

Observer wins state honors

Paper earns 3 awards

The Farmington Observer won three awards, including a second place for local news reporting, in the Michigan Press Association 1986 Newspaper Contest.

Reporter Joanne Maliszewski's series of stories chronicling the continuing Oriental health spa investigation in Farmington Hills earned the second-place award in local news reporting among weekly newspapers in its circulation class.

Sports editor Chris McCoskey earned a third-place award for sports coverage. The Observer received an honorable mention for use of graphics.

The Farmington Hills Police Department Special Patrol Operational Team's six-week-long, undercover investigation of five Oriental health spas resulted in the arrest of 16 Asian women and one Asian man on soliciting-related charges. All 17 either pleaded no contest or were convicted at jury trials. One is appealing her conviction.

"Joanne Maliszewski's series was thorough and covered angles that

others would've missed. It also raised some unsettling questions," said the judges.

KANSAS PRESS Association members judged the contest.

Editor Robert Sklar hailed Maliszewski's effort as a prime example of the kind of in-depth local news reporting the Observer hopes to do more of.

"The Farmington area is no longer a quiet suburban community. It's situated smack in the path of one of metro Detroit's hottest real estate markets," Sklar said.

"That relentless development has brought with it more discerning readers — readers who want to know the 'why' and the 'how' as well as the 'what.'"

Several Observer & Eccentric Newspapers were honored in the contest.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Ec-

centric received a general excellence plaque as the best weekly newspaper in the state in its circulation class. The plaque is the highest professional honor for Michigan weekly and daily newspapers.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric also won a first-place award for use of color and for lifestyle section. It won a second-place award for sports coverage and third place for editorial pages.

The Troy Eccentric finished runner-up to the Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric in general excellence competition. It also won two first-place awards — local news reporting and sports coverage.

THE REDFORD Observer received a first-place award for best feature picture.

All O&E papers compete in Class A, the highest weekly circulation class. Hand-lettered certificates

were presented to all award winners.

Other general excellence plaques went to the Detroit Free Press, the Port Huron Times Herald, The Sturgis Journal, the Novi News and the South Lyon Herald.

The Novi News and the South Lyon Herald are part of the Silgar/Livingston Newspapers, a division of O&E's corporate parent, Suburban Communications Corp.

Contest judges awarded 300 certificates of excellence to daily and weekly newspapers throughout the state. They considered 1,562 entries from 81 weekly and 44 daily newspapers.

Announcement of the winners was in conjunction with National Newspaper Week, Oct. 5-11. The week's theme is "A Free Press Serves A Free People."


National Newspaper Week is a time when a concentrated effort is made to stress the community service role of newspapers and the relationship between personal freedom and a free press.

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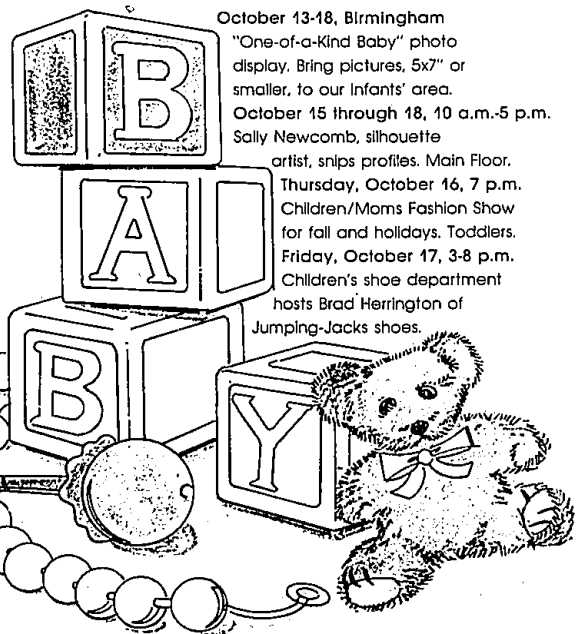
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREMENT PLAN

The Farmington City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on November 3, 1986, at 8:00 p.m. at the City Hall located at 23600 Liberty St., Farmington, Michigan in order to hear comments on:

"Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan for Downtown Development Area No. 1, which includes the levy of a two mill ad valorem tax on real and personal property within the development area."

Downtown Development Area No. 1 is described as follows:

A legal description of the Proposed Boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority.

The subject Authority is located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ and the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Sec. 27 and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 28, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan.

The subject area being specifically described as:

Lots 1, 2, 3 except the N 116.25 ft of the E 6 ft of Lot 3, the S 25 ft of Lots 4, 5 and 6 and the S 41 ft. of Lot 8 of Ebenezer Stewart's Plat;

All of Assessor's Plat No. 6;

All of Davis Addition except Lots 23, 26 and 27, and that part of Lot 32, 33 and 34 falling within the boundaries of the Farmington Place project;

Lots 12, 13 and 14, Lot 15 except that part occupied by the River Glen Condominiums, and Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Assessor's Plat No. 5;

Lots 3 and 4 of Warner's Grand River Avenue Sub.;

All of Assessor's Plat No. 2;

All of Lapham's Addition;

Lots 4, 6, 7, 8 and Lot 39 thru 42 plus ½ of the vacated alley to the W of Lot 39 thru 42 of Assessor's Hutton Gardens;

Lots 1 thru 5, and the E 4.85 ft. of Lots 6 and 9 of Gardunow Webster's Addition;

All of Fred M. Warner's Addition No. 2;

Lot 28 except the E 55 ft, Lot 29, 31 and 44 thru 53 of Assessor's Plat No. 7;

Plus the property described as Beginning at a point S 0° 33' W 25.4' from the W ¼ corner of Sec. 27,
Th S 89° 24' E 110.55',
Th S 0° 02' W 140.00',
Th S 89° 24' E 200.00',
Th N 0° 02' E 140.00',
Th S 89° 24' E 30.00',
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Th N 78° 17' 50" W 143.07',
Th West 294.37',
Th N 0° 33' E 377.00',
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Also including the property described as Beginning at NE corner of Lot 234 of Warner Farm Sub No. 5,
Th N 32° 23' 14" E 159.90 ft.,
Th N 87° 41' 17" W 135.00 ft.,
Th S 81° 33' 14" W 102.52 ft.,
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Th S 82° 41' 00" W 103.87 ft.,
Th S 32° 23' 14" W 56.33 ft.,
Th S 57° 42' 10" E 302.75 ft.,
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All maps, plats and a description of the development plan are available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. All aspects of the Development and Tax Increment Plan will be open for discussion at this hearing.

JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY
City Clerk

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