



Class of '95

Taking the floor at a recent meeting for eighth graders at the studios of WJBK-TV is Risa Alperin of Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills. She is one of more than 100 students who participate in the Student Advisory Board for the "Class of '95" education project sponsored by WTVS (Channel 58)

and WJBK (Channel 2). Risa and her fellow eighth graders from the Detroit area will be taking a special interest in the upcoming documentary "Teach Me To Care: Reading, Writing & Self Esteem" to be simulcast by Channels 58 and 2 at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 3.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

DISORDERLY STUDENT

Police were called March 27 after a 16-year-old student at the Farmington Training Center became disruptive and began throwing things at his gym teacher.

The boy, a Walled Lake resident, pushed the teacher as he attempted to restrain him. There were no injuries in the incident.

BARBEQUE FIRE

Minimal damage was reported at a house on Meadowlark in Farmington March 26 after a propane tank on a gas barbecue caught fire and ignited a rubber line. The incident occurred about 5:30 p.m.

THEFTS REPORTED

A bicycle valued at \$103 was reported stolen from Farmington High

School, 32000 Shiloh, March 26. A mountain bike valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a garage on Prospect in the city of Farmington March 26-27.

A color TV and VCR valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a house on Ten Hill, March 27-28.

A radar detector valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a car on Ten Hill, March 27-28.

A radar detector valued at \$280 was reported stolen from one car and an AM/FM stereo cassette valued at \$180 from another, both parked on Elm Grove, March 27-28.

A portable telephone valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car at Baby and Me, 31045 Orchard Lake Road, March 29.

A purse with checks totaling \$2,255 was reported stolen from a Chevrolet, 31313 Northwestern Highway, March 28.

A car stereo valued at \$600 was reported stolen from a BMW parked on Rollcrest, March 27.

A desk organizer, word speller and micro cassette player valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a 1989 Pontiac on Córdoba, March 26-27.

A purse valued at \$50 was reported stolen from a 1989 Geo parked on Córdoba, March 26-27.

An amplifier valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a 1988 Chevrolet parked at Holiday Chevrolet, 30250 Grand River, March 12-26.

A drill and bits, and a grinder/polisher valued at \$350 were reported stolen from a 1979 Mustang on Woodington Square, March 26-27.

A radar detector, golf clubs and two bowling balls were reported stolen from a 1990 Lincoln on Woodview Court in the Mulwood Apartments complex, March 26-27.

An AM/FM stereo, an equalizer and purse valued at \$1,340 were reported stolen from a 1982 Pontiac on Colgate, March 27.

Residents want pledges on use of parks money

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would be allocated to the Peltz-MDOT land. Any reference to ballfields or soccer fields was removed from the plan when the city council approved it earlier this year.

If approved, the half-mill levy over eight years would generate \$9.6 million to help pay for a \$10.9 million parks and recreation program. Grants are expected to help pay the difference.

"My understanding of what the council did, was that they wanted to preserve Peltz-MDOT without baseball and soccer fields," Vagnozzi said.

But the mayor said he's heard from residents who are concerned that money within the plan can be

moved around and eventually wind up at Peltz-MDOT for more development than designated in the action plan.

That's why some residents want a guarantee in writing.

"They (city officials) are committed to being uncommitted to anything," Yockey said. "We felt as if the master plan stood for something. The presentation by Fitzgerald and Peltz makes us wonder if it means anything at all."

In a March interview with the Observer, Fitzgerald said that within the eight-year program, ballfields and soccer fields definitely won't be built on Peltz-MDOT. But a lot depends on whether the city can buy other land for ballfields. And

Fitzgerald feels the city already has a passive park in Heritage Park.

"You don't spend 1.8 million for 70 acres and let it sit there. You have to do something. But we have to do something that the land lets us do. Ballfields — if it destroys the land, you don't do it."

Some residents don't trust that position. They want guarantees in writing that Peltz-MDOT will never sport ballfields.

"How can I intelligently vote for something that I don't know what it includes?" resident Roy Lindhardt said. "They want too much money for too long a period and it's all too vague. No one is willing to tell us specifically what will happen with Peltz-MDOT."

Parks, recreation department's 8-year development plan listed

When Farmington Hills voters go to the polls Tuesday, May 7, they will be asked to approve a half-mill tax increase for eight years to pay for \$9.6 million of a \$10.9 million parks and recreation program, including land purchase and ballfield development.

The following are the proposed projects and estimated costs. Land acquisition for sports fields is the top priority.

• \$5 million for land acquisition and development throughout the city for parks and active recreation, including ballfields and soccer fields. The estimated costs of development include money that may be devoted to and used for development in other categories. The plan includes the minimum acquisition of two or three separate sites. The goal is family recreation and a minimum 10 new soccer fields.

• \$500,000 for a bike system to begin linking city facilities, parks and neighborhood routes.

• \$3.6 million for senior adult and cultural facilities and programs. The goal is to lease or build a facility to house an expanded senior adult program that might provide "some limited facility for art shows, community chorus and community band." This would represent an additional \$450,000 over the city's existing financial commitment to the senior adult program.

• \$70,000 for youth athletic programs. That's to create one new ballfield and upgrade five soccer fields in the second year and upgrade five additional soccer fields in the third year at school and quasi-public sites.

• \$600,000 for developing an entrance road, parking, nature trails and small picnic area on Peltz-MDOT.

• \$200,000 for Heritage Park improvements, including the day-camp building and visitors center.

• \$25,000 to acquire a roving recreational program trailer to carry equipment for summer fun programs in neighborhoods.

• \$270,000 to buy senior adult transportation vehicles.

• \$500,000, as seed money, to acquire additional land to expand the city-owned San Marino Golf Course for another nine holes. Additional money is to be secured through the sale of building authority bonds.

• \$200,000 for teen activities center, to lease or contract for a facility or program to address teen recreational needs.

Powerhouse Gym sets benefit seminar

The Powerhouse Gym of Farmington Hills will host a seminar on health and fitness to benefit veterans returning from the Persian Gulf war 4-8 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the gym, 24385 Haled Road.

Admission will be \$10 per person and "all proceeds will be given directly to our brave men and women serving our country in Operation Desert Storm," said a Powerhouse statement.

Entertainment will be provided by Robert Noll and the Blue Mission and singer and songwriter Rick Cyr. Media personalities Sheri Donovan (radio station WJLZ) and Sari Zalesin (WCSX) will be on hand.

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ACTIVITY AFTER A JOINT INJECTION

You may have heard that following a knee injection, you should either use crutches for 2-3 days thereafter, or even take to bed. Two pieces of evidence dispute that advice.

The first is common sense. Few would argue that prudence in walking is appropriate following a knee injection. However, one could question the validity of an order to "stay off your feet," when the person receiving the injection is expected to dress himself, leave the examining room unassisted, and stand in line to schedule a new appointment or pay his bill. In addition he has to walk to his car and drive home, using the same right leg whose knee received the injection.

The second evidence comes from the medical literature. Recent reports indicate that individuals who act with reasonable caution but take no special rest for their knees following injection, do just as well as those who use crutches or spend 2-3 days in bed.

Studies on the value of extra rest following injections of the shoulders and ankles show the same results: prudence suffices. Encouraging immediate use of the limb benefits the individual more than ordering restrictions in activity.

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