

Hills host law expanded by council

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Pam Fischer, Quality Inn office manager. "Our policy is that they are not to be checked in unless they are 21. And we require that they show ID — several pieces of ID."

To show they mean what they say, Quality Inn officials installed a device that can check the authenticity of identification presented.

Fischer said she believes the Inn's policy will do much to rid the facility of teen parties and the inevitable room destruction that has occurred during parties.

Like Fischer, Dillion Inn manager John Brissette believes the age restriction will solve much of the teen problem. The toughened city ordinance, however, can be used when

parents rent rooms for their teens, he said.

"Hopefully, this is where the ordinance can help. We can't ask people if they are renting rooms for youths. But if we are forced to go up there because of a problem (with teens) we can enforce the ordinance," Brissette said.

HOTEL AND motel managers can use the ordinance as a tool to control problems with teens.

"A threat to call the police isn't an idle threat any more," said Sgt. Charles Nebus, Farmington Hills Police Department Juvenile Section supervisor.

Though Brissette is uncertain about enforceability of the host liability ordinance, he nonetheless sup-

ports it as yet another means of solving growing problems with youths.

"The problem with youths is getting worse. The city, merchants, the community, has to do something. I think we are all making a concerted effort to keep Farmington Hills the prestige city it is," Brissette said.

With inn managers are lured by parents who have been renting rooms for their teens. It's easier to control youths trying to rent rooms; parents are another matter. At the Quality Inn, all room guests must be 21 — a rule designed to prevent parents from renting for teens.

"We only rent rooms for sleeping, not partying. The first peep and they (guests) will be removed. We are concerned about room destruction. Parents rent rooms so their houses

aren't messed up by the parties," Fischer said.

FARMINGTON HILLS City Council was urged to adopt the ordinance amendment by Betty Nicolay, past president of the Farmington Families in Action and member of the Committee for the Prevention of Teenage Delinquency.

"I feel very strongly that we, as an entire community, must send a message that drinking and drugging is not synonymous with partying," Nicolay told the council in March.

The hotel/motel issue came under scrutiny of the Committee for the Prevention of Teenage Delinquency — comprised of parents, educators, merchants, police and ethnic group representatives. The committee

formed in response to problems with teen rowdiness, harassment and assaults along Orchard Lake Road in late 1986, early 1987.

Because police noticed that teens would congregate at the hotels and motels — complaints also were received from managers — the committee invited hotel/motel representatives to a meeting to discuss what appeared to be a growing problem with teen parties involving alcohol and drugs.

"The motel representatives recognized it was a serious problem. I think they found out they had to be a little stricter," Nebus said. "Since the meeting, complaints about parties have decreased a little bit in the last month."

POLICE CHIEF William Dwyer

called the ordinance amendment timely in light of the prom and graduation season and the tendency for teens to rent rooms for partying.

"We are sending letters notifying owners and managers of the ordinance. And we are suggesting that they post the ordinance in a conspicuous place," Dwyer said.

Since Farmington Hills adopted the host liability ordinance in May 1985, seven residents, stemming from six incidents, have been charged.

"Six cases are officially closed. All have reached a court disposition," Nebus said.

One case was dismissed. "We were not happy it was dismissed," Nebus said, noting that the parent, whose son was charged, also was at home at the time of the party.

Money to be reserved for sewer

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and replace existing water lines in the city's southeast sections 35 and 36, Countegan said.

The reduction and look-back credit on the sewer disposal rates will be retained and put into savings in anticipation of proposed improvements to the Evergreen-Farmington sewer system. All communities that have their sewerage system administered by Oakland County are being asked to retain savings for improvements, Countegan said.

"WITH BOTH of these components (reduction and credit) — each one off-balances the other — we're looking at saving about \$3 million by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 1988)," Countegan said.

City and county officials are still waiting to hear about the status of proposed improvements to the Evergreen-Farmington sewer system.

Federal financing is available for the \$44 million project that the federalized by Oakland County Protection Agency has listed as second in priority for financial help.

Of the total \$44 million, the EPA is expected to pay 55 percent or about \$22 million (though not all improvements in the project are grant eligible). Southfield and Farmington Hills — both stand to gain the greatest benefit from improvements — will share the remaining shares.

The EPA's interest in the project and willingness to provide financing has been sparked by environmental damage to the Rouge River by overflowed sewage from suburban communities.

Progress has been put on hold be-

cause the EPA last December informed the state Department of Natural Resources, which certifies the project's grant application, that some items were not addressed in the application, said Frank Naglich, county engineer for the Evergreen-Farmington project.

NAGLICH SAID he has been waiting for more than a month for a letter from the DNR outlining what information is still needed before the project's grant application can be approved.

Though county and city officials planned to begin improvements this spring, Naglich said it is now unrealistic. More than likely, if the EPA approves the grant application, construction could begin next winter, Naglich said.

As proposed, Farmington Hills, which will receive the greatest benefit from the first of two construction segments, will pay \$7.7 million and Southfield \$4.5 million. The total cost for the first construction segment is \$12.3 million.

For the second \$10 million construction segment, Farmington Hills will pay \$2.3 million and Southfield \$12.3 million.

Fourteen other Oakland County communities also are involved in the sewer project and are expected to pay Southfield and Farmington Hills as they stand advantage of additional capacity created by the proposed improvements.

Burger business stays busy

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meat from Academy Packing and Brown Buns," Jenkins said.

"Once in a while," he added, "I'm asked to freeze up anywhere from two to 10 dozen hamburgers for some customer to put on a plane to send to their kids."

JENKINS' SIMPLE philosophy extends to his menu, which remains the same except for the addition of onion rings. "Everybody started asking for them 10-15 years ago, I can't remember," he said.

What does change steadily is the personnel.

"Help is hard to get and hard to hang onto," Jenkins said. "The people in this neighborhood don't need the work. The people who do need it don't have the transportation to get here. If you put up a 'Help Wanted' sign in Detroit, you'd probably have 20 applicants. When I put one up, they think I'm covering up a hole in the wall."

"I generally have about four school kids here on the payroll. The rest are adults," he said of the 15-person staff, which works three shifts seven days a week.

"A few nights of the year, I lose money by staying open all night. But it's worth it. We have a reputation of being open 24 hours a day, and it's a habit for a lot of regular customers — stopping at the ham-

burger joint on 10 and Orchard," he said.

JENKINS WORKS generally from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., but remains on call to fill in when necessary. Many times, he has gotten out of bed at 3 a.m. to do duty when an employee failed to show up.

To ease that burden somewhat, he moved his residence "10 just about half way between work and the Elks Lodge of Farmington (on Orchard Lake Road, north of Grand River)," his favorite place of leisure.

Jenkins' most steady employee, has been his wife, Mary, office manager for Kingsbury Machines. She does bookkeeping for Greene's Hamburgers every evening.

Another steady employee has been Deborah Jenkins, who worked for her father while she attended North Farmington High School. She worked on weekends when she attended Eastern Michigan University.

Deborah Jenkins will be working at Greene's Hamburgers May 21 for the anniversary celebration, as well as some former employees, many of them former area high school students. A few members of the Elks also have volunteered their help.

"I'm planning on selling 400 dozen hamburgers that day," Jenkins said.

Escapee calls Hills detective

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"He said he trusted me," Monti recounted. "So I said I'd come down and pick him up."

Monti — accompanied by Farmington Hills detective Brian De-Grande and Michigan State Police Fugitive Felony Section troopers — arrested Taylor at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. The fugitive was unarmed.

Taylor was held at the Michigan State Police post in downtown Detroit, then turned over to Jackson County authorities.

"The investigation is still continuing, but I'm assuming somewhere along the line, warrants will be issued," said Sgt. David Minzey of the Michigan State Police post in Jackson. "We'll submit the entire package to the prosecutor."

Taylor was being treated at W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital for respiratory problems when he apparently eluded the guard at 8 p.m. Tuesday, said Dan Wellman, prison spokesman.

THE INMATE forced guard Jef-

frey Friend, 28, to drive him to Detroit in the correction officer's personal car. Friend was released unharmed at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday at Livernois and Davison on the city's west side, police said. Jackson is about 75 miles west of Detroit.

Friend's car was recovered in Detroit. Detroit police said Taylor told them he threw the guard's .38-caliber revolver into the Detroit River.

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HE'S PROMOTED

Martin Bowerman promoted to broker services director at the regional offices of Century 21 of Michigan.

In his new position, he has responsibilities for coordinating and monitoring broker assignments, orientation, franchise renewals, audits and office relocations. He also will oversee special projects, including insurance, automation and mortgages.

The Farmington Hills resident served as a management consultant to Century 21 of Michigan before his promotion. In that capacity, he acted as liaison between brokers and the regional office.

With 21 years of experience in the real estate business, Bowerman was a broker and co-owner of Century 21 Bowerman/Peake in Mount Pleasant for 10 years before joining the corporate staff of Century 21 of Michigan.

A member of both the National and Michigan Association of Realtors, Bowerman was voted Realtor of the Year in 1985. He became a licensed Realtor in 1968.

NEW IN TOWN

Prints & Carvings — a wildlife art gallery at 35550 Grand River, Farmington Hills, in Mulwood Square offers a large selection of framed and unframed wildlife prints starting at \$20.

You will find duck stamp prints, dog prints, hand-carved duck decoys, song birds and wildlife sculptures. Browsing is encouraged.

Patricia Hriczak, owner, has been selling art work for seven years and doing framing for 12. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. It is closed Mondays. The telephone number is 478-3353.

ALSO NEW

Elder Care provides home health care and transportation for the elderly and for shut-ins.

Betty Hawthorne of Farmington and Donna Case of Novi will provide transportation for the elderly to doc-

tor appointments, shopping, church and social errands. Call 471-3557 or 349-6170. No job is too small.

JOINS FIRM

Jo Robin Davis has joined the litigation department of the law firm of Kaufman and Payton, Farmington Hills.

Before joining Kaufman and Payton, she was a associate with a Detroit law firm in the areas of product and medical liability, served as assistant director of the Legal Assistant Program at Madonna College in Livonia and as an attorney and judicial law clerk with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Currently, she lectures on legal research and writing at Madonna College.

NAMED DIRECTOR

William Boskey, product assurance director, was promoted to general director of reliability and sales at Hydramatic Division of General Motors.

Boskey joined General Motors in 1963 as a General Motors Institute student sponsored by Cadillac Motor Car Division in Detroit.

In 1968, he was appointed junior service engineer. He was appointed to service engineer in 1978 and manager of technical service in 1976. He was transferred to Chicago in 1977 as assistant zone manager of service.

He returned to Michigan to Cadillac's Livonia plant in 1980 as assistant superintendent of quality engineering. In 1981, he was appointed reliability engineering director at the Detroit plant.

In 1984, the Farmington Hills resident joined Hydramatic as product assurance director, the position held before his new appointment.

REGIONAL MANAGER

The Budd Co. Wheel and Brake Division has appointed Ray Maes to regional manager in charge of sales for the Mid-Atlantic Region. His offices are in Farmington Hills.

The region includes Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. He recently served as customer service representative. He is responsible for the marketing of Budd wheel and brake products to distributor customers as well as for the promotion of Budd designs and specifications to all fleets within his region.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, Budd Wheel and Brake operates plants in Ashland and Frankfort, Ohio as well as Johnson City, Tenn. It produces steel disc wheels, demountable rims, and hubs and drums for medium- and heavy-duty trucks and trailers.

1988 RESULTS

Medar has changed its financial reporting from a fiscal year to a calendar year. The change was made to be more in phase with the order cycle of the firm's major customers.

Comparisons will be between the nine months ended Dec. 31, 1986 and the fiscal year ended March 31, 1986. Net sales for the nine-month year ended Dec. 31, 1986 totaled \$17.3 million. Net sales for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1986, were \$10.9 million.

Net earnings for the nine-month year ended March 31, the company incurred a loss of \$1.4 million.

Medar's overall performance was adversely affected by the costs of integrating its newly acquired subsidiary, Industrial Development Systems (IDS), into the Medar operation. IDS was acquired for its automation machinery manufacturing capability, which will enable Medar to function as a single source for turnkey automation systems.

"IDS is not yet profitable, but the reorganization of IDS' management and sales force has largely been completed," said Charles Drake, president and board chairman. "New orders are being booked and IDS is expected to become profitable during the second quarter of 1987."

Medar's future growth and stability is based on moving into new areas. "The automobile industry has been our major market, but in the past year, we have intensified our efforts in the defense, aerospace and appliance industries," Drake said.

Medar designs and manufactures computer-controlled automation equipment, including vision gauging and inspection systems, resistance welding controls, computer communications systems and automation machinery. Medar's customers include major companies in the defense, aerospace, automobile and appliance industries.

NEW PR FIRM

The Trovex Sonanetics Corp. has acquired the services of Spanek and Leder Advertising of Farmington Hills for all its advertising, production and placement.

The announcement was made by Gary Lewis, president, and David Weaver, vice-president marketing, from Sonanetics and Anthony Spanek and Barry Leder, of Spanek and Leder. Spanek and Leder have already produced a corporate video and brochures for the Trovex firm and will handle all future video and print productions.

The Sonanetics Corp. developed the new INVOS 2100 examination, which identifies women who are at risk of developing breast cancer. The examination involves only the use of light and does not employ radiation to get results.



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