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Political rifts set the pace during 1978

This is the third in a series on the events of 1978 in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

JULY

JAMES MCGILINCY, 48, was chosen by the Farmington Board of Education to replace Mervyn Ross as a trustee. McGilincy was chosen from a field of six applicants after being interviewed by trustees. Mrs. Helen Prutow was elected board president for the year and Michael Shipiece was elected vice president.

A \$4.5 MILLION business project neared completion at the Ten Mile and Grand River intersection in Farmington Hills. Included in the project was construction of a car dealership, two restaurants, an office and a warehouse. Also included was a new 109-room inn.

AFTER YEARS of discontent, the Farmington Hills Police Department experienced a major reshuffling by Police Director John Nichols. Promoted from lieutenants to inspectors were Mirl Spencer, to head the operations bureau; Richard Niemisto, to supervise the administrative and special services bureau; and Thomas Godwin to head the communication and record bureau.

The reorganization was Nichols' first move in revamping the department since he took over the year before.

FARMINGTON HILLS councilmembers and the city administration, led by city Manager George Majors, came into conflict over the hiring of Maureen Lowe, Neighborhood Improvement Program coordinator. Administration officials had neglected to inform a majority of city council members that Ms. Lowe had been subject of an investigation by the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

While some council members admit-

ted knowing of the fraud investigation, none knew that Majors was aware that Ms. Lowe was involved as far back as 1976.

Ms. Lowe resigned in the middle of July and the case was another incident which contributed to the eventual demise of Majors as city manager.

THE LOW INCOME housing project, in Farmington Hills turned controversial when members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Citizen Participation protested to city council over the plan.

In a heated council session, Massie Kurzeja, Ad Hoc committee member, accused the city of violating federal regulations by neglecting to inform residents where the proposed housing would be built.

This protest led to the program, calling for 100 units of low income housing, being voted down by a majority of the city council. It also planted the seed for recall of three city council members.

AUGUST

CITY MANAGER George Majors, of Farmington Hills, after a three-month-long battle to hang on to his job, lost it after the city council voted to let him go.

A 43 decision ousted Majors, a move that he vigorously protested. Majors' trouble with the seven-member council ballooned over the last three months. Problems erupted during budget time in May when the council voted a five per cent lid on salary increases for a limited list of employees, including Majors.

A few weeks later, Majors came into conflict with Farmington Observer Editor Steve Barnaby who claimed in a column that relations between the council and the administration were in a shambles because of Majors' leadership.

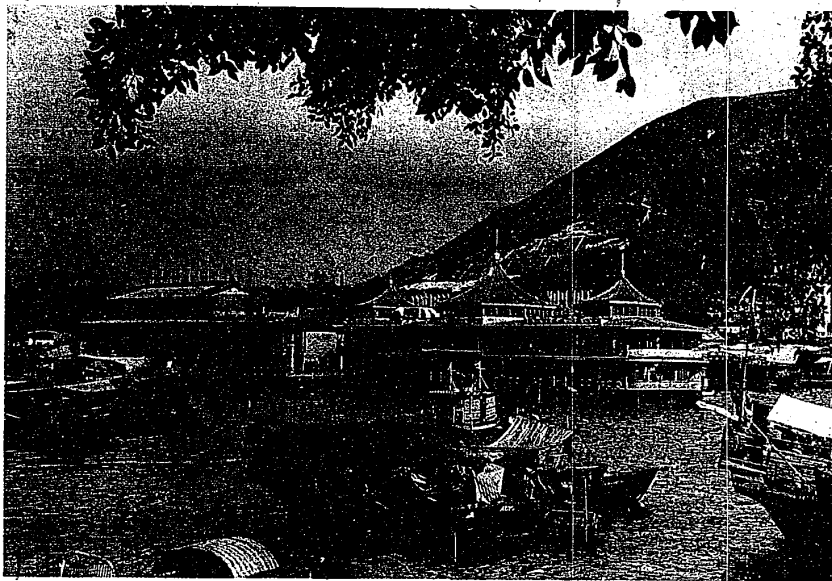
Majors also came into conflict with the Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters over the hiring of a woman involved in an Oakland County investigation.

Majors was the city's first city manager, taking the helm in 1973 after the city's incorporation.

CITY OF FARMINGTON officials were having only minor problems in selling a senior citizen housing concept to its residents. The council gave the green light to begin construction of the project in downtown Farmington.

The vote came after more than three hours of discussion with more than 300 residents who turned out for the public hearing on the site plan for the 163-unit project.

IN A MAJOR political upset, consumer activist Doug Ross beat incumbent 15th District State Senator Daniel Cooper in the Democratic primary. Cooper had become well-known as a powerhouse leader in Lansing, but many persons felt that he had lost touch with his constituents back home.



Hong Kong holiday

This inviting view of a Chinese sampan and floating restaurant is familiar to Hong Kong visitors like Observer & Eccentric photographer Art Emanuel.

who was there last summer. For more about Hong Kong and mainland China, see today's travel page (4B).

It's mind over matter

Psychic sees life with sixth sense

By DALE MICHELSON

Pushing aside the notepad on which she had been scribbling, the woman sighed and turned to the young man who had asked for a glimpse at his future.

Without hesitation she rattled off a few facts about his past—facts that only he was aware of—and then offered a brief summary of things to come. Later, headed back to his desk, the young man could only shake his head and mutter. "Amazing," he said, "just fantastic. Everything she said is true."

While the encounter was no doubt something of a bizarre experience for the young man, it was pretty routine for Jacqui Kendall, a parapsychologist currently employed by WXYZ radio in Southfield.

"People are more often than not quite amazed at just how accurate a psychic can be when it comes to seeing or feeling the past, present and future," Ms. Kendall said. "Most

people are skeptics and then all of a sudden they realize there is nothing phony involved. It can be quite shocking."

A practicing parapsychologist or psychic—for more than 30 years, Ms. Kendall admits that she has encountered far more skeptics than believers over the years.

But as far as Jacqui—as she is known on her radio programs—is concerned the skepticism is simple doubt, doubt of the unknown.

"Most people tend to doubt parapsychology because it's something they can't touch or see; they've never experienced it," Ms. Kendall said. "But then I ask them, 'can you see love?'"

A FRENCH-CANADIAN by birth and a graduate of McGill University in Montreal, Ms. Kendall said she first became aware of her psychic abilities at the age of three. "I remember telling my mother, who is also a psychic, that a certain aunt was coming over to visit," she explained.

"Well, my mother said no, that my aunt was working. But I could feel it, that she was coming over, and later she did."

Over the years she learned to master her ability. Today she is featured on three radio stations, including



JACQUI KENDALL

WXYZ, and writes a column for an area newspaper. Ms. Kendall, who at one time served as a novitiate nun and later worked as a professional fashion model, has also taught classes in parapsychology at Oakland Community College and Marygrove College.

Despite her uncanny ability to see into the past, present and future, Ms.

Kendall argues that her talent is not unique.

"Actually, it's a sixth sense," she said. "All of us possess this sixth sense to one degree or another. It's just something most people don't realize they have."

AS IF to drive home her point, Ms. Kendall asks, "Why do people say 'This house has a cold feeling,' or 'This home feels warm.' Why do we say that this person is green with envy or that a beautiful woman is gray under her makeup?"

According to Ms. Kendall, we're simply picking up energy vibrations that we are not quite sure how to interpret. Then again, she adds, there are different forms of parapsychology.

Some psychics, she says, are more adept in dealing with mind over matter parapsychology, others concentrate on chemical changes sparked by objects or people. Still other psychics concentrate on dream interpretation. Some, like Ms. Kendall, focus their attentions on energy vibrations and auras.

"Personally, I prefer never to give readings in large groups," she said. "I prefer to work with the individual or I'll pick up feelings from other people."

Despite the fact that parapsychology has been documented as a real science in recent years, skepticism persists. In time, says Ms. Kendall, psychics will take their place among recognized scientists.

"For years the Russians have been working in the science of parapsychology to improve communications," she said. "And I predict that within 20 years parapsychology will advance tremendously. And it will be used for the total betterment of all mankind."

DETAILING her prediction, Ms. Kendall says: (Continued on page 4B)

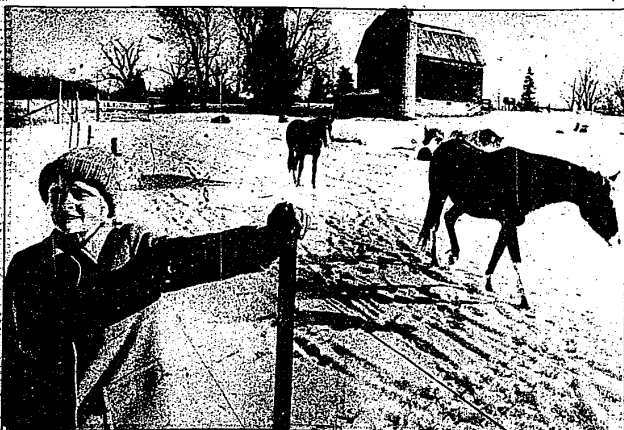
Red Cross needs blood

Contained in the human body is a system of blood vessels 70,000 miles long. That's more than two times the distance around the world.

Within the system, 12 pints of blood circulates continuously performing its life-giving functions. Many people find themselves in need of blood because of accidents, diseases or surgery.

Red Cross bloodmobiles will be at Botsford Hospital, 28650 Grand River, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today (Tuesday). Call 476-7800 during blood drive hours for an appointment.

The Red Cross bloodmobiles will also be at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, on Jan. 18 from 2 to 8 p.m. For an appointment, call 474-6170 during blood drive hours.



Down on the farm

Eleanor Spicer takes a stroll across the grounds of her 210-acre farm while a few of her horses roam free. A rustic winter scene from Michigan's northern wilds? Not quite. This country farm is at Farmington

Road and Ten Mile in Farmington. For more photos and related story, see page 3-A. (Photo by Karl Wellman)

Farmington posts agenda

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
23500 Liberty
8 p.m., Jan. 2

• Public hearing to review past community development programs.

Petitions and Communications

• Letter from Ms. Mary Lazaraton, president, West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters in reference to public safety officers' EMS training.

• Communication from Novi referring to resolution supporting Robert McConnell's appointment to the state highway commission.

• Memo from executive director of SEMCOG referring to funding for air quality planning.

Reports from city manager

• Annual inspection of class C liquor establishments.

• Establishment of construction board of appeals

• A-95 review: Resource recovery-energy conservation facility Oakland County Solid Waste Disposal Grant.

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WINTER RECREATION

If you're getting restless as the cold weather sets in, have no fear. Relief is right around the corner. The Farmington area libraries have plenty of activities to keep your mind active; just take a look on Page 2A. If you want some more mind exercises take a look at the schedule of evening classes at the Ten Mile Community School on Page 4A.