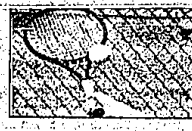


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IT'S a game for children ages 4-12. But its sale will help the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, a non-profit organization founded by John and Revere Walsh, parents of 6-year-old Adam Walsh, whose abduction and murder was chronicled in the TV special, "Adam."

K mart, which has stores in both Farmington and Farmington Hills, is the first retailer to carry "The Child Awareness Game." "We're not just dealing with abduction here—we're teaching children to recognize their rights in relation to adults that they know," said John Walsh, who has spent five years changing laws and policies regarding child abductions and molestations.

One dollar per sale of each game, which retails for \$12.88, will go to the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, a primary source of information for parents who want to know how to better protect their children.

April is National Child Safety Awareness Month.

CRABBING the spotlight.

Beth Miller, a 1984 North Farmington High School graduate, was selected first runner-up in the Miss EMU Contest at Eastern Michigan University.

She was honored on the basis of her poise, personality, academic record and school spirit. The sophomore is majoring in early elementary education.

THE accent's on poetry.

Farmington Hills resident Marvin Reinhold recently published a 50-page book of poems, "Prisms & Proisms, Vol. 1."

The illustrated paperback is about love, life, family, nature, laughter and suffering, said the Kirby Street resident. The book is available at Jerry's Book Store, Farmington Hills.

WHAT does the future hold for Dennis Shields?

It could hold big money. The Farmington Hills resident will appear on the "Wheel of Fortune" Friday, April 25. He was chosen from among 1,000 who auditioned in Detroit as part of a nationwide contestant search.

"Wheel of Fortune" airs weeknights at 7:30 p.m. on WDIV-TV, Channel 4.

REMINDER:

Classes resume today in all four local school districts: Farmington, Clawsonville, West Bloomfield and Walled Lake.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — A total of \$3,545 was reported stolen in an unarmed robbery Tuesday of the Comerica Bank at 31500 17 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

She's at work on the road

people

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

Farmington Hills Police Officer Nancy Summers had to prove herself — just like her male counterparts.

"I've been told on different occasions our male officers have no problem with me responding as a backup, if one is needed. They know I'll fight, if necessary, even though it's not one of my favorite things," says Summers, a police officer for 5 1/2 years.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer calls Summers — the longest-serving of the city's two women on a road patrol force of 40 — "highly motivated, dedicated and well respected by all members of this department."

As a testament to her professionalism, Summers twice has been selected a department training officer — assigned to training new recruits. She also has received commendation letters from both the department and the public.

But make no mistake: being a woman has put her on the spot.

"A lot of men refuse to take traffic tickets from me," she said. "They insist I can't give them a ticket because I'm a female. But I assure them I can ticket them — and I do. If they become disorderly, I'll arrest them."

WOMEN CAN present a problem, too. "The majority of female shoppers or women at disturbances will fight, struggle and kick," Summers said.

Even though she has been drawn into several fights, Summers has never been seriously injured.

And even though she has never had to use her gun, she said she "wouldn't hesitate if the situation called for that."

Summers, 29, is married to Craig Summers, a Farmington Hills detective. But they don't make it a habit of sharing war stories.

"I realize what time we see of each other is special and we



RANDY BOSTR/staff photographer

Helping stranded motorists is among the many aid-oriented services provided by Nancy Summers, a Farmington Hills road patrol officer.

'You could be going to a family fight, not knowing what you're getting involved in; then could be going to find a cat or get a baby out of a locked car. Sometimes, by the end of the day, it's just exhausting psychologically.'

— Nancy Summers
police officer

don't want to talk about work," Summers said. "Sometimes, we may mention work, but just in casual conversation."

Working 3-11 p.m. much of the time has meant the loss of some friendships. Says Nancy: "I've lost contact with many people who work 9 to 5, Monday through Friday."

JUST BEING police officers also has cost the Summers friend-

ships. "We stopped hearing from some people as soon as they found out what our occupations were," Nancy said.

"You realize who your true friends are once you've been in the job awhile," she added.

For a patrol officer, no two work days are alike. "You could be going to a family fight, not knowing what you're getting in-

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City's office growth offers debate fodder

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Oakland University professor and financial strategist Robert Kleiman predicts Farmington Hills office space will be overbuilt by the end of the year.

In addition, numerous rental incentives will be needed to entice companies to the area in 1987, he said.

"That feeling is shared by many," said Robert Moon, a major Hills real estate broker. "We're certainly heading in that direction, although it's not obvious."

Although the real estate brokerage business is good, Moon said, "that's not to say we'll get away unscathed."

TWO AREA developments stand empty, Moon said, and lease incentives are already being offered in several markets. He is confident, however, the market will stay healthy and overbuilding will not balloon into an uncontrollable problem.

Both Kleiman and Moon see the growth as positive.

"We are witnessing a "once-in-a-decade phenomenon," Kleiman added, speaking of the Oakland County building boom, which is increasing as declining interest rates cause developers to buy up prime land and build.

"Developers shied away from building during the recession," he said. "We've played catch-up during the past year."

"IT'S AN interesting phenomenon to watch," said Moon, president of the four-year-old Morris & Moon Real Estate Group of Bingham Farms.

His company markets space in numerous buildings throughout Farmington Hills and other suburban areas.

Free rent, rent abatements, and building improvement incentives are negotiated into current lease arrangements, as companies compete to fill buildings.

"Many times, incentives are offered in a healthy market to get a particular tenant," he added.

THE BOOM began "as we came out of the last recessionary cycle in 1984," Moon said. "The auto indus-

'Developers shied away from building during the recession. We've played catch-up during the past year.'

— Robert Kleiman
financial strategist

try, which was our nemesis, became our strong point. As we came out (of the recession), everything radiated around it."

Kleiman compares rapid local growth with the Houston boom, and subsequent bust of the economy, several years ago. He does not believe, however, that Farmington Hills Southfield and the surrounding communities will follow the same, destructive path. "There will be some overbuilding and some (rental) con-

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Patrols boosted

To help discourage unruly young people from congregating at public places, Farmington Hills Police have stepped up night-time patrols in both marked and unmarked cars.

Patrols will be sporadic throughout the week, but heaviest on weekends, particularly along Orchard Lake Road, Tully Hall will be a high priority, said Deputy Chief Mirl Spencer of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

"We've received complaints of large groups of kids gathering, and using profanity, fighting, blocking the way for people — generally just being disorderly," Spencer said.

Spencer warns lawbreakers that officers won't hesitate to strictly enforce the law by issuing tickets and making arrests.

"We hope young people understand this," he said.

The congregants range in age from mid-teens to early 20s and come from both West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills. "They appear to be members of rival gangs," Spencer said.

Puzzling questions

Dad probing son's death at ski resort

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

North Farmington High School graduate Brian Kalich was characterized by his father as an avid skier, fell off a cliff in his death while vacationing at a ski resort at Kaprun, Austria.

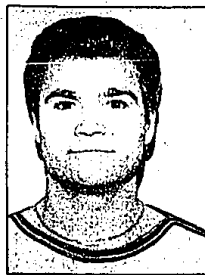
According to the American Consulate General in Salzburg, the autopsy performed March 25 by the Forensic Department of Salzburg showed the 26-year-old died of exposure to cold in a canyon in the Kesselfall area at Kaprun.

But the victim's father, William, isn't satisfied with the official cause of death.

"The State Department told us Brian went off a 300-foot cliff, but how he died depends on how he hit and how steep the cliff was. I don't know the answers to either," said Kalich, a television equipment salesman.

"We haven't gotten a copy of the autopsy report or of the police report. We haven't gotten a lot of answers. Something doesn't sit well. I'll bother me until I find out what happened — until I get more answers," he added.

THE POLICE report will be avail-



Brian Kalich was characterized by his father, William, as an excellent skier.

able through the Salzburg state prosecutor in mid-April, after a meteorological report describing snow conditions at the time of Brian's death is completed, according to the Consulate General's cablegram.

According to the cablegram, the Zell Am See Police said Brian was seen in his hotel March 17 and later that afternoon as he headed toward a

restricted area on the ski slopes of the Kitzsteinhorn.

"The area was considered unsafe because of the threat of avalanches and the many dangerous cliffs in the area," the cablegram reads.

A 10-year veteran of the slopes, Brian was an excellent skier. "He was a strong, young fellow. Why would he go in a restricted area and jeopardize his life?" his father asked.

Although Brian had vacationed at major ski resorts in Colorado, Vermont and Canada, the Austrian trip marked his first excursion abroad.

EVEN THOUGH Brian was part of a tour group, no one saw him go over the cliff, his father said he was told.

Brian wasn't reported missing for five days — until March 22, when the tour group started to board the bus for the airport, Kalich said.

Calling the circumstances surrounding his son's death "still a mystery," Kalich said he wants to know if the trail Brian followed to his death was properly marked in English. He also wants to know if Brian was told about the restricted area. Equally troublesome is why it took five days for Brian to be report-

ed missing, Kalich said.

One reason why it might have taken so long to report him missing was because Brian had informed the tour leader he planned to visit Salzburg and Munich for a few days, according to the Consulate General's cablegram.

BORN IN Detroit, Brian moved to Farmington Hills with his family in 1968. After graduation from North Farmington, he earned an associate degree in business from Oakland Community College.

For the past five years, he operated Seal Coaters of America out of his family's Farmington Hills home. He also operated a snow plowing business.

A former Farmington Observer carrier, Brian enjoyed water skiing and golf. He had just started to study karate.

"Brian liked all sports," his father said. "Growing up, he played Little League football and baseball here in Farmington."

Calling his son family oriented, Kalich said: "This will be a tough loss. We were very close."

The family suggests sending memorial contributions to the Sarah Fisher Home for Children, 27400 12 Mile, Farmington Hills 48018.

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