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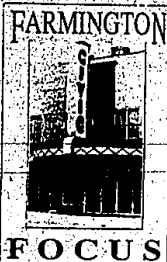
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Hills panels put promise into action

By Joanne Maliszewski
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A promise has been kept. That's the promise made in April by the Farmington Hills City Council to create two ad hoc committees to form plans for the city-owned Peliz-MDOT property and for youth sports parks.

But the composition of the two committees is somewhat different than some expected, particularly of the Peliz-MDOT group.

"I thought it was a committee of independent thinking people rendering a different opinion than the city bodies," said park watcher Roy Lindhardt, who will serve on the Peliz-MDOT committee.

Preliminary plans called for the committee that will help plan the Peliz-MDOT park south of 1496, west of Farmington Road, to include naturalists, residents, a homeowner from Quaker Valley subdivision, south of the property, and parks and recreation members, as well as one council member.

Councilman Larry Lichtman, with other members' support, wanted the Peliz-MDOT committee broadened a bit. He also urged the council to consider privatization or joint ventures with the private sector to accomplish projects wanted by residents and city officials.

"The focus is somewhat different. And the approach is somewhat different," Lichtman said of the Peliz-MDOT land.

THE SPORTS committee has an obvious task: to plan a youth athletic complex on the

90-acre old sod farm on Eight Mile that the city hopes to buy. The Peliz-MDOT property and plans for it are different.

The eight-year special millage program — as requested by many residents and local naturalists — does not call for significant development on the Peliz-MDOT other than an entrance road, picnic area and trails.

"Beyond that, that property is an open issue," Lichtman said.

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SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

It's moving day!

Some low power lines stalled the progress of a house-moving Thursday morning on 12 Mile Road near Haled in Farmington Hills. But the project was later completed, as the historic Hamilton-Jones house, which dates to the 1880s, was moved a few blocks from one 12 Mile location to another. The house is

owned by Donald and Lynn McCluskey, who operate an insurance agency of the same name. Lynn McCluskey said the house would be restored for offices. No serious problems were reported in the move, she added.

THEY DUG UP some history in Farmington Hills a couple of weeks ago.

Workers excavating for a new sewer line in the median of Grand River near the Botsford Inn discovered about 15 logs that might have been used on an old toll road that dates to about 1850.

The logs were first noticed by Fred Steinkopf, a local nurseryman, while he was driving past the site.

"I saw the logs," Steinkopf said. "So I stopped and got out and said to the man, 'Do you know what you've got here?'" He said, "It looks like it might be part of an old road." And that's exactly what it was, I said. "Would you mind putting them aside until we call someone from the historic commission?"

It isn't known if the logs were the originals or ones added in later years, said Ruth Mochlman of the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission.

"Historically, they're priceless," she said. "The museum really wanted them when they found out."

Some of the logs are in the carriage house of the Warner Mansion in Farmington, she added, and others have been given to the Detroit Historical Museum and the Greenend Historical Village in Livonia.

The toll (or plank) road connected Detroit with Lansing.

AN AILING young man made a wish and last week about 300 Farmington-area youngsters helped to make it come true.

The local kids attending three Farmington Area YMCA camps are writing their get-well wishes to Craig Shergold, 7, of Atlanta, Ga., as part of a camp project. Craig's getting letters and cards from across the nation.

"He has a brain tumor and has a very limited time left to live," said Mandi Skeegan, assistant program director for the YMCA. His wish is to have an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most number of get-well wishes.

The campers are members of Summer Fun, Summer Express and Five Alive, Skeegan said.

STATE REP. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, has announced that beginning July 1 she will discontinue "district hours" for the summer. Dolan normally is available to residents at the municipal building in her district on a set schedule. The schedule will resume on Sept. 8. Constituents of the 69th District in need of assistance can call Dolan's Lansing office at 1-517-373-1793.

MEMORY LANE — From the July 5, 1991, Farmington Enterprise: Members of the Farmington Baptist Church picked the Rev. David H. Love, of Bunker Hill, Ind., to be their new pastor. He replaced the Rev. Fred Fisher, who resigned the previous winter due to ill health. Charles Larson was named commander of the Glines-Walker Post of the American Legion in Farmington.

Items for Farmington Focus may be mailed to the Farmington Observer, 21628 Farmington Road, Farmington 48335, or dropped off at the newspaper office.

Millage support group cleared

By Casey Hans
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A political action committee working to pass a Farmington school tax reported campaign expenditures properly but may have violated the law by not putting its name on some literature.

A preliminary review of a complaint filed against Friends of Farmington Schools with state elections officials said the group "did in fact report expenditures . . . as required" and that such charges would be dismissed.

But, the letter added, "there may be reason to believe the committee violated technical requirements . . . in that some of your political literature failed to include the name and address of the person paying for the literature."

TWO PROPOSALS to increase operating tax in the Farmington Public School District were put to voters in February and were defeated.

Friends of Farmington Schools' treasurer Bobbie Feldman signed a conciliation agreement, assuring the group will comply with state's Campaign Finance Act in the future, although the agreement does not admit any wrongdoing by the group. Friends organizers said because of the large number of parents involved at different school buildings, some items may have been unintentionally sent without the Friends name.

THE AGREEMENT will effectively close the complaint, following a final review by the Michigan Department of State's Compliance and Rules, Division, which investigates complaints under the state's Campaign Finance Act.

"We are good, honest people and conducted our campaign with integrity," said Feldman, who was named in the complaint with other Friends organizers Jayne Wachomirka and Carol Lucksheiter. "Nobody did anything wrong."

The complaint was filed by Richard DeVries, an unsuccessful candidate.

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Farmington, Hills enter curbside recycling era

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Today is the beginning of a new era that is going to change your life.

Beginning today, curbside recycling is the rule in Farmington and Farmington Hills. If this is your regular refuse collection day, your refuse, compostables and recyclables should have been out on the curbside by 7 a.m.

The curbside recycling program will begin for each single-family homeowner some condominium owners in Farmington this week on your particular refuse collection day.

By now all single-family homeowners in Farmington and Farmington Hills and the 161 condominium owners served by the city of Farmington should have their 18-gallon plastic recycling bins. Apartments

are not involved in the program.

If you did not get your bin, call the recycling program's new hotline, 473-7279, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The hotline will be available through Aug. 2 for any questions regarding the new program.

If you lose your bin or it is stolen, you may buy another one from the city for \$10. If it is stolen, you should report the theft to the police department.

INCLUDED WITH your new bin is a packet of information that will detail what you must do. The idea is to separate your refuse.

In the recycling bin — you can put it at the curbside weekly whether it's full or not — you will put only items that can be recycled. That includes



glass, clean newspapers and certain types of plastics.

Now that leaves the rest of your refuse. Your grass clippings and other yard waste must be separated from the recyclables and refuse. Grass clippings and yard waste are called compost. You have two choices of what to do with the compost. You can put it in clear — not white — plastic bags or use your garbage or refuse container.

The information packet that came with your recycling bin should contain two "Yard Waste" stickers. If you use a container for compost, adhere the sticker to each container

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C'ville's top job on hold

By Marie Cheslinsky
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David Kamish, principal of Clarenceville's Grandview Elementary, began a European vacation Friday not knowing for certain if he soon will hold the district's top job.

The Clarenceville Board of Education was all set Thursday to name Kamish as superintendent but was advised not to do so by their attorney until Gov. John



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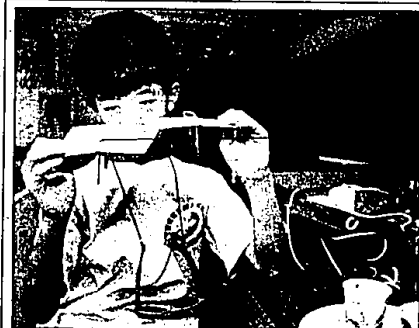
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Summer experiment

Checking for the effects of corrosive liquids on metal, 14-year-old Satoshi Uchida of Farmington Hills inspects specimens in a science class at OCC. The class is part of the community college's Summer Arts & Sciences Program for kids age 10 to high school and involves kids from throughout Oakland and part of Wayne counties. For more about the program, see Page 3A.