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TALE OP two subdivisions and the confinion about the streets leading into them, that it the story resident Seymour Kilger was telling the other day. Kilger, an auto dealer, said he's kappy with his conde in the Copper Creek Town in the Town in the names of the streets leading into Copper Creek and the next complex west — Copper Wood. But the names of the streets leading into Copper Creek is called Copper Wood. But the Copper Creek is called Copper Wood. But the Copper Creek is called Copper Wood. Suffern is called Copper

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PEAKING OF names ...
the Oak Hill Nursing Home on Grand River has a new one. It's now the Greenery Extended Care Center. Greeney Extended Care Center.
The nursing home, undergoing a renovation that will locrease capacity to 163 residents, has been known as Oak Hill stones about 1964. But the new owners control to the Greenery Rehabilitation Group of Newton, Mass.— made the change effective Peb. 5.
"The new owners felt that this would be a more appropriate name," said Fran Schulenty, activities director. "After all, Oak Hill had its ups and downs over the years."

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IIE AMERICAN Red
Cross will be out for
blood in the Farmington area in the near future, and officials hope residents
are in a giving mood.
On Saturday, April 13, the Red
Cross Bloodmobile will be at the
American Legion Post No. 346,
31775 Grand River, Farmington,
from 1-7 p.m. Call Denny Musselman at 447-2551.
The next day, Sunday, April 14,
Blood will accepted at Adat 58,
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EMORY LANE -From the April 5, 1951 Issue of the Farmington En-

terprise:
Farmington voters paved the way for the city manager form of government by approving a city chariter, 411 votes to 252. There was a last-minute barrage of handbills for and against the nroossal.

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• Angus Campbell owner of the Floral Park Confectionary at Wine Mile and Grant River, was ordered to lip for the flore of his store by three teenage handler, one carrying, asweed-off chotyum. He wasn't harmed but about \$40 was taken. The armed robbery was the first in Farmington since a series of bank robbertes during the Depression.

Items for Farmington Focus may be mailed to the Farm-ington Observer, 21898 Farm-ington Road, Farmington 48338, or dropped off at the newspaper office.

## Residents demand vows on park tax

Kurt Yockey just wants a straight

answer.
"We are getting different information from different sources," said the Quaker Valley homeowner.
There is little more than a month before Farmington Hills voters are saked on May 7 to vote for a half-mill tax increase for eight years for parks and recreation. But some residents are uncertain what their tax dollars will bu.

dollars will buy, Residents, including Yockey, say

tations made throughout the commu-nity by city officials, parks and rec-reation commissioners and members of the "Say Yes to Parks" tax-in-crease committee.

crease committee.
Concern centers on the fate of the city-owned Peltz land and property immediately adjacent and owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation, just south of 1-86, west of Farmington Road. The more than 70 acres is north of Quaker Valley subdivision, Yockey says Quaker Valley residents were told by parks and recre-

ation commission chairman Dennis Fitzgerald and special services di-rector Dan Potter recently that if the city cannot buy enough vacant land for ballfields and soccer fields, development of ballfields may fall to Peltr-MDOT.

ON THE OTHER hand, the Farmon the Others hand, the rarmington Hills Beautification Commission was told something different, said member Joe Derek, a naturalist. Menhers were told by City Manager William Costick that plans are to maintain Peltz-MDOT as a natural rate with parking and propose mediane. ral area with parking, entrance road.

nature trails and picnic areas.

"I think we all feel the same way,
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I teels jike a 'chess game," said
Derck, who opposes development any sports fields on Pelts-MDOT.
In a letter to the city council a week ago, Vockey, who also opposes
development on Pelts-MDOT, asked
the city council for an assurance that
the wooded, roiling acreage would
not be developed if voters approve
the half-mill.
"I think it's a legitimate question,"
Mayor Aldo, Vagnozt said. "The
council sets policy. I bope at the
April 8 meeting, we have a response

to the Yockey letter." Vagnozzi said he is aware of the differences in presentations given throughout the city. "I would nope the presentations follow the master (parks and recreation plan." Pluggerald Friday said he has so response to Yockey's letter. "The council, has already said what's going on with that parcel (Petts-MDOT)."

ACCORDING TO the eight-year action plan, which accompanies the request for a half-mill levy, \$600,000

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### More cases of hepatitis reported

#### Disease confirmed in 5 Grace pupils

By Casey Hans ... staff writer

There are now five confirmed cases of hepatitis A affecting students in William Grace Elementary in Farmington Hills, and several other possible cases pending.

Two cases of the infectious, viral disease which inflames the Hive were confirmed in William Grace-students the week of March 18 by the were confirmed in William Grace-students the week of March 18 by the Oakland County Health Department, although it has not been determined whether the senool is the common link.

County health officials continue to work with the school and residents of the area, in investigating the out-

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the area, in investigating the out-break.

Health officials said cases of hepa-tilis A, which is transmitted in a fecal-to-oral manner, are up across the county.

School officials are continuing their practice of monitoring atten-dance records daily, calling the homes of those who are absent.

THE SITUATION could continue for an extended time because of the Please turn to Page 2

What to do on one of the first line days of spring? Maybe the kids-would like an outing at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, and Kathy Anderson did just that with hor two children recently. She helped her son Kyle' (above), 2%, on the bars in the park's playground. Her son Jamie, 4%, also was on hand for

the fun. But this is Michigan, after all, and the weather can change in a hurry. A week later, high winds and heavy rains caused considerable damage in the area. For a story and pho-tos of local atorm damage, see Page 4C.



#### A fine spring day

#### Leaders eye roads, recycling in

By Casey Hens staff writer

An improved commute, empha-sis on recycling and leaner budgets are planned for 1991, according to leaders of the three governmental units representing the Farmington area.

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Their comments were made during the annual State of the Cities address March 27 at Alexander-Hamilton Life Insurance Co. head-quarters in Farmington Hills.

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Sponsored by the Farmington Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, the event drawy business leaders from throughout the Farmington area.

Officials from the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills say major infrastructure improvements, including sewers and north-south connector roads, should belp local residents avoid flooding problems and aid travel through the city-And a mandatory curgaide recycling program sitated to begin July 1 should make even more residents environmentally aware.

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Farmington Mayor Shirley Richardson dons a necklace of trash to make a point about recycling during the recent State of the Cities breakfast at Alexander Hamilton Life.

#### Observer makes changes to help, entertain readers

Beginning in today's issue of the Farmington Observer, you will begin noticing some changes in your home-town newspaper.

These are being made for your convenience, to make it easier for you to find the Information you need and want to be both informed and entertained. We know you will find the additions helpful.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please be sure to giverne a call at 953-2100.

IN TODAYS issue readers will note an entirely redesigned, full-color, full-service travel section. This is now a regular feature of the Observer & Excentre Newspapers It tells you about exting places to vecation, with insights shared by people living in your community. Also included in your Monday is sue is the ever-popular Street Seene with features on rock, jazz, the blues

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