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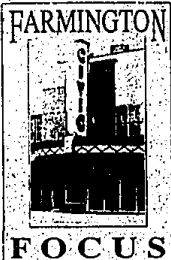
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FARMINGTON FOCUS

THE 'BON TON' Shoppe, highlighted in the Focus column last month, isn't the only long-lived business born in downtown Farmington 30 years ago.

Dr. John Richardson opened Plaza Veterinary Clinic on May 18, 1961. He's still doing business there.

"This town has been great for us," said Richardson, whose wife Shirley is the mayor of Farmington. "I certainly have no regrets."

How did Richardson hit on Farmington as a place to practice? He started with a visit to the state highway department.

"I asked where the expressways were going," he said. "We didn't have any out this way back then... no I-96, no I-275. They said Farmington would be lost in the valley between the expressways and it wouldn't be a good place to go."

"I said, 'That's exactly where I want to be.'"

There have been changes, aptly in downtown Farmington since Richardson opened his practice.

"I can think of only two people who were here when I came and who are still in business at the same locations," he said. "One is Andy Kozjarovich at the shoe repair place, the other is Bert Herzog, the attorney."

Business has been good for the veterinarian over the years, although he's noticed one ominous statistic: As the school population declines, so does the number of pets.

SPEAKING OF longtime medical practices in the Farmington area, Dr. Paul Pareto and Albert Scarchille, osteopaths who emphasize holistic and preventive medicine, have been doing business at the same old stand for more than 30 years.

Now that stands, the Farmington Medical Center on 13 Mile Road west of Middlebelt, will be enlarged. A ground-breaking was held Wednesday.

"They've wanted to do this for years and years," said Pat Henkel, director of nutritional programs for the practice, "and now it's finally going to happen."

The doctors "complied with all the Farmington Hills rules and regs," said Henkel, "like moving this big oak tree 10 feet."

Another facility on Orchard Lake Road will be consolidated into the expanded building, she said.

MEMORY LANE — From the June 21, 1991, Farmington Enterprise:

- Construction started on the new Farmington Post office at Farmington Road and Orchard Street.
- The Rev. A. Stanley Stone officiated at the wedding of Laree Trickey and Eugene Bell at the Farmington Methodist Church.
- Richard E. Friebe was elected president of the Okemosville Board of Education for 1991-92.
- Hugo Peterson was installed as president of the Farmington Exchange Club during the club's annual picnic at Hickory Hills Country Club.
- Ivory Flakes cost 49 cents for two packages at the C.F. Smith grocery in Farmington.

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The grad was a gymnast

When you've sprained your ankle, it's nice to have a big brother who'll carry you off to your high school graduation ceremony.

Heather Kahn, who injured her ankle in a Colorado gymnastics competition, was just that lucky June 9 when she rode to North Farmington High School's graduation on brother Adam's back at the Cobo Center in

Detroit. Heather had flown in from the meet just two hours earlier. Both Adam and sister Michelle (with Heather's crutches) are North Farmington graduates, 1987 and '84, respectively. For a story and more photos of North Farmington's graduation, please see Page 3A.

'Wunderkind' is off to Germany

know your neighbor

By Casey Hans
staff writer

North Farmington graduate Jeffrey Sung is viewed by many as a "wunderkind" — a prodigy, or exceptional person — for his many accomplishments throughout his school career in Farmington.

Members of the American Association of Teachers of German apparently agree.

Sung, who graduated with honors

several weeks ago, competed with more than 20,000 students in an AATG contest to win a four-week trip to Germany this summer, and is the first Michigan student to be selected for the educational trip. Sung was the nominee from the Michigan chapter of AATG.

There, he will serve as a student ambassador with other 69 other U.S. students and others from throughout the world. He will travel with and meet students from Egypt, Costa Rica, Columbia, Hungary and Argentina June 28-29.

"I can't take all the credit — he's just great," said language teacher Maria Schneider, who is based at Harrison and teaches German to high school students throughout the



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Farmington district. "Jeff's just a really good learner."

Sung graduated with honors in language, science, English and music.

Get ready, set, recycle

A beginner's guide to curbside pickup

Editor's note: The Observer will publish information about curbside recycling to help ease residents into the new program that begins July 1 in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

George Mell isn't the only one who has questions and concerns about the curbside recycling program that will begin July 1 in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"It's such a change," said the Farmington Hills resident. "Imagine people who have lived here all their



life and all of a sudden now comes all this."

Mell has expressed the sentiment of many who have called The Observer recently. Callers say they believe in and support recycling but

aren't quite sure what they have to do when curbside recycling begins in a couple of weeks.

FIRST OF all, beginning June 24, single-family homeowners in Farmington and Farmington Hills will receive an 18-gallon plastic recycling bin. Owners of some condominiums in Farmington, which the city already serves, also will receive a bin.

Apartments are not involved in the program.

Inside the bin will be a packet of information to tell you exactly how

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Contaminated ash ups cost of sewer project

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Contaminated ash found at an old landfill site on Nine Mile in Farmington could up the cost of a major sewer project by \$410,000.

The ash, which is not toxic but contains an unacceptable level of heavy metals was found where the city is building a new pumping station to serve a multi-million-gallon retention basin nearby.

State Department of Natural Resource officials are requiring it be removed to a special landfill.

"Tests showed the material to be non-hazardous, but contaminated with heavy metals," City Manager Robert Deadman said. "We don't know where the ash came from."

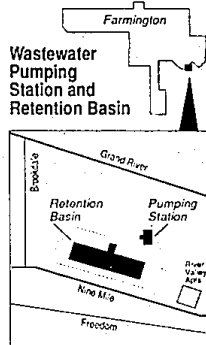
He guessed it had been buried there for some 30-40 years, and speculated it could be ash from old, coal-burning furnaces.

The city council Monday approved a low bid from Waste Management for \$20.50 per cubic yard, including trucking, to remove the ash from the area and dispose of it at a landfill which can handle the matter. Also approved was an additional \$25,300 to Testing Engineers and Consultants who will supervise the removal.

DEADMAN ESTIMATED with 15,000 to 20,000 cubic yards of material, the total cost would range between \$310,000 and \$410,000, but that it would not go beyond the \$13.09 million approved for bond sale. However, he said, the problem leaves little contingency for future problems.

"That's a lot of money," Deadman said. "But we don't have any other choice unless we shut the project down. I don't see any other alternative than to move ahead and clean the site up."

Councilman Richard Tupper questioned why the problem was not



found before the project was begun.

Deadman said although there were soil borings done at the site, none were apparently taken in the southeast quadrant of the property where the pumping station is being built.

The soil borings were to ensure the ground would hold the building, he added. "They did not expect to find this."

The city encountered other soil condition problems in the portion of the project under Grand River earlier this year, when Deadman told the council the price tag was expected to top \$13 million. The city council in February approved issuance of \$1.83 million in additional water supply and sewage disposal revenue bonds as a contingency to cover the added costs.

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Recent North Farmington High School graduate Jeff Sung enjoys an after-school visit at Harrison with German teacher Maria Schneider, as he prepares for a four-week educational summer trip to Germany.

THIS IS NOT Sung's first trip to Germany. He toured Europe last summer with the North Farmington band, and is happy to be returning.

"I was quite surprised to win, actually," Sung added. "I knew I wanted to."

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