

# Bearish

## Teddy bears grab spotlight



First-grader Jeremy Roth's teddy bear not only was nearly kid-sized, but dressed for the season with a scarf.



First-grader Veronica Vail cuddles with her favorite teddy bear.

**D**URING A recent cold snap, students and staff at Kenbrook Elementary found warmth cuddling with their teddy bears.

All of the 385 students, and most of the staff, brought their bears to school for Teddy Bear Week, Feb. 3-7, when "every subject area revolved around bears," according to Carolyn Plsek, principal of the Farmington Public Schools elementary.

"Beary funny" jokes, bear clothing, art projects and science classes discussing types of bears and hibernation were all part of the week. Some classes made bear-shaped cookies, sandwiches, meatloafs and Jello molds to celebrate. "The purpose of the project was to use the bear theme for the school's monthly writing contest. All students developed short stories about 'my teddy bear' is special because..." The school's writing contest committee developed the theme.

Bears also received ribbons in individual classes for categories including the biggest bear and best-dressed bear. Plsek said. The week ended with the "Gathering of the Bears" Friday where students assembled in the gym, with their bears, to march in a teddy bear parade.

"We had a lovely response," she added. "If the kids didn't have a bear, the other kids brought two and shared one."

This is the first year a "teddy bear" theme was used, and Plsek said they would probably do it again next year.



AT LEFT: Michelle Pribe (foreground) and Hayley Alexman, both first graders, were among the 385 Kenbrook Elementary students taking part in the first Teddy Bear Week Feb. 3-7. The event proved such a hit, it likely will be held again next year.

Staff photos  
by  
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## obituaries

### FRED ARN

Mr. Arn, 69, of Florida, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 4. Survivors include his wife, Edna, and a son, Rick. Services were Feb. 9, cremation was in Venice, Florida.

### MAX R. TRUDEAU

Mr. Trudeau, 68, of Farmington died Feb. 6 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Mr. Trudeau was a truck driver. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; son, Paul; a daughter, Linda Sever; sisters, Emma Trudeau and Alice Jackson; four grandchildren. Services were Feb. 10 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl Campbell of Berean Baptist Church, Livonia, officiating. Burial was in Hamburg Cemetery, Hamburg, Mich. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at the church.

### SOPHIE HANOSH AMMAZ

Mrs. Ammaz, 89, of Farmington died Feb. 7 in Farmington Nursing Home. Born in Turkey, Mrs. Ammaz was a homemaker. She was a seamstress for the Red Cross and Goodwill Industries. Survivors include her son, Louis; daughters, Mabel Arvo and Rose Pugh; sisters, Jamilla Zako and Fahima Oltayir; brother, Charlie Hance; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Services were Feb. 10 at the Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home, with the Rev. Richard L. Parrott of the First Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to the League for the Handicapped.

### ALEXANDER S. DYMITRO

Mr. Dymitro, 67, of Farmington died Feb. 7 in Mount Carmel Hospital. Mr. Dymitro was a tool and die machine operator. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus 3880. Survivors include his wife, Shirley; sons, David and Robert; a daughter, Sandra Frigerio; sister, Mary Openshaw; eight grandchildren. Services were Feb. 10 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev.

Kean Cronin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

### GEORGE L. JOURDEN

Mr. Jourden, 73, of Livonia died Feb. 8 in New Port Richey, Fla.

Mr. Jourden was a machinist. He was a member of Ward Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian; sons, George and John; a daughter, Bonnie Galtman; brother, Lawrence; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 12 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Bartlett Hess officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

### CORENE M. McDONALD

Mrs. McDonald, 65, of Wixom, formerly of Farmington, died Feb. 8 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Farmington Township, Mrs. McDonald was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Carroll; son, Howard; daughters, Frances McDonald and Carol Lee Mons; brother, Jerry Kilroy; sisters, Jean Weigle and Helen Zukowski; four grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 11 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl Schultz officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

### CHARLES H. FOUST JR.

Mr. Foust, 45, of Detroit, formerly of Farmington, died Feb. 8.

Born in Hammond, Ind., Mr. Foust was an industrial arts teacher in Livonia. He was head reserve football coach, assistant varsity football coach, head girls softball coach, Livonia Education Association representative, representative assembly delegate, and supervised college students in the Association Teaching Program from Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University.

He was a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Lambda Chi Alpha, National Social Fraternity, Indiana State University Alumni Association, Michigan High School Coaches Association, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, Michigan Education Association, National Education Association, Livonia Education Association, Michigan Industrial Education Association and Michigan Vocational Technical Education Association.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; sons, Mike and Mark; a daughter, Cheryl; mother, Elda Foust; brother, Rev. Richard Foust.

Services were Feb. 12 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Paul Berche of Northwest Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Farmington Hills officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

## on the agenda

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Council Chambers  
31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 17

Council will consider adoption of a revised message regulation ordinance, as well as a schedule of accompanying fees.

A public hearing is scheduled to receive residents' comments on how the city's share of 1988 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money should be spent.

The enactment of an ordinance regarding the sale of property at the corner of Drake and Freedom roads to Baptist Manor is also expected.

Council will also consider the purchase of micro filming equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus for the fire department.

**Farmington City Council**  
Council Chambers  
23500 Liberty, Farmington  
8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 17

An ordinance, introduced at the last meeting, for the proposed Downtown Development Authority for Farmington is slated for further discussion and possible approval by council. In addition, the nine-member DDA board may be appointed.

Also considered by the council will be a new employee proposal for the community library, already approved by the Farmington Hills City Council.

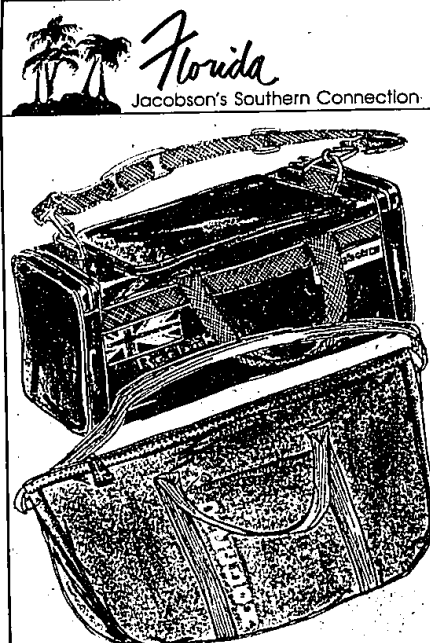
Renewal of Class C liquor licenses in Farmington will be discussed, an animal disposal agreement with the county considered, and a tree trimming contract is scheduled to be awarded.

A report on a six year capital improvement plan for Farmington is also slated for the agenda.

**Hills Planning Commission**  
Council Chambers  
31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20

Public hearings are scheduled on the following zoning requests: 1) On the east side of Orchard Lake, south of Rockshire Road from RA-2 to RA-4; 2) Northwest corner of 13 Mile and Halsted roads, 64 lots in RP-2 zoning; 3) south side of 14 Mile, between Halsted and Haggerty, 47 lots in RP-2 zoning; 4) Part of lots 43, 44, 45 and 46 supervisors plat No. 13, Osmus, between Eight Mile and Junction from RA-3 to RCE.

Planning commissioners will also consider zoning text amendments for: guarantee of improvements, sign ordinance, walls and berms, expressway service height limit, permitted uses subject to special condition in B-3 zoning district, off-street parking requirement for nursery schools, dumpsters, satellite reception antennas, and setbacks for RC districts.



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