

Busy signal gives Hills a headache

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

If you're getting a busy signal too often when calling Farmington Hills City Hall, blame it on plenty of trunks and not enough loops.

In other words, your call is being received, but there isn't any way to answer the line. The calls are backing up. However, the solution to the back-up isn't available with the city's current telephone system.

But city officials are taking advantage of the recent break-up of American Telephone and Telegraph to determine whether Farmington Hills should buy its leased system, continue leasing or find another system that would be more appropriate.

"WE REALLY, really want to look at everything that is available, whether it's purchasing the existing system or something else on the market," said a Farmington Hills spokeswoman.

Meanwhile, Farmington officials took little time in deciding the city would save money by buying its existing system.

The break-up forced Michigan Bell to transfer ownership of telephone equipment to AT&T, which now allows

users to buy their equipment. But the lease rate for equipment is much higher through AT&T than was charged by Michigan Bell.

"AT&T offered us a discount if we buy the equipment that's now under lease," Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said. "They're trying to turn these leases into cash."

THAT'S HOW Farmington was able to buy its system for \$25,342. The bill includes \$17,439 to buy the lease and another \$7,903 to buy the telephone equipment, Deadman said.

Buying the equipment, rather than completing the remaining five years of the seven-year contract, allows the city to avoid paying the \$45,584 they would have paid by completing the lease, Deadman said.

In other words, the city saves 21 percent on future telephone service, even taking into account the \$194 a month Farmington will pay AT&T to service the system, Deadman said.

Under the lease agreement Farmington had with Michigan Bell, the city was paying \$821 a month for telephone equipment, he said.

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Far East comes alive



Ruth Klehm, right, a teacher at the Farmington Presbyterian Nursery School, believes her students should be able to share in her travels. So after returning from Japan, she put on a demonstration highlighting Japan's culture. Besides dressing in Japanese dress, she showed her students dolls, taught them a Japanese song, how to make a fan and how to say hello and good afternoon in Japanese. Looking on intently is Tim Kish.



RANDY BORSI/staff photographer

Library service threatens Walled Lake rating

By Patricia M. Bowling
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Walled Lake high schools could lose their North Central Association (NCA) accreditation, unless additional funds are funneled into library books and library personnel within a few weeks.

Inadequate funding for library and media-center materials resulted in the high schools being placed "on probation" last year.

Now, the probation period has ended.

Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western high schools are evaluated by the NCA every seven years. Instruction, counseling and media services, as well as facilities, are included

in the review. The process is completed when each school hosts an evaluation team of educators for a three-day, on-site evaluation.

Although the yearlong evaluation was launched in both high schools last week, Laurel Adler, librarian at Western, recently told the school board that the entire process could end abruptly unless dollars, promised for updating the media center, materialize very soon.

"Unless the money is available in the next few weeks, (the NCA evaluation) will be nothing but a study in futility. . . a shockingly wasteful expense," Adler told the board at its March 12 meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT Don Sheldon said he would recommend additional funding for the library at a special meeting tonight, when the board adopts 1983-84 budget revision. He proposes \$5,000 for each high-school library. In addition, each library is to receive funding for a full-time library secretary for the remainder of the school year. Both recommendations are attributable directly to the approval of a December tax-rate increase, Sheldon added.

The library allocations, totalling \$16,000, are part of a package of budget revisions to be considered. Assistant superintendent for business Russell Wright said the high school li-

brarians could begin ordering new books March 27, if the revised budget is approved by the board.

According to Adler, who has worked in the school district's high-school libraries for 25 years, Western's most recent encyclopedia is dated 1974. The most recent atlas is dated 1981.

"There are whole areas of knowledge our library does not even address," she added. For example, during the Iranian crisis in 1980, Western's library had one book on Iran, copyright 1965, she said.

For the past five years, Adler's budget allocation for library books has been \$250; for periodicals, \$90; and for audio-visual equipment, just over \$2,200.

The NCA minimum requirement for library expenditures is about \$6,750 for a school with an enrollment the size of Western's.

"The whole collection, in general, is antiquated," she said, adding that an estimated \$21,257 is needed to bring the library up to "minimum" standards again.

A LETTER from NCA officials in February informed the district its accreditation would be dropped by March 27 if the library-funding deficiencies were not addressed. Specifically, the NCA noted the lack of secretarial help in both high-school libraries. Five years ago the library staff consisted of two full-time aides, one secretary and

the librarian, Adler explained. Now, she is the only staff in the facility.

The NCA notification also identified inadequate media expenditures and the inadequate collection of materials as further deficiencies.

In his response to the NCA, Sheldon said the success of the December tax vote helped the district address each of the shortfalls cited. Sheldon told NCA officials his recommendation for needed library expenditures would come before the board March 12.

Adler said she began to doubt whether the administration was serious about the problem when she discovered the library recommendations were not on the board's March 12 agenda.

INSIDE ANGLES

Know someone doing something notable? Let us know. Write: Inside Angles, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024.

MORE THAN 1,000 distance runners are expected to compete in West Bloomfield's Half-Marathon, set for Sunday, April 15. All runners are welcome to join the race by registering with West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department, 554-5569.

NICK NAGRANT of Farmington Hills performed in the Spring Recital presented by the Madonna College music department March 25.

FARMINGTON-AREA JAYCEES will sponsor a Millionaire's Party April 7 from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt and Nine Mile. Advance tickets are \$10; at the door \$12. For further information, call 477-JCCS.

ALL MENTALLY AND emotionally handicapped persons and their families are invited to see "Sweet Charity" as guests of Mercy High School's music and drama departments at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29 in the school on 11 Mile and Middlebelt. The performance is only for the special guests and precedes opening night of the three-evening-run production. The guest performance is a regular feature of the school's shows. And so is the "no charge" for senior adults who ask for a senior ticket at the box office.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT students from the Farmington area had the opportunity to attend the meeting of The Economic Club of Detroit on March 12. The day's agenda included a panel discussion by presidents from four of the state's universities. The students attended the luncheon through the courtesy of Tom Jahneke, senior vice president of Hall Real Estate Group, Southfield. Students attending the meeting were: Jennifer Quigley of Farmington High School, Laura Mirkes, Adam Howard and Rick Pridemore of North Farmington High School; Mike Graf of Harrison High School; Jerry Allison, Farmington JA Center Manager, also attended.

MARK W. FERTIG, son of Rose Marie and Bill Fertig of Farmington Hills, achieved the second-place award in the chemistry division of the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit at Cobo Hall. His project, the heat efficiency of solar fluids, also received special commendation awards from Detroit Edison and the Department of the Navy. Mark is a 10th-grade student at Catholic Central High School.

THOMAS STEPHEN KERNS, son of Stephen and Linda Kerns of Farmington Hills, has received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Tom was a recent winner in the Michi-

gan Mathematics Prize Competition placing in the top 100 out of 23,000 students participating. He is a senior at Detroit Country Day School.

THE STUDENTS OF HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL will be putting on the play, "Bye Bye Birdie," Thursday and Friday, March 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. in Harrison High School, 29095 W. 12 Mile. The play stars Scott DeChant, Sal D'Agulio, Ruta Sepety, Todd Cherkasky and Laura Livingston. Tickets are \$3.50 and are sold on a first-come first-served basis.

IF YOU THINK you were sold a piece of merchandise through some kind of deception, you can file your complaints with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in Lansing, 373-1140. For information on any consumer topic, the Consumers Council Guideline takes calls, toll free, 1-800-293-5680, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

FARMINGTON DEMOCRATIC CLUB monthly meeting will be at 8 p.m., Thursday, March 29 in Bolstad Inn, Grand River and Eight Mile. Venise Smith, community affairs representative, Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA), will speak on the Future of Transportation in Oakland County. The public is invited. A special invitation is extended to all Farmington residents who participated in the March 17 Democratic presidential primary caucus.

BARBARA ANNE KRONE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Krone of Farmington Hills, has been elected membership chairman of Alpha Beta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority at the University of Michigan.

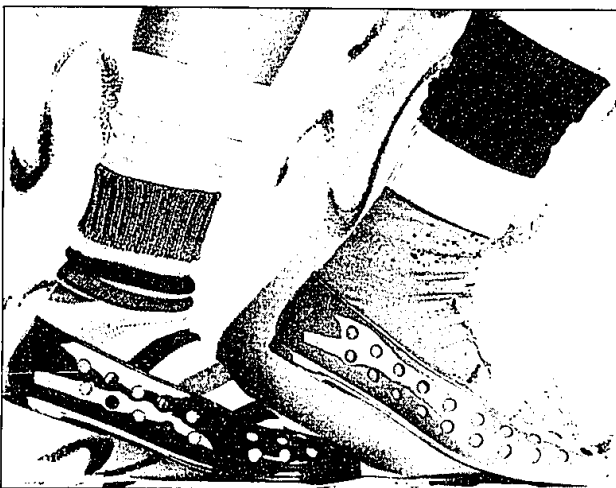
RICK MILHIZER of Farmington will be assistant football coach at New Mexico State University this fall. He has been assistant football coach at Farmington High School the past two seasons. Rick graduated from Farmington High School in 1977 and was voted Best Athlete. He played football as defensive back at Michigan State. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1982.

MICHAEL R. HOBART of Farmington Hills has been named to the dean's distinguished academic honor list at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

PAUL R. CULRIZZIAN, son of Mr. Otto Gurizian of Farmington Hills, has been named to the dean's list at GMI Engineering & Management Institute in Flint. Paul is a cooperative student with GM Materials Management Staff in Detroit.

JAMES ANDERSON, Paula Ann Gervasi and Maureen A. O'Connor of Farmington Hills have been named to the dean's list at Northwood Institute in Midland. To achieve dean's-list recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

LOTS OF SOCKS



LAYERED UP AND SCRUNCHED DOWN

Contrary to what Mother always said, do not pull your socks up. Let them slouch down low around your ankles. And wear more than just a pair at a time. Be creative now. Spring'll be so much more fun that way. Start with your basic knee socks. Add a cuffed ankle, 3.50; then, a bright striped pair, 4.50. Or pile on a paint-splattered ankle, 4.50; and a cuffed ankle, 3.25. From Hot Sox and Hudson's own brand. All in cotton/nylon. In the most amazing colors you've ever considered combining. In Hudson's Casual Hosiery, at all stores. Sorry, no phone orders.

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