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Youth programs refunding asked of Hills

FARMINGTON HILLS — The three Farmington youth groups, recently denied funding by the Farmington Hills city council, are expected to ask for reconsideration Monday, April 22.

John Borbi, board president of the Farmington Area Advisory Committee (FAAC), said he will present a tentative contract to the council for funding.

"I met with Mr. Marjoros (Hills city manager), we went through it

and he seemed satisfied with it," Borbi said.

IN THE REPORT to the city council, Borbi said he will explain the programs offered by FAAC, define their functions and make budget recommendations.

FAAC is expected to ask Farmington Hills to fund 16 percent of their cash budget, Borbi said. This is about the same percentage as last year.

Chamber of Commerce president William Flattery, who represents the Youth Employment Services (YES) steering committee, said his organization will also ask for funding.

He said plans were originally made to consolidate all three youth programs under one organization.

"But time ran out," Flattery said, so it was necessary to continue the youth programs separately.

He said YES will ask Farmington

Hills to fund 41 percent of the organization's budget. The percentage is higher than last year, he explained, because Public Employment Program funds have been discontinued.

Flattery said that since July, 1972, more than 2,318 children have filed applications with YES and 1,485 have thus far been placed.

He said the program was not competing with professional employment

agencies, but rather offered "legitimate, part-time jobs" to young persons.

"It's one of the best programs we have," Flattery said.

"It's preventative. It's like getting your car lubricated, it keeps the kids off the street and out of trouble."

THE FARMINGTON Hills City Council is also expected to hear a re-

port from the Farmington Sesquicentennial Committee on the forthcoming celebration of the city's 150th anniversary.

In addition, the council will hear a rezoning request for property on Hathaway near Grand River Ave. The request is for a zoning change from light industrial (L-1) to (B-2) general business.

The council meets at 8 p.m.



NEW MOTHER

Mrs. Jerry Cunningham with the new mother. (photo by Fran Evert)

Recreation proposed for school property

By NANCY STEIN

The Farmington Board of Education will explore with the Farmington Hills city administrator the possibility of developing an outdoor education and recreation center for school and public use.

The 20 acre site is in section one. It was purchased as possible school site in 1968 for \$200,000, but the location did not prove suitable for the purpose.

Mike Shipice, a senior from Harrison High School, who attends every school board meeting, proposed that the parcel of land be given to the city of Farmington Hills for a park.

SHIPICE IS KNOWN to the school board, the administration and the regulars at the meetings as an articulate and concerned young man.

Sometimes he comes on with less than adult smoothness, but as he re-

minded a school board member at the April 16 meeting, here he made his proposal. "Sorry about the spelling, but I haven't had the benefit of a high school education yet."

He waited patiently until 12:30 in the morning to bring up the proposal under new business.

The parcel of land is in the area between 13 Mile Rd. and 14 Mile Rd. and between Inkster Road and Middle Belt Rd.

The 20 acres is wild ground lying north of Northwestern Highway.

The land has not increased in value. The schools highest offer for it recently was for the same \$200,000 they had originally purchased it at.

At first proposal was met with extreme enthusiasm.

After more consideration, school board treasurer William Corliss said

that he believed such a plan would be a gross misappropriation of funds if school land were given away to a different body of government, even for such a worthy cause.

This caused the board to rethink the possible alternatives for this land.

Shipice pointed out in his written statement to the board that, "The board has stated its willingness and hope for a better spirit of co-operation between the board and the city council of Farmington Hills.

"This donation would increase this spirit."

He further said that a 1969 TALUS land use study indicated an immediate need for 200 additional acres of park and recreation land and with the growing population that need would increase to 400 acres.

Storekeeping dog's pups end customers' long wait

Do you know Betsy, the mother of 10, everybody's friend?

She's an 16-month-old German Shepherd who spends all her days in Jerry's Book Store.

The store, located at 23823 Grand River is owned and operated by Bertha and Jerry Cunningham.

THE CUNNINGHAMS who are both confined to wheel chairs, brought Betsy to the store for the first time when she was only five weeks old.

"She has certain people that she know's real well, regular customers, who she'll stand up and give a lick on the face to," said Bertha.

"It's really something, sometimes she'll stand behind the counter, put her paws up on the cash register and you'd swear she was going to walk on you."

Some of Betsy's popularity comes from the fact that when she was a tiny pup and she had to go outside Jerry would put her on his lap in the wheel chair and ride her out the door. Then she would get down.

Now, although she's a full-grown Shepherd, Betsy still insists on that ride out the door and she gets it.

"People think she must be terribly heavy," said Jerry, "but it is amazing,

she shifts her weight just so, so that it's almost as if she's weightless."

WHEN BETSY became noticeably pregnant, customers began wondering aloud as to how many pups she'd have. Eventually the idea of a "Betsy Contest" came into being. A contest to guess how many pups she'd have.

Well, it turned out to be 10 and eight people guessed right. "We couldn't give away eight \$5 gift certificates," explained Bertha, "so we held a drawing."

The first person got a \$5 certificate, the second got \$3 and the third got \$2. We gave a dollar apiece to the other five since they had guessed correctly."

First prize was won by Greg Chicos of Redford.

BETSY IS SO popular that she even received a couple of congratulations cards. One came from the people at Real Estate One and the other came from her cousin up in northern Michigan, Grettie, another German Shepherd.

ALREADY FIVE of the pups have been spoken for, but for all of Betsy's friends who miss seeing her at the store (she's home with the pups for the time being), she and all ten of her little ones will be on view in the store Sunday, April 27 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



MRS. WILLIAM MILLIKEN

Mrs. William Milliken arts conference speaker

FARMINGTON — Mrs. William G. Milliken, wife of Michigan's governor, will deliver the keynote address at the Farmington Community Arts Council's Community Involvement Conference Tuesday, May 7, at the OCC Orchard Ridge campus.

The conference, an effort to get local community organizations aware of community resources, was expected to be keynoteed by Jerome P. Cavanaugh, who had to withdraw because of illness.

The conference, co-sponsored with the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, will have 12 workshops during the day-long session. These will involve the areas of organizational structure, leadership, publicity, finances and community involvement.

Chairman of the event is Mrs. Marlowe Belanger, of the Farmington Arts Council.

In addition to the workshops, the participants will have the opportunity to talk with key governmental, church, school and business leaders.

Robert McConnell, mayor of Farmington Hills; Ralph Yoder, mayor of the City of Farmington, Judge Mi-

chael Hand, of the 47th District Court; Marinus Van Amedey, superintendent of Farmington Schools and Dr. S.J. Manilla, provost of the Orchard Ridge Campus will be among the participants.

FOLLOWING MRS. Milliken's keynote address, the conference will feature two workshop sessions to be led by experts from the community including bankers, newspaper people, accountants, teachers and attorneys.

The participants will have lunch at the campus, and then attend a third workshop session and a concluding general session for conference evaluation.

Mother of two children, Michigan's first lady is the daughter of an attorney, and calls Traverse City, her home.

She has been a gardening enthusiast for many years and has studied landscape architecture at Michigan State university since Governor Milliken took office in 1968. She has volunteered her knowledge and services as a landscape designer for public projects.

Her address to the conference is expected to inter-relate her interests and experiences with the concept of being involved as an integral part of one's community.

Registration forms for the conference are available at the Farmington Public Library on 12 Mile Rd. or the Farmington District Library on Farmington Rd.

Registration, including lunch, is \$4 until April 30, and \$5 to the day of the conference.



TOM McELROY and SUE MULLALLY get set for an active golf season at Top-of-the-Tea golf range that will be ready to go Tuesday, April 23. Lessons for every age group, beginning with

eight year olds, and for both men and women, are sponsored jointly by the golf range and the Farmington Community Center. Inquiries will be taken at the center, 477-8404.

New hours for calls

Effective Monday (April 22), the switchboard at all offices of The Observer & Eccentric in Oakland County will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Telephone numbers of the individual offices are as follows: Birmingham, 644-1100; Southfield-Farmington, 555-6644; Rochester, 651-7575.

Formerly, the switchboard hours were 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The new hours are the same as those for the Livonia office of The Observer & Eccentric. The phone number in Livonia is 261-8600.

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