

Tabernacle uses grease paint to spread word

By Sharon Dargy
staff writer

All the sanctuary's a stage at Brightmoor Tabernacle.

The Southfield church is among a growing number of evangelical congregations using greasepaint and props to spread the word.

"Many people who may not be involved in the church scene don't have a grasp of the contemporary nature of some of the things being done," said the Rev. Gary Hallberg, music minister. "A lot of churches are doing more and more drama. In many ways, the days of a straight choir on risers are gone."

Major Broadway-style productions

have supplanted the Sunday school morality play and Easter pageant. Truman Kelley, drama ministry director at the Anglican Episcopal Temple, Clares, said religious productions have become more sophisticated, rivaling community productions in technical presentation and professionalism.

"Audiences expect to see 'another little church play,' with everyone wearing bathrobes, towels on their heads and a lightbulb in the manger," Kelley noted. "Our audiences are always pleasantly surprised by what they see."

"There's a general revitalization in the (church) arts going on. There's still a lot of bathrobe Christian drama being done. But the view is changing. Our au-

diences expect a lot."

CLERGY and laypersons can learn more about church drama and music through a series of workshops, "Music Detroit '84," May 17-19 at Brightmoor, 26555 Franklin Road. Registration ranges from \$10 for workshops only to \$70 for the entire program, including handbooks and samples of music.

The seminar will include six workshops on the "nuts and bolts" of religious theater production, from casting to set construction. Participants also will get a chance to "test" new music through a series of song and reading sessions with representatives from publishing companies. Other topics in-

clude handbell choir, acoustics, vocal technique, organ registration, black gospel, children's choir and music programs for small churches.

The Winans, a Detroit quartet, will perform at 7:30 p.m. May 17. The concert also will include recording artist Stephanie Boush, Brian Usher and "Higher Power," pianist/composer Don Wynter and Thomas Whitfield Company. Brightmoor's choir will perform at 8 p.m. on May 18 and the All City Mass Choir at 5 p.m. on May 19.

Hallberg stressed the first "Music Detroit" workshops two years ago with an eye toward "existing musical church-ces" and bringing music ministers to-gether. The addition of drama

workshops, most of them taught by Kelley, is a major change in the agenda.

"Just as a church may have a musical number in its service, churches are doing skits," Hallberg said.

Productions, ranging from serious Biblical presentation to light-hearted satire also are staged by congregations for other churches. About 25 cast and crew members took Brightmoor's production, "A Touch Felt Round the World," on tour for the past two years. The full-scale musical tells the story of the Azusa street mission in Los Angeles and the founding of pentecostal church-es.

The show biz ministry isn't limited to large congregations. Smaller churches may not be equipped for musical re-sources but can integrate skits, dialogues and choir performance for dramatic presentation.

Both Kelley and Hallberg agree that religious drama has attained popularity at a local, but not national, level. Meanwhile, contemporary Christian concerts draw sell-out crowds for nationally known artists in Detroit.

"Because of the problems of theater, it tends to get more involved. It's harder for a traveling (drama) troupe," Hallberg explained.

He likened the popularity of Chris-tian drama to music to "Annie" com-peting with Mick Jagger.

"Even church kids still enjoy going to a gospel rock concert," he said.

But Kelley claims it's only a matter of time before Christian drama draws a national following.

"One of the main things that drama does is attract a lot of people who wouldn't otherwise go to church."

TRUEMAN'S FOUR-HOUR play, which told the Old Testament story of David, attracted some 8,000 viewers this year.

"Drama brings a life and immediate identification to a concept that a sermon or music doesn't necessarily do," Kelley explained. "You're able to reach a lot more people."

Salem works out agreement

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A new wrinkle in the Salem Mortgage bankruptcy case may help thousands of borrowers pay off loans and taxes and stall foreclosures on their homes.

Joseph Steingold, owner of the South-field firm, wants to invest \$6 million of his estate in computers and use profits from leasing the equipment to pay off Salem's debts.

The idea is part of a company reorgani-zation plan under consideration in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. It's separate from a proposed settlement, stemming from a class-action lawsuit against the firm, under consideration by U.S. Dis-trict Judge Robert DeMasco.

A group of attorneys who represent U.S. homeowners and are protesting the settlement, say they aren't ready to drop out of the lawsuit against the firm.

"If (reorganization) may have some affect on the lawsuit, which was brought by the attorney general on be-half of those who borrowed money, but I haven't seen it yet and can't com-ment," said Clark Cunningham, Michi-gan Legal Services attorney.

Steingold's plan would pay off debts in five levels, paying off one in full be-fore tackling another. Norman Orr, at-torney for the court-appointed trustee, said homeowners probably would be in-cluded in the third tier of payments.

"Homeowners would benefit on es-

crow funds that were paid into Salem but misappropriated. There would still be some hardship for whoever paid in the escrow funds," Orr noted.

He said the plan is somewhat vague because of the pending settlement.

CUNNINGHAM AND several other lawyers have objected to a proposed \$2.5-million settlement, which came after months of testimony in U.S. Bank-ruptcy Court and a state investigation into Salem's lending practices.

Attorney General Frank Kelley, who proposed the settlement, claimed that Steingold's firm bilked some \$12 mil-lion from customers by charging illegal interest rates and brokerage fees. Steingold, who has not been charged for criminal actions, would pay \$25,000 in fines and \$5,000 in court costs.

Cunningham said the settlement does not address the missing escrow money, provides little protection against fore-closure, gives "nothing" to 44 percent of the borrowers and "very little" to the rest.

The borrowers paid in good faith, and it was stolen. At minimum, they should be allowed to apply their cur-rent (mortgage) payments toward tax-es and receive a credit on their mort-gage," Cunningham said. "None of the five levels we're paying off have been fore-closed on. But a number are getting to the point of being in trouble because of taxes."

Under the proposed settlement, mortgage payments would be credited at the end of the loan. Cunningham

claims that's unfair to borrowers.

"Many of them are low income. Where are they going to get the tax money?"

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Ray Reynolds agrees borrowers and investors must approve the plan before it may be implemented.

Events liven campus

PUSH CAME TO TUG for students at Lawrence Institute of Technology, Southfield, during the college's annual open house this weekend.

On Saturday, members of LIT's fraternities and sororities competed in a series of offbeat events, all designed to decide campus supremacy.

A car push, water balloon toss, toilet bowl, chariot and tricycle races were held in parking lot "A" north of 10 Mile.

The students also competed in bed carrying, three-legged and suitcase races in the athletic area at 10 Mile and Northwestern. A tug-of-war across the Rouge River, south of the Engineering Building, capped the 4½-hour series.

Members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity dominated the competition, scoring victories in five events.

The chariot race was won by Sigma Phi team members Chris Jeffrey, Mike Joseph, Kevin Zelenka, Scott Evans, Mike Mackens, Paul Pietrzyk and Greg Keresi.

Winner of the bed race was Phi Kappa Upsilon. Team members were: Mike McKool, Tony McDaniel, Keith Bradley, Bill McCormick, Todd

Maciejewski, Mike Schwarz and Rob Jacobs.

Sigma Phi also won the toilet bowl race with team members Dan Zelenka, Carney, Chris Jeffrey, Mike Joseph, Kevin Zelenka, Scott Evans, Paul Pietrzyk and Greg Keresi.

Sigma Phi achieved its third win of the day in the tug-of-war competition. The winning team consisted of Richard Sayles, Daniel Charney, Scott Evans and Kevin Zelenka.

The water balloon toss was won by Scott Bellettri and Tim Frasier of Alpha Gamma Phi.

The winner of the suitcase race was Sigma Phi. Team members were Doug Christie, Jim Broski, Dave Marchese and Ken Gabriel.

The tricycle race was won by Phi Kappa's Mike McDaniel.

A 17-member team from Phi Kappa also shoved their way to first place in the car pushing competition.

And in the three-legged race, the victory went to Sigma Phi's Daniel Carney and Ken Zelenka.

Other events held in conjunction with the open house included a 10-kilometer foot race, a road rally, an alumni dinner dance, and competition in mathematics and "Architecture Trivial Pursuits."

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

An Annual Election will be held in Farmington Public School District on the 11th day of June, 1984.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the last day upon which unregistered persons may register in order to be able to vote at said election is

Monday, May 14, 1984
up to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time

Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector resides. Registration will be received during regular office hours Monday through Friday of each week. Farmington City residents may register at City Hall, 23500 Liberty Street, Farmington Hills residents may register at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, West Bloomfield Township residents may register at the West Bloomfield Township Hall, 4460 Orchard Lake Road.

Persons already registered upon the registration books of such city or township need not re-register.

Absentee ballots will be available at the Board of Education Offices, 33500 Shawwassee, until 5:00 P.M., Saturday, June 9, 1984.

Dated: March 13, 1984

EMMA MAKINEN
Secretary of Board of Education

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Farmington Hills
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018
(313) 474-6115

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about May 18, 1984 the above-named City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

Turfed Gardens Storm Drain, to install 215' of storm pipe in the Turf-beds Gardens Subdivision in Section 15, Farmington Hills, Oakland, Michi-gan

\$198,000

An Environmental Review Record regarding the within project has been made by the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County, which documents the environ-mental review of the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request.

The City of Farmington Hills will undertake the project described above with the funds the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has released to the City of Farmington Hills under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Farmington Hills is certifying to HUD that Farmington Hills and Lawrence C. Savage, in his official capacity as City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal-aid courts in any action brought to enforce compliance with the provisions of a re-quired covenant, finding, or stop applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of HUD. Funds will be made available to HUD, P. V. McKinnam, Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. The release of the funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after June 4, 1984 will be considered by HUD.

LAWRENCE C. SAVAGE, City Manager
City of Farmington Hills
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS SPECIAL MEETING May 7, 1984

Mayor Pro Tem Deane opened the special meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on May 7, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. Members present: Klumbach, Anderson, Dolan, Dufour, Gorman and Wolf. Absent: Williams. Also present: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns, Assistant City Manager Costick, Finance Director Rocco, Social Services Director Gaynor, Director of Public Services Bissell, City Engineer Kall; Police Chief Nichols and Fire Chief Karan.

Slide presentation was given by City Manager Savage depicting Capital Improvement Projects and cost elements of the program. Comments, questions and input from the public was heard.

The recommended 1984-85 budget was presented to the Council by City Manager. Saturday, May 19, 1984 at 12:00 o'clock noon was set for Council to review the proposed budgets of the major city departments.

Council agreed to an Executive Session immediately following the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

A. JANETTE DOLAN, Mayor Pro Tem
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Election of Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, will be held in said School District on Monday, June 11, 1984.

TAKES NOTICE, THEREFORE, that any qualified elector of said School District who is not already a registered elector of the said School District may register at the following place on the days and hours indicated:

PLACE: For those persons living within the School District and living within the City of Livonia:

Livonia City Hall
33001 Five Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan 48153

For those persons living within the School District and within the Town-ship of Redford:

Redford Township Hall
15145 Beech Road
Redford Township, Wayne County
Detroit, Michigan 48239

For those persons living within the School District and within the City of Farmington Hills:

Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018

DAYS AND HOURS:
Each day during the office hours until Monday, May 14, 1984, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. Persons planning to register should determine when the serv-ant municipal elections will be open for registration.

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION:
May 14, 1984, but not after 5:00 o'clock P.M. Local Time, on said date.

Persons registering after that time and date will not be eligible to vote at said Annual Election.

TAKES NOTICE, that those qualified electors who have not heretofore registered with the Clerk of the City or Township in which each elector resides need do so in be-fore the above deadline.

TAKES NOTICE, FURTHER, that there will be elected one (1) member of the Board of Education for a term of one (1) year. The candidates are:

Linda M. Albert

There will be elected two (2) members of the Board of Education for a term of four (4) years. The candidates are:

Michael T. Moore
Richard J. Ward
David S. White
George T. Roberts

By Order of the Board of Education
LORNE P. BRIDGEMAN, Secretary of
Clarenceville School District of
Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan
Redford, Michigan

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CITY OF FARMINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES AND TO REVIEW 1984-85 PROPOSED BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Farmington will hold a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 1984, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, on the proposed 1984 city tax levy and on the proposed 1984-85 city budget. Council will receive testimony and discuss additional 1984 city operating and debt service millage rates.

Last year (1983) the city levied 11.2300 mills (\$11.2300 per \$1,000 SEV) for city operation purposes and Charter limited debt service; 5100 mills (\$5.100 per \$1,000 SEV) for city unlimited debt services. Because of an estimated increase in the State Equalized Value of existing prop-erty in the city, state law (Act 5 of 1982) provides that the base tax rate for 1984 city operating taxes be reduced to 10.8493 mills (\$10.8493 per \$1,000 SEV). This is .3807 mills (\$.3807 per \$1,000 SAV) lower than the 1983 operat-ing tax rate.

The cost of providing essential services has increased over the previous year. These costs included increases in the cost of street lighting, fuel, telephone, employee health insurance and wages, as well as increases in many materials or services purchased by the city. Total city expenditures are estimated to increase by 5.9% in 1984-85 fiscal year.

For these and other reasons, in order to fund the proposed 1984-85 budget and to maintain essential services, the city finds it necessary to restore the reduction in the tax base rate for 1984. Further, the city proposes to in-crease the amount of millage levied for operation and Charter limited debt service from 11.2300 mills to 11.4040 mills and reduce the amount of mills levied for unlimited debt service from .5100 mills to .3360 mills. The adjustments in millage rate shall not increase the total millage levied by the city last year. The total pro-posed millage rate for both 1983-84 and 1984-85 fiscal years will be 11.74 mills (\$11.74 per \$1,000 SEV). This millage rate shall provide a 4.75% increase in the city operating property tax revenues. Individual property taxes may increase greater than or less than the es-timated averages.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Hearing on the proposed millage rate and on the pro-posed budget.

Summary of Proposed 1984-85 FY Budget follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	
Local Taxes	\$1,779,500
Intergovernmental Revenues	415,500
State Shared Revenues	553,500
Federal Shared Revenues	105,735
Transfers from Other Funds	379,181
Appropriation from Unappropriated Funds	197,244
Total General Fund Revenues	\$3,428,160
WATER & SEWER FUND REVENUES	
Water & Sewer Sales	\$1,128,900
Service Fees	20,000
Accidental Revenues	49,000
Transfers from Other Funds	54,200
Total Water & Sewer Fund Revenues	\$1,252,100
HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES	
Gas & Weight Taxes	\$ 248,000
Contracts & Grants	41,020
Transfers from Other Funds	48,420
Total Highway Fund Revenues	\$ 337,440
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS	\$5,017,600
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	
General Government	\$ 647,718
Public Safety	992,760
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING	
Public Safety Officers	\$6,822
Public Services	816,180
Police & Recreation	1,047,750
Library	1,047,750
Miscellaneous	1,047,750
Insurance, Plant & Equipment	489,185
Interest & Debt Service Transfers	1,047,750
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$5,017,600
WATER & SEWER FUND EXPENDITURES	
Operating & Maintenance	\$1,077,718
Capital Improvements	128,490
Debt Service	20,000
Total Water & Sewer Expenditures	\$1,226,208
HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES	
Operating & Maintenance	\$ 248,000
Capital Improvements	41,020
Debt Service	48,420
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	\$6,493,828

FORWARDED TO: BUREAU OF CITY CLERKS