



Farmington city councilwoman JoAnne McShane (seated) won the musical chairs contest sponsored by Chairs Unlimited in downtown Farmington. With McShane is Farmington resident Kathy Sutton (right).

Musical chairs for charity benefits wheelchair fund

The childhood game of musical chairs took on a fundraising twist for adults Thursday at Chairs Unlimited, a new furniture store in downtown Farmington.

Billed as one of the world's most unusual musical chair games, the event involved 30 participants who raised money for a special wheelchair fund administered by Neighborhood House of Farmington-Farmington Hills.

Usually considered an "all for fun" party game, the game offered a tempting incentive: A set of any four chairs used in the game for the winner to choose.

The game's no-two-chairs-alike selection featured contemporary upholstered chairs next to country ladderback chairs and leather office styles next to wicker-set kitchen table chairs.

Determined to win a set ranging in value from \$600 to \$1,100, several participants changed into tennis shoes before beginning the game and expressed a lighthearted competitive spirit.

AMONG THE participants were

Chairs Unlimited customers who had their eye on specific chairs, representatives from Neighborhood House and its parent organization, the Salvation Army, as well as Farmington mayor Shirley Richardson and councilwoman JoAnne McShane.

Tension ran high from the start, when participants moved at a snail's pace, fearing to be far from a seat when the music stopped. After a few rounds, the speed picked up and some players even raced around the set-up to beat another participant to an empty chair.

"This is a very entertaining spectator sport," said Cheryl Carter, Neighborhood House executive director. "Watching the players divide from their original group, I've realized that adults are just as competitive as children when it comes to games."

The game, part of the store's grand opening, went on for about a half hour until two players remained: Councilwoman McShane and Kathy Sutton, a Neighborhood House board member.

CIRCLING A Chippendale chair, they nervously played two tying rounds. On the third attempt, McShane, to her surprise, plopped into the seat and won.

The entrance fee was a \$5 minimum donation to Neighborhood House.

At the event's conclusion, George Martin, owner of Chairs Unlimited, presented Carter with \$155 for the wheelchair fund. A wheelchair is estimated to cost between \$250 and \$500.

Neighborhood House is a branch of the Salvation Army. It assists Farmington and Farmington Hills residents with basic needs such as clothes, shelter, food and medical assistance. The privately funded group became affiliated with the Salvation Army in 1989.

Chairs Unlimited is at 33405 Grand River at Farmington Road, within the Farmington Downtown Development Authority district. The phone number is 476-5000.

Cops interview rapist

'We had a chance to reflect on and critique our two-year investigation,' Farmington Hills Sgt. Charles Nebus said. 'It was a valuable experience for anyone who worked on the case.'

Farmington Hills police met with Oakland County serial rapist Steve Szeman Thursday — the day before he was returned to Ohio to continue serving a prison sentence there for the fall 1989 rape of a suburban Cleveland woman.

"We had a chance to reflect on and critique our two-year investigation," Farmington Hills Sgt. Charles Nebus said. "It was a valuable experience for anyone who worked on the case."

The purpose of the informal meeting was "to re-evaluate our investigation and better prepare us for the next time there's a serial crime," he said.

Nebus and Farmington Hills detective Duane Fox joined officers from other police agencies involved in the serial rape investigation at the debriefing.

Szeman remained calm and cooperative throughout the session, for which both Szeman and defense attorney Lawrence Kaluzny granted prior approval.

The main benefit was that "we learned what he did, how he operated and what he thought," Nebus said, refusing to release specifics of the interview.

THE SESSION gave investigators

a chance to re-trace their steps to see if they made any mistakes along the way.

"It doesn't appear to be a case of if we did this, this and this, we could've caught him earlier," Nebus said. "The feeling was pretty much unanimous that we exhausted all leads available to us."

On Feb. 2, Szeman, 26, pleaded guilty to 49 counts of rape, robbery, assault and burglary in connection with 10 attacks on women in 1987-88. He'll have to serve at least 48 years in prison in Michigan before being eligible for parole.

"There is no one word that can cover what happened. He terrorized the communities," said Oakland County Circuit Judge Robert Temp-

lin during sentencing. "He will be in prison for the rest of his life."

The former West Bloomfield resident won't begin serving his Michigan prison term until he completes a 58- to 140-year prison term in Ohio. He pleaded guilty to a rape charge in Ohio in November 1986.

The attacks in Michigan took place in Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and Independence Township. Victims ranged in age from 12-61.

On Friday, four Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township officers drove Szeman to Orient, Ohio, where they turned him over to Ohio correctional authorities.

Plan awaits EPA OK

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quire communities to build wetlands and protection plans.

This is more of a local issue, Flajole said.

"It's out of our control."

Though things could happen to alter the time frame, a schedule is being followed, Flajole said.

"We're working on all phases of the job. This thing has been going full blast for three years."

THE BOULEVARD would be built a half-mile west of Haggerty Road and would run from I-96 to Pontiac Trail. It would provide access to the freeway system that includes I-696 and I-275 interchanges and Eight Mile Road.

The estimated cost of the project is \$75 million.

There has been strong public support for the project, the manager said. People are concerned with the traffic and want something done quickly, he said.

But the boulevard would bring about more traffic problems through development, some citizens said.

"You can't have it both ways," Flajole said. "You only have to drive down the road and see that development is just exploding."

Flajole expects to have a final draft later this spring, he said. After the environmental impact statement is approved, initial bids can be taken.

The interchange should be completed before fall 1993.

clarification

• A story in the Observer on Feb. 8 should have stated that the Orchard Ridge Plaza, which burned in a Feb. 4 fire, is a non-conforming building in a general business zone. If rebuilt, the building would have to conform with new zoning requirements for its setbacks, parking lot, landscaping and covered dumpsters.

• Stories about the Automated Fingerprint Identification System in the Observer on Feb. 8 should have stated that the AFIS system is manufactured by NEC Technologies, a subsidiary of Massachusetts-based NEC Corp.

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The choice of which drug to initiate comes from the physician's experience. Doctors start with a medication that they have confidence in, medication they believe works and with side effects they can readily identify.

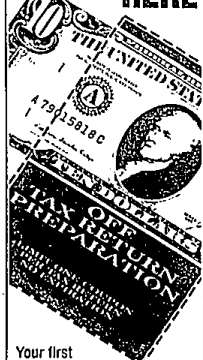
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