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Eatery denied hours

By Craig Plechura
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Residents living around the soon-to-open Ram's Horn restaurant in Farmington convinced city officials last week to enforce a 1 a.m. curfew at the site because it's in a residential area.

An ordinance which went into effect Dec. 28, 1981, in the city of Farmington states that "restaurants, ready-to-serve food establishments, drive-in restaurants and other similar businesses whose parking facilities are located within 150 feet of residential or multi-family district uses" can't be open between 1-5 a.m.

Ram's Horn owner Gus Kasapis of Livonia says the 18 other restaurants in the chain all operate on a 24-hour basis.

"We told the city council we put our reputation on the line with this restaurant," Kasapis said Friday. "We've been around 20 years. The bottom line is they decided against it."

Regardless of the council's decision to deny Kasapis' request for a change in the ordinance or an exemption, the restaurant owner says he plans to open for business before the month is over.

"It looks like the last weekend of September," Kasapis said. "We're still landscaping, we've got equipment to install, booths, and the parking lot needs repair — which is normal. It will be the prettiest restaurant in Farmington."

THE RESTAURANT'S opening in a site once occupied by the Arsenal and early Glass Onion restaurant and early Glass Onion restaurant and early

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Bud Bawden of the Farmington Department of Public Service helps clean up the accident site at Grand River and Mayfield where a youth and his father were injured Friday afternoon.

Midday car accident injures 2

A two-car collision that tipped one of the cars on its side and briefly trapped a young boy between the rear seat and the door occurred at 1:01 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Mayfield and Grand River in Farmington.

The two occupants of the overturned car, Narendra (Nick) Sheth and his young son, Samir, were treated for cuts at Botsford Hospital and released the same afternoon, according to hospital

spokesman Russ Tuttle.

Witnesses said Sheth made a left turn from the turning lane of west-bound Grand River at Mayfield, turning directly in front of a car driven by Claudia Wiseman, 27, of South Lyon. "He turned practically right on top of me," said a shaken Wiseman at the accident scene. "It was just instantaneous, there was no room to swerve out of his way."

The impact of the crash caused Sheth's late-model, burgundy Chevette to tip.

"As the car was going over, he stuck his hand out the window," said Joseph Grayson, owner of the Creative Car Care Center at the site of the accident. "I couldn't bear to look, I thought for sure that car would land on his arm."

Grayson and other witnesses turned the car upright and Grayson freed the boy's leg, which was jammed between the dented car door and the rear seat. The boy was traveling in the back seat and the point of impact was close to the front of the car on the passenger side. A seatbelt was fastened, Grayson said, but the boy was sitting on it.

No tickets were issued to either driver. Traffic was tied up for almost an hour before the disabled car and the accident debris were removed.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Builders backing Anderson

By M.B. Dillon Ward
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Key members of the construction industry have joined the state Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Michigan Political Action Committee in supporting John Anderson, Republican candidate for state Senate in the 15th District.

Democrat Jack Faxon, D-Detroit, is Anderson's opponent in the district, which includes Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Novi, Northville, Wixom, Oak Park, Huntington Woods and Ferndale.

Faxon is backed by the Michigan Education Association and the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

Anderson spoke Wednesday with Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, Republican candidate for attorney general, before members of the Builders Exchange, various contractors' groups and assorted politicians at Weiss Pollution Control Corp. in Novi.

The candidates' night was the idea of Tom Storey, associate managing director of the Metropolitan Detroit Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association.

"I wanted to develop a grass-roots movement within the business and construction industries for John Anderson. He is capable of working effectively with (Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard) Headlee, (Republican Lieutenant governor hopeful Justice Thomas) Brennan and Patterson," Storey said.

"I hope our efforts will convince businesses around the state to help him."

"John offers an excellent business background, a personable approach and the ability to communicate well."

Anderson was an executive with Jervis B. Webb, a Farmington Hills manufacturing corporation, before joining a prominent local law firm.

Faxon is president pro tem of the Senate and a strong supporter of funding the arts and education.

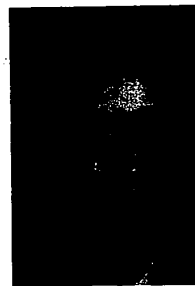
THE STATE REPUBLICAN Party in the next 10 days will examine Anderson's campaign and decide whether to target it for support.

The Senate Republican Caucus, comprised of 14 senators who lend assistance to selected candidates, is "monitoring" Anderson.

"Monitoring is as close as you can get without targeting a race," said Bruce Ashley of Sen. Robert Geake's office.

"Targeted races are those we feel we absolutely must win. We monitor the

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John Anderson

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Parents' bid to switch districts quashed

The Oakland Intermediate School Board has rejected a request from a group of Farmington Hills homeowners to be transferred from the Walled Lake to the Farmington Public School District.

The intermediate board voted unanimously (4-0) last Tuesday to deny the transfer petition from residents in Section 6 of the city of Farmington Hills.

The intermediate board's action was good news for the Walled Lake Schools,

which could have lost approximately \$193,000 in annual property tax revenues if the transfer had been approved. Section 6 of Farmington Hills is bounded by 14 and 13 Mile roads on the north and south and Halsted and Hagerty roads on the east and west. The section contains one square mile of property.

Although located within the corporate limits of the city of Farmington Hills, it is part of the Walled Lake School District.

James Deutchman, a representative of the Section 6 residents, has said the transfer request was in no way an indictment of the Walled Lake schools. The transfer request, he told the Walled Lake Board in July, was based primarily on geography.

"We simply feel our children would be better served on the basis of geographic considerations by attending the Farmington Public Schools," Deutchman said.

The request of the homeowners to be

transferred to the Farmington district met heavy opposition from Walled Lake officials, including administrators, school board members and the Walled Lake Education Association (WLEA).

The Walled Lake Board voted unanimously Aug. 9 to adopt a resolution submitted by Trustee Patricia Jackman in opposition to the proposed transfer. That resolution said that Walled Lake "does strongly and with

reason" oppose the transfer for the following reasons:

- the loss of Section 6 property tax revenues will greatly increase the financial difficulties of the Walled Lake School District;

- historically, the present boundary was established in a spirit of cooperation and compromise with the two districts involved and because Walled Lake wishes to support that mutually arrived-at decision;

- the Walled Lake Board of Education and its taxpayers have committed themselves and their resources to provide new facilities at Walled Lake Western and Maple Elementary so Walled Lake might be prepared to accommodate the children of Section 6 and their neighbors and because this commitment was made in good faith in the future growth of the area.

WLEA President Heidi Wilkins expressed the association's opposition to the transfer request. Noting that Section 6 has been platted for approximately 380 single-family homes and possibly more multiples, she said she would be able to sell more home sites if the property were located within the Farmington Hills school district.

Robert Cooper, president of the Walled Lake school board, told the intermediate board last Tuesday that the district believes in a spirit of cooperation, but that the transfer request, if approved, would harm residents of the Walled Lake school district through the loss of some \$193,000 in property tax revenues.

"We don't want to be hard-nosed, but in this case we felt the people of the Walled Lake School District would be harmed by approval of the transfer request," said Cooper.

school for a number of years with little turnover in the teaching ranks, she said.

Phyllis Litwak, sixth grade teacher at the school, said she picked up a picket sign after hearing name-calling by parents who comprise the school board.

"After all these years, we don't appreciate that type of thing — comments that we could be easily replaced."

School Board President Mel Friedman said before the strike was settled that some things said to teachers in the heat of the moment were regrettable. He agreed with the teachers' assessment of the school as a "family" and characterized the relationship between administrators and teachers as "a love-in."

Despite some words to the contrary, Friedman said there were no plans to permanently replace striking teachers with non-union replacements. However, there were plans to hire temporary replacements, he said, because "We just don't feel children should be made pawns of the contract."

THE ISSUE was avoided by negotiations that ended early Friday morning. By ratifying the contract on Friday, only one day of school was lost during the strike.

"The hangup basically concerned a one- or two-year contract," said Friedman. "The two-year contract was finally resolved and everybody is happy. . . . Everybody wanted to go back to work, and now there's love and harmony."

Hugh Jarvis, president of the Michigan Federation of Teachers, confirmed that a two-year, 2-percent contract had been reached with the school board but was unable to furnish other details, explaining that the chief negotiator, June Fieger, went to sleep after the early-morning bargaining session.

School starts today

Labor rift settled at Hillel school

By Craig Plechura
staff writer

It took hours of negotiations to nail down, but Hillel Hebrew Day School in Farmington Hills will open today after the settlement reached by the teachers union and the school board.

Classes were scheduled to begin on Friday with temporary replacements, but the start of school was postponed after the settlement to allow union teachers time to prepare for classes.

Bargaining between the two sides concluded at 3:15 a.m. Friday with a two-year pact containing a 2-percent increase.

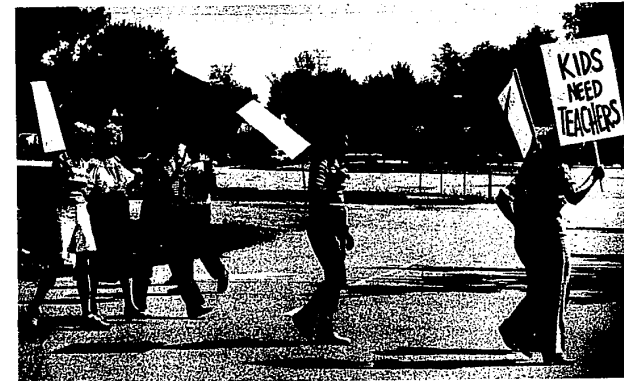
The school has an enrollment of 430 students in kindergarten through ninth grade. Classes are taught in English and Hebrew by 40 teachers. They are members of the Michigan Federation of Teachers, which affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

Pickets parading in front of the school entrance at 32200 Middlebelt engaged in heated exchanges with parents at the school.

While the official reason for the picket line was an impasse over the salary offer, teachers on the line indicated the biggest obstacle was the attitude school board members took toward teachers in negotiations.

"The actions of the school are in direct contrast to the values we're supposed to teach and have been teaching," said third-grade English teacher Marcia Filgman, who held a sign reading "Scabs are Scum." She said they teach values "like human dignity; a feeling of self-worth; a feeling of accomplishment for a job well done; a feeling of appreciation for a job well done."

SHEILA CHARLIP, president of the teacher's union and a first- and second-grade teacher at the school, said five of her own children attend the school. Most teachers have been with the



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

The picket lines came down at Hillel Day School Friday and students will be attending class today.