

Council supports a city moratorium

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lar annual fees of \$50 to follow. The fees "are in line with other fees established by council for the operation of amusement or recreational-type businesses," Deadman said in his report.

The changes "give us the tools" to control potential problems with such businesses in Farmington, Deadman said. "These definitions are essential," City Attorney Robert Kelly added.

Further restrictions under the proposed ordinance limit business practices to therapeutic baths and massages for those 17 or older, re-

quire massages and masseurs to be 18 or older, and prohibit service to patrons of the opposite sex.

Exemptions to the ordinance include licensed medical practitioners, hospitals, dispensaries and beauty parlors performing facial massages, according to Deadman's report.

THE REGULATIONS were suggested to "assure the public safety and health of the community is protected," Deadman said.

"It's not the massage or manicure we're objecting to," Councilman Richard Tupper said. "It's the other activities related to it."

Boys State cash OK'd

Farmington City Council Monday approved sponsoring a Farmington High School student to the American Legion's 1986 Boy State program June 12-18 at Michigan State University in East Lansing at a cost of \$160.

Councilman Arnold Campbell will act as the city's liaison.

"The purpose of the program is to teach boys the process of our democratic government by actual participation," City Manager Robert Deadman said.

About 900 boys are expected to participate this year. Participants are chosen by local high schools and legion posts.

The Boys State program began in 1934 and became a national program in 1935. MSU has hosted the program in Michigan for 47 years.

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Blazing a path to improved reading

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PATH is an educational aid program promoted through Chicago-based World Book, Inc. with the help of such celebrities as Merle Olsen, a former pro football player/Rhodes scholar turned commentator.

"PARENTS NEED to be involved" with a student's education, and stress reading as a leisure activity, Hamlin said. She suggests parents set an example by reading and competing with the ever-growing problem of television viewing, which detracts from basic learning skills.

Children begin reading at different levels. Some enter an early education program and can read, while others have not yet begun, she said. "They don't have to be reading by five — they will read when they're ready."

The Flander's PATH program is used at the elementary level to help develop skills during the most formative ages.

"Eighty percent of a child's knowledge bases are formed by the third grade," Hamlin said. "The work becomes more difficult after that because the patterns are formed."

THE PROGRAM promotes not only the reading skill but the pleasure of reading. Students begin the program by contracting with a parent, defining the minutes per day and days per week they will read silently at home.

Each student selects the reading material, and charts progress on a PATH poster. The student's progress and commitment is kept on file at Flanders.

Reading pleasures, according to Hamlin, are a direct result of children learning to think for themselves.

What Hamlin calls "the fundamental" reading skills have become a problem for many so-called educated adults in this country.

The College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), which measure reading and mathematics skills, show an "unbroken decline" from 1963 to 1980, according to information from "A Nation at Risk," a report from the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

ACCORDING TO test results of reading, writing and comprehension skills, there are 23 million American adults who are considered illiterate

and unable to function well in today's society, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Flanders principal Frank Deleskey said he will keep the PATH program on-going for those students who wish to use it. Information packets are passed out at the beginning of each school year and for summer vacations as well.

Although Deleskey supports the effort and the program, he said enrollment has decreased since the program's inception. Only four or five contracts have been returned so far this year. "Maybe it gets old but for some of them," he said, adding he will continue the program for those who want it.

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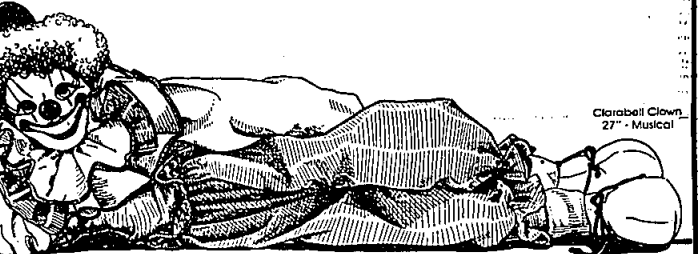
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