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## Brief word

At North Farmington High School's homecoming, senior Julie Shephard reminds her brother, Robert, not to drop the crown he is bearing for the new queen. (Photographed by Craig Newman)

## Philosophy conflict ended YES program

The Farmington Youth Employment Service (YES) expired in June because of a difference in governmental philosophy, said Robert Deadman, Farmington city manager.

"The Farmington Hills City Council basically was the problem," Deadman said. "They felt the program wasn't worth the dollars expended on it and ultimately refused to continue funding it."

The YES program, pointed at the 14-through 21-year olds, faced an uphill fight all the way, he said.

"Evidently, there were some problems with funding a non-governmental agency," he said.

According to Deadman, it was actually a quasi-governmental agency because the federal government provided funds for the director under the Personnel Employment Program (PEP).

"It was basically a difference of philosophy between their council (Farmington Hills) and ours," he said.

"THEIR PHILOSOPHY... for the most part, is just to provide the essential services, although lately there has been a change," he said, citing cooperation on full-time garbage pickup, senior citizens programs and recreation.

The Youth Employment Service originated in the mind of Gerald Har-

rison, then executive secretary of the Board of Commerce.

As a concept, it was discussed by the city councils in 1971, but didn't become an actual program until Jan. 7, 1972.

The target of the project was fulfillment of the needs of the youth and college student, according to Deadman.

"It was aimed at helping the kids and the school situation, and thereby helping the family situation," he said.

"It was also aimed at trying to get high school dropouts some employment, and get them back interested in school, and to provide them with a little spending money."

THE POLICE departments were concerned that it would give youth a way to spend his energy in a productive manner rather than in a manner which might lead to delinquency, he said.

Although the program didn't replace the Cooperative Occupational Program (Coop) already in the school, it did operate in conjunction with it.

At the time of its demise, it is estimated that it had provided 750-800 jobs for area youth.

The duty of the director for the program was to find employers. Methods employed for this purpose were ads,

flyers, the Board of Commerce and direct contact with interested individuals.

George Majoros, Farmington Hills city manager, arrived in office in time to catch only a glimpse of the program's end.

"From what I understand, we already were involved in several different programs directed at youth," he said.

"The city (of Farmington Hills) was concerned that there was a duplication of staff, and that an umbrella agency might mean savings."

"AN AD HOC committee was charged with finding a mechanism to develop that. It couldn't do it."

"The main criticism was that a great deal of money was spent in comparison to the number of jobs that were obtained. I don't know that there's that big a demand for such an agency," he said. The ratio of cost to job obtained was not available.

Some of the slack for the program is being picked up by staff and counselors in the Farmington School District who volunteer their services to help find jobs, said Superintendent Marinus Van Arneyde.

The coop program is also offering to help, he said.

## Local building code approved by council

By JUDY OWEN

FARMINGTON—In an effort to retain what it believes is a strict building code, the city council has adopted five ordinances and proposed five amendments to regulate construction, plumbing, mechanical and electrical work done in one- and two-family residences.

Monday night's action is a result of the state's adoption of the Construction Code Act (Act 230 of 1972) which provides for the centralization of regulations which control building construction within the state.

The act requires municipalities to adopt either the state code or a nationally recognized model building code.

As state code has no provisions for local amendments, the city would be in the position to receive only those amendments adopted by the state.

By opting out of the state code, the city now has the limited right to adopt changes which are still subject to approval by the State Capital Construction Code Commission overseeing the act.

THE COUNCIL adopted the Build-

ing Officials Conference of America (BOCA) basic building code, one- and two-family dwelling code, national electrical code, BOCA basic plumbing code and BOCA basic mechanical code.

It then proposed a number of amendments to the codes to meet local needs.

Changes in the basic building code would:

- Require a permit or inspection for such building repairs as new roof, aluminum siding or major furnace work exceeding \$100.

- Not require the city to issue building permits on property which has already been condemned for public improvement.

- Create one fire district which would consist of all office, commercial and industrial-zoned districts where solid masonry construction would be required.

An amendment to the national electrical code would permit the city to set up a procedure to license electricians and contractors.

An amendment to the basic mechanical code would designate the City of

Detroit as the board of examiners for licensing contractors and their employees who work in heating and hot water systems.

THE COUNCIL also asked that the state include the Detroit gas and oil (See COUNCIL, next page)

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## Senior bus begins soon

A bus to take Farmington-area senior citizens to various shopping malls will be available Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Farmington Masonic Temple located at Grand River and Farmington roads.

The bus is scheduled to depart at 10 a.m. and arrive at the mall at 2 p.m. to gather the shoppers for the return trip.

According to Loretta Conway, trip

coordinator, the shopping will be unsupervised.

Similar trips are scheduled for Nov. 23 and Dec. 21.

## Group haunts old house

If you ever wondered what it was like to be really underground, or see a cemetery from the view of its inhabitants, the Farmington Jaycees are more than happy to provide the experience.

From Oct. 24 through Oct. 30, they are sponsoring a "haunted house," located on Orchard Lake Road north of Twelve Mile Road and across from the Old Orchard Theatre.

The hours are 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends.

The Jaycees are also sponsoring a "Name the Monster" contest. All entrants must be younger than 18 and the winner of the drawing will receive a 10-speed bicycle. Applications are available from the monster or may be picked up at the Farmington schools or the haunted house.

All proceeds from the house will go to the Burns awareness program.

The monster will be touring the Farmington-area schools the week before Halloween and will be at various shopping centers during the weekend.



Wolfman lurks behind corner in Jaycees haunted house. (Photographed by Harry Mauthe)

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