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IT was a takeoff on the old TV game show, "What's My Line?"

In the latest district newsletter, Farmington Public Schools Deputy Superintendent Michael Flanagan provided an overview of Finance, Facilities and Services Division responsibilities by offering a series of clues.

They included: "We sell over a half million lunches a year, consume 174 BTUs in energy per year, buy thousands of rolls of toilet tissue and 175,000 gallons of gas each year, run 65 vehicles a day to transport the most-precious cargo on earth, maintain 1.6 million square feet of buildings, process 51,300 checks each year on our computers and earn interest on over \$50 million in investments."

"It all happens strictly to support our purpose: Educating kids — preparing them for their futures. We're proud of that mission," Flanagan wrote in the November issue of Up Front.

COMING aboard. Farmington City Council has hired a new labor attorney, the firm of Keller, Thomas, Schwarze, Schwarz, DuBay & Katz.

Attorney Dennis DuBay specializes in the practice of labor law and currently represents Farmington Hills, Southfield and other area cities. He has extensive experience in arbitration and employee grievance hearings.

If your family will have little ones visiting for the holidays, take note:

The Easter Seal Society of Oakland County has approved infant or toddler car seats available for loan to Oakland County residents. The cost is \$5 plus a \$5 deposit. Call 338-3030.

A NEW home. The American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan has moved to 18869 10 Mile, Southfield. The new telephone number is 559-5100.

The Smoking Phone, an innovation and support line for those who need help to kick the habit, is now 559-5111.

The American Lung Association offers 35 free or at-cost services, including smoking cessation clinics, corporate consulting services, pulmonary function testing, free loan of vital breathing support equipment for lung disease victims and a free camp for severely asthmatic children.

WATCH where you park. Farmington Hills City Council has adopted a traffic control order prohibiting parking at all times along the east side of Rensselaer from south of Shawwassee to north of Sedalia and on the west side of Rensselaer south of Shawwassee.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Gerald Furi, head of the Farmington Hills library branch, has been appointed assistant director of the Farmington Community Library.

Liquor sales sweep spurs mixed views

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Surprise and anger. That's the reaction of many restaurateurs to Farmington Hills' recent undercover liquor law crackdown in which police cadets were used.

In the five-day "Operation Liquor Enforcement 1," Farmington Hills police cited 49 of the city's 67 liquor-licensed establishments — restaurants, pubs, bars, grocery stores and party stores — for selling alcohol to minors.

Harger eyed for offices

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

The 150-year-old Harger House is close to having a new lease on life.

Under a proposal made to the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission, residents Lynn and Donald McCluskey will move and restore the controversial stone house — the center of often-heated debate for more than a year.

"I am excited and inspired that there are people in this community who are willing to commit themselves and their resources to something that is really important to the community," Historic District Commission Chairwoman Jean Fox said at a press conference in Farmington Hills City Hall Thursday.

The McCluskeys' proposal calls for disassembling the house and removing it from its original site in the commons area of the Farmington Hills Hunt Club, east of Halsted, north of Grand River.

The house will be restored and moved to city-owned property immediately west of the historic Pettibone House, 36400 12 Mile. The McCluskeys are buying the property for a reported \$12,500 — half of the appraised value of the land. The city originally bought the property for \$5,000.

Though agreements have yet to be signed, Fox and City Manager William Costick said Standard Federal Savings of Troy — the subdivision's majority landowner that owns the Harger House — has orally agreed to the McCluskeys' proposal. Agreements are expected to be signed within a week. The proposal will be considered by the Farmington Hills City Council.

THE 'McCLUSKEYS' intention to

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"I think there is another side," said Robert McDonald, one of the owners of McFrocks and Roman Terrace, which were cited as a result of the operation.

"I think they (police) are doing their job. But we are not guilty. That person (female police cadet) was brought in to make us look guilty."

McDonald and others are critical of the police department's use of underage male and female women. The cadets visited each of the city's 67 licensed businesses and tried to buy an alcoholic beverage while other police officers watched, Police Chief William Dwyer said.

THE UNDERCOVER operation was conducted from 4 p.m. to midnight Oct. 17, 24, 30 and 31, as well as Nov. 4. The operation — the second crackdown on liquor law violations this year — was prompted by complaints from residents and high school students, who have argued it's relatively easy for minors to buy alcoholic beverages in Farmington Hills.

At issue is the appearance of the female cadet, a 19-year-old, who restaurateurs maintain was made up to appear much older, possibly in her 30s.

"If that many professionals (restaurateurs) in the business could be fooled (by the cadet), don't you think she could be made up to look a little older?" asked Larry Sheehan, owner of O'Sheehan's Tavern, also ticketed. "She could have been a high school kid's mother."

A waitress for one of the restaurants cited said restaurateurs do not question the police department's check of establishments, but rather the manner in which the investigation was conducted.

"The business people put a lot into this city. They are a little shocked about the way they were handled. It's no problem that they check on things. It's the manner. It's the concept behind it. The girl they are using... they have her made up."

The majority of those who called the Observer maintained that the female cadet was dressed in clothing that made her appear older. Callers maintained that the young woman, in one instance, was dressed in a red satin dress and, in another instance, a navy blue business suit — apparel, they say, that is not generally worn by teenagers.

But DWYER disagreed with those who have been calling him to criticize and complain. "In no way were they (cadets) made to appear to look older than they really do," Dwyer said. "We left it (her dress) up to the cadets' discretion."

The cadets were photographed before leaving the department on each day of the operation. The female cadet was dressed in clothing "that any 19-year-old or teenager would wear." Her attire included blue jeans, sweaters, dress slacks, a dress and blouse and skirt, Dwyer said.

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Honored volunteer



RANDY BOST/Staff photographer

Botsford General Hospital volunteer Helen McEvilly, at work in the gift shop.

Reaching out Helping all in a day's work

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

The nomination form put it simply:

"She is compassionate, caring and handles difficult situations with tact and diplomacy. She is always available to help those less fortunate..."

That's pretty much what Helen McEvilly is about.

But the 10-year veteran of Botsford General Hospital's volunteer services doesn't want any fuss and bother about her unrelenting track record of helping others.

In fact, she never bothered to tell many that she was recently honored as one of 30 national recipients — from a field of nominees from 7,000 hospitals — of a distinguished volunteer award from the American Hospital Association.

And then there was the 1986 Dis-

people

tinguished Citizen Award from the Farmington Area Jaycees that she received in January. She doesn't talk about that award much either.

That's OK, though. McEvilly seems to have quite a few supporters especially in the hospital where she says she is as comfortable at that environment as others are uncomfortable.

"I love it. I enjoy it," said the Novi resident.

OTHERS, SUCH AS Adele Enmer, Botsford volunteer services director, call McEvilly a "professional volunteer" because of her demeanor in helping patients, generally the terminally ill,

and the amount of time she volunteers.

Though she has a bachelor's degree in psychology, McEvilly says she never relies on any of that training to help her help others who are suffering or who are watching loved ones suffer.

"She'll admit that a lot of her work is sad. But she never feels discouraged. Much of that comes from her reliance on her own life experiences and God."

"I always say: God, if you want me to do your work, you have to hang in there with me," said McEvilly, also a volunteer for St. Alexander's Christian Service Commission.

The support and help people offer each other during troublesome times was something McEvilly learned firsthand 12 years ago

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Cocaine alleged

Teacher 1 of 2 men arrested

Two men, one of whom is a Bloomfield Hills Middle School teacher, face felony charges following an investigation in which Farmington police netted 11 ounces of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of \$63,000.

Aided by Livonia undercover officers, Farmington Department of Public Safety officers raided a house on Hayden shortly before 9 p.m. Thursday, arresting a 26-year-old resident and a 24-year-old visitor, said Gary Goss, deputy public safety director.

Arraigned Friday before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, both Daniel William Jamison, 26, who lives at the Hayden address, and David Michael Schultz, 24, of Farmington Hills pleaded not guilty to one count of delivery of a controlled substance.

According to Commander Peter Amato of the Farmington Department of Public Safety, Schultz is a middle school teacher at Bloomfield Hills Middle School — information the defendant gave to police when he was booked.

Bloomfield Hills school board President Linda Finkel confirmed there is a teacher by that name teaching math and social sciences at the middle school. Schultz has worked in the school district at least one year, according to a listing in a 1985-86 school directory.

Hand set bond at \$10,000 for each defendant. Both posted the required 10 percent and are free pending preliminary examinations in 47th District Court in Farmington.

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