling the controversial advocate of assisted suicide as a witness.

Closing arguments were expected to begin today before Oakland Circuit Judge Jessica R. Cooper. But Kevorkian's testimony all day Monday and much of Tuesday enabled prosecutors to raise doubts about his ultimate motive for helping Merian Frederick and Dr. Ali Khalili end their lives in 1993.

Until Kevorkian took the stand in his own defense, most of the witnesses — including Dr. Stanley H. Levy, an internist from Southfield, and retired pathologist and a kind and merciful physician willing to deviate from accepted medical practices to end pain and suffering.

But when Kevorkian took the stand, prosecutors began chipping away at that image. They tried to suggest to jurors that Kevorkian was on the fringe, almost a mad scientist.

Kevorkian suggested, for example, that executioners are more concerned about doing their duty and upholding the law than taking a person's life — a comment that made supporters in the audience wince.

To suggest Kevorkian had other goals besides helping Frederick and Khalili end their pain and suffering, assistant prosecutor John Skrzynecki quoted a passage from Kevorkian's 1991 book, "Prescription: MEDICIDE, the Goodness of Planned Death."

Read Skrzynecki, "... I feel it is only decent and fair to explain my ultimate aim. I emphasize that it is not simply to help suffering or doomed persons kill themselves — that is merely the first step, an early distasteful professional obligation (now called medicide) that nobody in his or her right mind could sever. I explained that what I find most satisfying is the prospect of making possible the performance of invaluable experiments or other beneficial medical acts under conditions

See KEVORKIAN, 4A

Dolan opens House door for Webb



State Rep. Jan Dolan won't run again



BY TOM BAER
 STAFF WRITER

Jan Dolan won't be back for a fifth term in the State House. The 69-year-old Farmington Hills Republican is packing it in after more than two decades as an elected public servant.

But Dolan knows what her House replacement had better be packing: plenty of so-called life experience.

With the three-term limit in effect, there just won't be a lot of time for on-the-job training, she said.

"Whoever's going up there will have at maximum six years," said Dolan, who announced her retirement in a telephone call to the Farmington Observer Monday. "It takes a couple

of years to learn the system, and then you have only four.

"By golly, you'd better take some life experience with you. You don't have time to learn it up there any more. You have to take the info with you."

Dolan also thinks she knows who her replacement should be — Cathy Webb, treasurer of the Farmington Board of Education and last year's Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

"The reason I'm comfortable with Cathy is that she has the background with the school board," said Dolan, who added that she intends to campaign for Webb.



Cathy Webb has Dolan's support

See HOUSE, 2A



Clinton cut-up: Richard Headlee uses Abe Aon's barber scissors to cut up a statement about President Clinton Monday. Buchanan backers Burl Adkins, Mark Forton and J.B. Bonelli are on hand along with Aon.

Headlee comes home to back Buchanan

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

A familiar political figure in Michigan couldn't resist putting his two cents into Michigan's Republican presidential primary race.

Richard Headlee, a former GOP gubernatorial candidate and champion of tax reform, returned to Farmington Hills from his retirement home in Park City, Utah, to endorse a man he's never met — Pat Buchanan.

"You can't change things by voting for moderation," said the former CEO of the Farmington Hills-based Alexander Insurance Company. "Some of my ideas, like a balanced budget amendment and term limits,

were considered extremist. But now they are mainstream."

Headlee made his announcement amid an energized crowd of Buchanan supporters at an unlikely place — Abe Aon's Hair Salon on Orchard Lake Road.

"Abe has been a good friend for 25 years," he said of Aon, who emigrated from Israel in 1966 and has been cutting Headlee's locks since opening his shop. "Abe is an immigrant and he's for Pat Buchanan. I wanted to show that Pat Buchanan is not against legal immigration."

Headlee said he saw Buchanan as a candidate of ideas and integrity.

Before speaking to the crowd of about 40 Buchanan supporters in hopes of boosting Buchanan's stock

for the March 19 primary, Headlee said that Bob Dole's moderation and his questionable ethics in claiming charitable tax contributions that "did not exist" had soured him on the Kansas senator.

Headlee quipped that the only way he wanted to be "clipped" was by Aon, not the government, adding that most of the candidates, along with President Bill Clinton, had talked about reducing the government deficit with plans that accomplished it after the year 2000.

Dramatic increases in illegitimacy and violent crime haven't been solved by a "moderate" approach, he said.

Headlee said greed was a threat to democracy in this country while

paraphrasing writings on the subject that dated to colonial days. He warned that history shows as politicians promise more benefits from the public treasury, the collapse of democracy follows.

Ed Laabs, a Farmington Hills resident and precinct delegate said, he was encouraged by the endorsement. Laabs, a Buchanan supporter since 1992, said Headlee and others were seeing Buchanan as mainstream, an important step in winning the nomination.

"He's right to life, he offers (Rose) Perot supporters an alternative and he's a core patriot," Laabs said.

Buchanan is not anti-Semite and

See HEADLEE, 5A

Farmington corners Fast Trac road system

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Motorists on west and eastbound Grand River may see more green traffic signals, but a few downtown merchants might see less of the color of money.

A new Fast-Trac traffic signal system will be installed at the Grand River and Farmington Road intersection. Construction for the \$80,000 system begins July 15 following the Founders Day Festival, Farmington

City Manager Frank Lauffhoff said. Lauffhoff explained the new system at the Downtown Development Authority meeting Tuesday.

All four corners of the intersection will undergo construction. The new system that takes unused "green time" from one direction to another is expected to be running in October.

New poles will be installed and a tunnel dug from the northeast to southeast corner. Traffic will not be

interrupted during construction, Lauffhoff said.

"The idea here is to maximize efficiency at that intersection," Lauffhoff said.

"It should be a big improvement. At least the city has done everything it can do to move traffic through there."

An estimated 40,000 vehicles travel through the intersection daily. Traffic back-ups are common during rush hour 4-6 p.m., especially on west-

bound Grand River as motorists line up to make left-hand turns.

Korner Barber Shop co-owner Bob Marschick sees the bottle necks outside his window.

Construction will likely affect business, he said. He's not too worried, though.

"Our customers seem to get through somehow," Marschick said. "Parking has always been a problem."

See FAST TRAC, 4A

Health-O-Rama is here

A variety of free or low-cost health tests and educational materials are available at the Project Health-O-Rama from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, Thursday, March 7, at Mercy Health Services headquarters, 34606 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Health-O-Rama, sponsored by Care Choices HMO, a Mercy health plan, offers the following free services and tests: height and weight, vision, glaucoma, hearing, blood pressure, health education information, counseling and referral. A colorectal cancer screening kit costs \$5, a blood panel of 23 tests is \$20, the CA 125 blood tests that screens for ovarian cancer is \$25, and a prostate specific antigen blood test is \$25.

Project Health-O-Rama will be available at 95 sites throughout southeast Michigan through

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April 3. Last year, about 32,000 were screened. For more information, call 489-6002.

About race relations

Joe Stroud, editor of the Detroit Free Press, will speak on racial and cultural relations in metropolitan Detroit at a breakfast meeting of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council at 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street. The public may attend.

About container gardening

Tim Travis of Goldeneye Walsh Nursery, will speak on container gardening at a meeting of the North Farmington Garden Club at noon Tuesday, March 12, at the Hills Branch of the Farmington Community Library on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads.

The event is open to the public. For more information about the club, call Ginny Webber at 553-2029.

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