

Record cold caught in freeze frame



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The Farmington Hills Department of Public Services had its share of problems during the cold weather. A pile of sand that is used to spread on roads froze and had to be broken up with a front loader.



Another problem at the Hills Department of Public Services was a broken furnace in the main garage that houses the snow removal vehicles and repair facilities. Eric Manson prepares to start a portable heater while the men in the background install a gas line into the new furnace.



The force of the wind over the weekend rendered this street sign useless.



Unlike many schools in Oakland County, Oakland Community College was open for business on Monday, and students braved the bitter cold to attend classes.

INSIDE ANGLES

MORE THAN 30 persons were honored Monday night at Farmington Hills City Hall during the Sixth Annual Appreciation and Recognition Awards program. City Clerk Floyd Cates, affectionately known as "Mr. Farmington Hills," received a standing ovation from the public after he was recognized for 25 years of public service. Other city hall employees receiving recognition for years of service included Russell Conway (20 years), Albert Hawner (15 years), Charles Hoch, III, Aldrich, Roland Pfandner, William Weinrauch, Michael Hawley, Harold Howe, Dennis Hochford and Robert Johnson (all with 10 years of service); and Shirley Shottroff, Donald Menzies, Josephine Spencer and William Gearhart (five years). Boards and commission awards went to Anita Herman (commission on aging); Shirley Stadler and Fred Hughes (planning commission); Arlene Smolen, Jean Telford, Lincoln Avery, H. Merrill Buellman, and Dorothy Gordon (benefit commission); Emma Carlee, Robert Rowe, and Aileen Layland (historical commission); Shirley Monson (housing commission); Anne Struble (parks and recreation commission); Ann Whitmore Hathon and Edwin Oglesby (zoning board of appeals); Margaret Bolland (committee to increase voter participation); John Wald and Marcia Noone (pension committee) and Reginald Carey (industrial and economic development commission).

SUPER BOWL VISITORS trying to find a pizza at midnight, a hairdresser near their hotel, a bank that will cash an out-of-town check or baby-sitter services will get answers at 65 information booths set up for the special event by the Michigan Host Committee for the Super Bowl. Michigan Bell and the Bell System Yellow Pages have sponsored the printing of an inch-thick manual for out-of-towners. Part of the pregame festivities is a Winterfest Saturday, Jan. 23, at Pine Knob featuring the NFL Alumni Run, Past Super Bowl heroes and local participants will compete on a four-mile course. Expected to suit up are NFL alumni Earl Morrall, Ray Nitschke and Ray Mansfield. Runners can reserve a spot by calling Edward Kayloff at 544-9099.

HERE'S A HOUSEKEEPING HINT we can endorse. Ruth McDonald, who heads a program for displaced homemakers at the Oakland Community College's Womencenter, advises using candlelight in place of incandescent lighting in the home. "Use candles and dimmed-down light," she said. "You won't notice the dust or dirty floors. Plus, it saves energy and is very romantic."

KATHY AERNI of Farmington Hills would like to attend a series of lectures designed to help the working parent and organized by Farmington Youth Assistance. But she can't find a baby sitter. "Don't they know we can't get these without a baby sitter?" she pleaded. "I live in an area where there are no young baby sitters, and the grandmas who used to baby sit took the gerontology advice and are out doing their own thing now. Whatever that is, it isn't baby sitting." If local volunteers want to provide working parents a service, she said, a list of baby sitters would be welcomed.

FRANCES GIBSON of Farmington Hills has been re-elected secretary to the executive committee of the board of directors of the International Visitors Council of Metropolitan Detroit. A nonprofit organization with offices in Detroit's Renaissance Center, the International Visitors Council annually plays host to about 600 government-sponsored visitors from more than 80 countries, meeting their American counterparts in industry, education, the media and other fields. Mrs. Gibson has been with the group almost from its inception and has been a frequent host to numerous official visitors. She and her husband, Harold, a retired auto executive, were among the first American tourists to visit China when travel was reopened.

ALTERNATIVE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS for the elderly is the topic of an upcoming seminar at Madonna College in Livonia. Covering home care services, housing and institutionalization, the seminar meets from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. The sessions will be held in Room 144 (science lecture hall) of the Academic Building. Madonna College is located just west of the Levan exit on the I-96 expressway in Livonia. Participants in the seminar include Prof. Marianne Glazek, assistant director for aging and mental health at the college; Carol Harris of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority; Jessie Mayfield, director of social work at Mercy College; and Elaine Bray of Brightmoor Home Support Services of Detroit. For information on registration, contact the Gerontology Dept. at 591-5191 or 591-5000.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM BRODHEAD comes to the Farmington area from 10-12 a.m. Saturday Jan. 16, at the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty Street. He's met with members of the two communities every year since he was elected in 1974. A question and answer period will follow Brodhead's talk.

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