

# Library advocates fight for autonomy

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to provide those funds for the continued operation of the library," Deadman said.

But Gordon Lewis, library director and ardent supporter of reorganizing the board as an authority, said the board could become "a separate governmental entity rather than the product of the two cities."

A second major reason prompting the reorganization issue, Lewis said, is that with two municipal units now governing the library system, priorities at times are difficult to arrive at.

"Too many cooks spoil the stew," Lewis said.

Although revenue gleaned from an operating millage would be comparable to revenues the library now re-

ceives from the two cities, the library's income would be more stable with an operating millage, Lewis said.

"THE PRIORITIES are different sometimes between the two cities," Lewis said, adding that library funding at times fails to command a number one funding priority in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Currently, both cities allocate money each year for the library's operation, Lewis said. Although Farmington Mayor Alton Bennett said the library board is free to do what it wishes with the money, Lewis said the city councils check the budget before it's put into operation.

But Lewis said the central issue is that the city councils neglect spending a sufficient amount of time studying

the library's budget and priorities.

"Is a two-hour exam of the library budget once a year sufficient study of all the relationships of library policy?" Lewis asked.

Although still in the discussion stages, both city councils will make a final decision on the reorganization issue before a September deadline for putting issues on the November ballot.

## Video junkies compete for sake of charity

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degree of difficulty as in the Cobo Hall games. In addition, Putt 'n' Games will hold a special mini olympics beginning at 7 p.m. Friday.

Contestants who pre-register at Putt 'n' Games and participate in the mini olympics can save 50 percent on their entry fees for the Cobo Hall games.

"We chose to participate in this for two reasons," said Joe Arnold, general manager of Putt 'n' Games. "One, we wanted people to get to know about us. Two, we wanted to help a worthy charity."

Players can enter any of five individual-game events — Q\*Bert, Joust, Pole Position, Front Line or Super Pac Man — or any of three events which combine the individual games.

Putt 'n' Games' Arnold said he noticed no increase in business despite the upcoming olympics.

"Between the advertising and the \$500 we had to put into a klitty for the prizes, it's been pretty much of a let-down," he said. "I'm kind of disappointed."

"I guess what I thought would happen is that people would be coming in here to practice. There've been some, but we haven't been swamped or anything. Maybe I'll pick up as the week passes."

Arnold said he expected the contestants to vary in age from 10 to 30 years. "That's basically the age spread of our clientele," he said.

The olympics are sponsored by Video, which bills itself as "The magazine of video lunacy", and Bally, a games manufacturer.

## Gasoline thief could lose license

Stiffer penalties have been enacted for persons stealing gasoline from self-service stations by filling up their cars and driving off without paying.

Under a law effective April 1, these "drive-offs" will be subject to an added penalty of having his driver's license suspended for up to one year in addition to other penalties imposed for the offense.

This new law was supported and en-

couraged by the Michigan Petroleum Association, which represents 400 independent petroleum marketers throughout the state. Many of these petroleum marketers own and operate self-serve gasoline stations and have been plagued by drive-off thefts.

"With the threat of losing one's driver's license, we expect that the problem of gasoline theft at self-serve stations will diminish," said Thomas Cordeil, MPA executive director.

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