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PARK'S closed.
There's a two-fold reason Farmington's Shilawsee Park is temporarily closed, said City Manager Robert Deadman. The city is trying to get newly planted grass to grow and it wants to keep residents safe from on-going construction work.

The park will reopen Saturday, May 17, or sooner, depending on completion and how quickly the grass grows, Deadman said.

TAKING part.
Farmington's Duckel and Power middle schools will participate in a University of Michigan study to develop methods of helping students achieve basic literacy. Gifted Department coordinator Connie Mason and principals Don Keen and Bob Brown will coordinate the study locally, in conjunction with the university's Bureau of Accreditation and School Improvement Studies.

BATTER UP!
The annual South Farmington Baseball Little League parade will take to the road Saturday, May 17, by permission of the Farmington City Council. The Little League lineup will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Farmington and Grand River and proceed to Shilawsee Park.

Opening Day festivities for the group will begin at 10 a.m. the same day at Farmington City Hall.

CALLING all senior citizen watchers.

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, in cooperation with the Michigan State Fair, is accepting entries for its Senior Citizen of the Year Awards competition. Two awards will be offered, one for services, the other for leadership. Winners will be honored Monday, Aug. 25, at the Star Fair.

Send nominations to the Public Information Section, OSA, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing 48909. The deadline to submit nominations is July 25. Anyone 60 or older is eligible to be nominated.

SHE'S reapointed. Farmington City Council has reapointed Cable Access Committee member Jeanne Liming of Farmington to another three-year term.

NORTH Farmington High School will benefit from all purchases made at the Great Scott, Orchard Lake and 13 Mile roads, Thursday, May 15. Five percent of all sales will be earmarked for North's sports, music, drama, academic and co-curricular programs. North students will offer free grocery cartout.

The North Farmington High School Booster Club is sponsoring the fund-raiser.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Both sides say they got what they wanted in a new two-year contract between the Farmington Public Schools and the Farmington Education Association.

"I think this is the most win-win contract we have ever achieved," said Zan Alley, FEA executive director.

Proposed library budget pared

By Joanne Maliszowski
staff writer

Money.
That was the significant reason Farmington and Farmington Hills city managers pared the proposed 1986-87 Farmington Community Library budget.

"We're trying to balance our city budgets. It (the budget request) was just too high a percentage," Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick said.

The library budget is one of six agency budgets funded jointly by Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Both city councils have met to discuss proposed budgets for the 47th District Court, Farmington Area Commission on Aging, Farmington Area Arts Commission and Farmington Area Advisory Council.

Of the six budgets, the library and district court are the largest. Farm-

ington and Farmington Hills finance the majority of both the library and court budgets.

Although the proposed library budget was perhaps the most debated of the six, Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said, "There's always room in these budgets for a

difference of opinion."

LIBRARY DIRECTOR Beverly Papal originally requested a budget of \$1,722,071. But Costick and Deadman trimmed it 2 percent (or \$50,000) to \$1,686,071.

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She's at peace at home or at work

By Casey Hans
staff writer

It was 4:30 a.m., and Bev Papal was already busy at work preparing for an early-morning business meeting.

She looked out at an acre surrounded by woods and wildlife. Fifty pounds of birdseed each week feeds the mallards, pheasants, rabbits and occasional opossum and raccoons that frequent her back yard.

Enjoying her private Bloomfield Township home is a bit of peacefulness Papal shares with her family — husband, Joe, and baby Beaucoup de Chat. It's also a treasured time to spend either in the garden, or with a personal home library of intrigue novels, political biographies and historical novels she reads "for escapism."

"I like to relax," said the 36-year-old Texas panhandle native, who now calls Michigan her home, "but I don't think I've ever worked an eight-hour day."

THE PERSONAL moments are cherished ones for the Farmington Community Library director, who normally spends 50-60 hours per week in her position based at the Farmington Hills library on 12 Mile Road.

Papal reached an important life goal when she was selected as permanent library director last July — "to be a library director by the time I reach 35."

Papal takes an attitude of creativity and participatory management in running both the 12 Mile library and the smaller one in downtown Farmington.



Beverly Papal became acting library director last May. She later was named library director.

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"I don't believe in elitism," she said. "Whenever there's a job to be done, whoever is there does the job," she said.

Papal was named Outstanding Young Librarian of Michigan in 1975 and was also recognized in 1983 in Outstanding Young Women in America.

Just as Papal doesn't believe "a library can stay within four walls," she expands her lifestyle and blends it into her community position.

"It's almost as though we hawk our wares to anyone who will listen," she said. It appears that Pa-

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papal's presence and leadership in the Farmington and Farmington Hills communities has a lot of people listening.

SHE WORKS to bring the community library system into the spotlight, following a time of turbulence when a majority of the employees left.

"The creativity has paid off,"

she added. "I tell my staff they are limited by their own creativity. They have the latitude to develop their own type of programming."

She developed her management theory over years of training and working in various library positions.

Although already accepted with a fellowship into the graduate library school at the University of

Oklahoma in 1972, she took a risk and applied for a fellowship in library science and gerontology at Wayne State University and was accepted, earning a master's degree in library science with a Specialist in Aging Certification.

The schooling led her to a home in Michigan and to a position as head of the extension department of Oakland County Subregional Library for six years. She also gained experience in Farmington as coordinator of adult services and branch head, as assistant director at the Farmington branch and, finally, as acting director from May 1985 until she was selected as permanent director.

A one-year break in her library career in 1974, while she did freelance consulting, left Papal re-

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Taking shape

Renovated school to be home to seniors



Residents should be able to move into the new American House on Middlebelt this summer, according to the manager.

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Residents will move in and find there is no room — or time — for their loneliness.

This is Barbara Lipkowitz's wish for new residents of the American House Retirement Residence — a new, private facility on Middlebelt, north of 10 Mile, in Farmington Hills — when it opens for business next month. The facility will be ready for occupancy in August.

Formerly a Farmington elementary school, the building's wide halls and sturdy structure made it conducive for the retirement residence renovation, the American House manager said.

Her current residents at the American House in Rochester Hills, near South Boulevard and Adams Road, enjoy their lifestyle for a number of reasons, she said.

"The biggest problem of the older population is loneliness," she explained. "That's what I try to combat first. It's because of these special people we have a place to come to work every day."

A WEST BLOOMFIELD Township resident, Lipkowitz will be the new manager of the Farmington-area facility upon its completion

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next month. She will end her stay in Rochester Hills — also a renovated elementary school where she has worked since last July — sometime in June. There are two American House school renovation facilities in Rochester Hills. Another is being completed in Dearborn Heights. J. Robert Gillette of Bloomfield Hills owns eight American House retirement complexes in the Detroit area. Others are in Westland, Royal Oak and Lincoln Park.

The 61-room Farmington Hills facility is expected to draw residents not only from the Farmington area,

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