

## on the agenda

## Hills council will debate merits of new police station

Farmington Hills City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the city hall council chambers at the corner of Orchard Lake and 11 Mile roads. The following items are listed on council's agenda.

- A public hearing to consider a tax abatement for Controlled Precision Machinery Inc.
- Consideration of liquor license applications.
- Consideration of request to fill in a flood plain by Brooks & Layne Development Co. in Glen Oaks subdivision, Rayne Office Building.
- Naming the voting delegate for

the Michigan Municipal League annual convention on Sept. 28-30.

- Consideration of approving a consent judgment on Schmier vs. Farmington Hills. (Property on Middlebelt and 14 Mile).
- Scheduling an executive session to discuss pending litigation and the purchase of property.
- Consideration of approving an agreement with Villcan Leman and Associates Inc. for planning consultant services for Farmington Hills.
- Consideration of adopting an amended fee schedule for planning, board of appeals and the building department.

- Consideration of fire hydrant improvements.

- Consideration of approving vacation of Westfield Drive from 13 Mile Road top vicinity of Lot 179.
- Awarding of construction bids for storm sewers in Richland Gardens.
- Consideration of proceeding with the preliminary design plans for a new police station.
- Report on a meeting with Mercy Center representatives about the potential expansion of services for the aging.
- Awarding of bids for miscellaneous drainage improvements.



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Linda and Milton Weiss of Franklin, authors of a 74-page manual on how to live chemically free, explain their new book in their greenhouse where they grow organic vegetables. Mrs. Weiss

is wearing non-chemically treated cotton clothes, which she ordered from one of the stores she lists in the manual.

## Chemical-free existence essential for this woman

By Karen Hermes Smith  
staff writer

For a long time, Linda Weiss of Franklin suffered from symptoms for which conventional doctors couldn't find a cause — a drunken-like feeling, inability to cope, lethargy, trembling, burning sensation and sore throat.

She was prescribed nerve pills, which didn't help.

Finally, 2½ years ago, while on her honeymoon with her husband, Milton, Linda Weiss walked into a hotel and suffered from what she described as "system overload." She later learned the hotel had just been sprayed with pesticide.

In the weeks that followed, Mrs. Weiss read articles on people with chemical sensitivities and learned that what she suffered was an immune-system breakdown, brought on by several years exposure to chemicals, including four years in which she worked as a manicurist around hair sprays, dyes and other chemicals.

To combat her illness, she retreated to her house for 10 months and proceeded to make everything in it 100 percent chemical-free, in-

cluding her clothes and food. (She tore out brand-new carpeting and Formica counters, replacing them with chemically-free substitutes).

With the help of a clinical ecologist, Dr. Paula Davey of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Weiss is slowly rebuilding her immune system by staying away from chemicals. The number of her sensitivities to chemicals and foods (chemical sensitivities spread to food, she said) has drastically dropped and she's now able to go out of her home for limited periods of time.

NOW, IN A soft-cover manual she wrote with her husband, Mrs. Weiss tells other people how they too can make their environment chemically-free, or at least more chemically-free. She said it's geared for those who want to make their environment safer.

Mrs. Weiss decided to publish her book, "How to Live With the New 20th Century Illness — A Resource Guide for Living Chemically-Free," after discussing chemical sensitivities on WJBK-TV's "PM Magazine."

She received more than 500 phone calls after the program aired, she said. "I found that these people really needed help. I just felt there was

a need for it (the book)."

Printed with odor-free ink, the 74-page manual lists adverse chemicals, at-home and other tests to help readers determine which chemicals they are sensitive to and an extensive product guide for purchasing chemical-free goods from appliances and furniture to clothes and cosmetics.

The book also lists consultants such as attorneys who specialize in chemical-related lawsuits, the clinical ecologists in the United States, health food stores, electrically-heated motels, political actions that can be taken and helpful hints.

Mrs. Weiss said she's sold nearly all of the 200 copies she initially ordered and will soon be turning over the book to a publisher to keep up with demand.

ACCORDING TO Dr. Davey, who encouraged Mrs. Weiss to publish the manual and wrote the foreword, 50 percent of the population suffers from chemical sensitivities.

Once sensitive to petrochemicals, adverse reactions can spread to other chemicals and foods, Davey wrote in the forward.

## Car wash pay dispute ends in arrest of man

A Detroit man faces examination Wednesday before Judge Margaret Schaffer in Farmington's 47th District

Court on a charge of felonious assault stemming from an altercation at Jax Car Wash where he used to work.

Holloway was arraigned on the charge last Tuesday, a court source said.

Farmington police last week obtained a warrant for the arrest of John Holloway, 41, charging that he threatened another car wash employee with a knife in a dispute over wages on July 2.

Holloway, who was housed in the Farmington lockup before being transferred to the Oakland County Jail, could spend four years in jail and be fined up to \$2,000 if convicted.

## Farmington requests pedestrian signals

In mid-June the Farmington Public Safety Department found that in a nine-hour period, 392 pedestrians crossed Farmington Road and Alta Loma Intersection.

These results, coupled with four accidents in the last 3½ years and another 12 occurring within 400 feet of the intersection, has forced city officials to ask the Oakland County Road Commission to install pedestrian signals at the four corners.

"That more than warrants the need for pedestrian signalization," said City Manager Robert Deadman, regarding the public safety department's study of the intersection.

The pedestrian and accident report was given to county road commission officials who indicated the intersection would be included in the 1984 Federal Aid Traffic Signal Program, which relieves the city from paying for the signalization project, Deadman said. When the project is approved, he said, county officials will notify Farmington when the signals will be installed.

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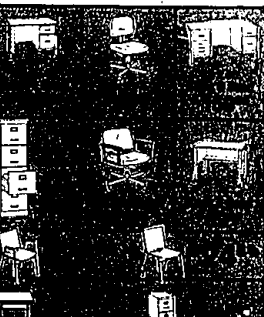
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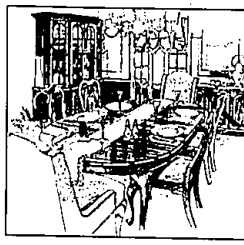
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