Hills man braves kayak journeys

Bill Merrifield describes a kayak enhusiast as one who is "a little bit on the crazy side and enjoys a thrill." The man could be describing him-self. Merrifield, 25, is the manager of the Pack Sack, 2679 Seminole, in Red-ford. He .has been in kayak com-retitions and harmal. the Pack Sack, 20579 Seminole, in Red-ford. He. has been in kayak com-petitions and braved the white waters of streams and rivers in the United States and Canada for three years. He says he became involved in the sport when he got bored with cance-ing. He gradually "got more and more daring" as time progressed and worked in to the tyrue of kayakin he

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daring as time progressed and worked up to the type of kayaking he does now. Merrifield, a Farmington Hills resident, resembles one who might be seen on Wide World of Sports. His face is rugged and bearded. His trim body sports muscles developed through regular weight lifting. He also runs and swims to keep in shape for the sport which begins as soon as the ice melts.

The most critical skill needed in safe

kayaking is balance, Merrifield says. It's important to keep the boat on a steady course while rocking it along. In addition, equal paddling on both sides of the boat keeps it moving.

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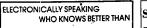
to trust one's instincts when kayaking. Although one should be cautious, when approaching a waterfall, he says, "If I think there's any chance for making it, I say—Go for it." I say-Go for it."

The thrills and the exercise are what

The thrills and the exercise are what attracts Merrifield to the sport, he says. A successful roll—a maneuver during which the paddler is submerged momentarily—adds to the excitement.

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What he calls his biggest achieve-ment came during a month-long expe-dition down a river in Quebec. He says he river has some of the biggest white waters outside of Colorado. He has only burt himself once during his travels. When attempting to ride own a 75-lot waterfall, he gashed his scalp just below his crash helmet.



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Samra attends conferences

Fred Samra of Farnington attended a three-day insurance seminar for the State Farm Insurance Co.

He has been with the company for more than 25 years. He is a namber of St. John ALC Church. He is also a member of South Oakland Life Underwriters Association and Farmington Eliks Lodge 1986. He and his wife Eva have three children.

McAlpine gains post

Janice McAlpine of 24905 Ivywood, Farm-ington Hills, has been named an officer in the Feminist Legal Services, University of Michigan. She is a student at the U-M law school.

The services are con-cerned with helping women with problems involving legal questions such as divorce, alimony

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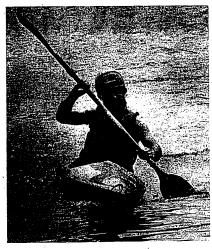


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Mrs. Finzel-Hovis wins promotion

Dorothy Finzel-Hovis, of Farm-ington Hills, has been appointed an assistant vice-president of the Grand River-Redford branch of Detroit Bank and Trust.

Mrs. Finzel-Hovis joined the bank in MTS. I INZEL-HOVE JOINED the Dank in 1945 as a proof operator and has been a teller, bookkeeping supervisor, head teller and branch manager with the firm. She was appointed to bank officer status in 1975 by the board of directors.

She is a member of the board of directors and second vice-president of the Zonta Club of Detroit.



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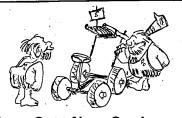




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Veterans, residents honor Memorial Day

Memorial Day will be observed in Farmington and Farmington Hills with the traditional parade sponsored by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This year's parade begins at 10 a.m., May 28. It will wind its way from the Grand River Drive-In to the war memorial behind the Masonic Temple on Grand River and Farmington Road.

Band music will be supplied by the Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison High School bands.

Representatives from all branches of the armed services will participate. An overhead guard consisting of one poor to be a service of the serv

IN ADDITION, the Farmington American Legion Post's Sons of the American Legion and the girls' junior auxiliary will march. The Farmington American Legion's

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The Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers will be represented in the ceremonies as well as the American Legion's Forty and Eight group. This year, there will be memorial awards given to participants. Each award was donated in honor of a Farmington area resident to the parade. The trophies were on display at the Farmington City Hall.

Farmington area city officials will mark an appearance in the parade Farmington City Mgr. Robert Deadman, Farmington Bills City Mgr. George Majorns, council members and mayors will be present.

Finance honor to Tomasko

Timothy V. Tomasko, senior at Western Michigan University, has gained membership in the Finanical Management Association of the National Honor Society. He lives in Farmington Hills.

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