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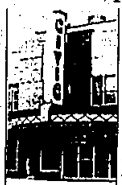
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AND THE WINNER IS...
Tim Pilon of Novi. He located Farmington's Founder at Marco's Dining and Cocktails to win the contest that is being used to promote Farmington's 125th anniversary.

Pilon's name was drawn randomly from all correct entries. About 1,000 entries were made throughout the downtown Farmington business district.

Pilon, the 44-year-old coordinator of youth ministries at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington, will receive \$500 in "downtown dollars" to be used at participating businesses through June 30. The event was sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority.

LET THE music play...
The first- and second-place winners in the Farmington Musical's annual scholarship competition will perform in a recital at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile Road east of Farmington.

For a list of the musical performers, please see Page 4A.

SECRETARY is not a toy...
"It goes a tune from the musical 'How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.'"

She (or perhaps he) certainly isn't. Most people of commerce know that hard-working secretaries are crucial to any successful business. The local Chamber of Commerce recognizes them with an annual luncheon on Secretary's Day.

This year's luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Hotel Baromette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, April 7, by calling the chamber at 474-3400.

Speaker will be Tamara Behr, expert on time management and goal setting, who will speak on "The 25th Hour and Here I Am Doing It." Cost is \$15 for chamber members and \$18 for non-members.

AN AREA business - Antonio hair salon on 14 Mile Road near Haggerty in Commerce Township - is sponsoring an Easter basket drive for needy children at the Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington Hills.

Participants are asked to make up the Easter baskets with candy and toys - no gun or toy guns, please - and drop them off at Antonio's, 39590 14 Mile Road. For more information, call Jody Gibson at 559-0900.

MEMORY LANE -
From the April 3, 1952, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

Helen Barnes and Tom Harford were selected as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for the class of 1952 at Clarenceville High School. Barnes planned to attend the University of California or Michigan State College. Harford won a scholarship to Lawrence Institute of Technology.

Three in the Floral Park section of Farmington were to have been sprayed. Area residents paid for the service.

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



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Taste of history

The Heritage Quilt, being constructed to help celebrate the 125th anniversary of Farmington's incorporation as a village, is being circulated through the Farmington area. Last week, the quilt was at Flanders

Elementary School for inspection by kindergarten Michael Hamlin (above) and other students. The quilt will be shown at more locations in the community. For a list, please see Page 2A.

Teacher squeezes life back into choking child

By Joanne Maliszewski
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When Rose Lacy saw the boy choking, she didn't have time to wonder what to do.

"I was a little bit scared. But my reaction was to take care of the child and not to worry about anything else," said Lacy, a lead toddler teacher at Children's World, 29200 Shilawasee in Farmington Hills.

Lacy's reaction and her training in the Heimlich maneuver saved the day, especially for 2½-year-old Mason McDade, who was choking on a piece of hot dog during lunch Wednesday at the child care center.

Farmington Hills Fire Department Inspector Lee Panoushek has recommended Lacy for a civilian citation for saving McDade's life.

"He (McDade) was sitting down and eating his hot dog. It got lodged in his throat. He couldn't breathe. He started grasping his throat and gasping for air," Lacy said.

SHE WENT over to the boy and quickly performed the life-saving Heimlich maneuver, in which she was trained. Employees at Children's World are certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Lacy said.

"He did cough it (hot dog piece) up. He was fine after that," Lacy said.

Meanwhile, another employee at the center dialed 911 for help. When the medically-trained Farmington Hills firefighters arrived, they found McDade in great shape.

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Hearing will settle fate of health spa

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Today's Health Spa has remained closed since Farmington Hills police raided it in late February and arrested five Korean women on prostitution-related charges.

But the Farmington Hills City Council will decide April 8 whether the massage parlor at 38255 10 Mile in the Freeway Plaza will remain closed permanently following a hearing, required under the city's massage parlor ordinance.

"It's an administrative hearing to determine whether the license to operate the massage parlor should be revoked for violations of the city code provision of that license," city attorney John Donohue said. "They (licensees) have a right to appeal any determination by the city council to a circuit court."

Meanwhile, the licensee, Kim Stokes, and four other Korean women are expected in 47th District Court today for a pretrial hearing. The five women were arrested after a police raid Feb. 25 at the 10 Mile Road spa, which is believed to be part of a prostitution ring involving Korean women, according to Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer.

FARMINGTON HILLS City Clerk Kathy Dornan suspended the spa's license about a week after the raid, as allowed by city ordinance.

"Letters notifying of the suspension and notice of the hearing were hand-delivered," Dornan said. The

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women live at an apartment at Independence Green Apartments at Grand River and Halsted, which also was raided Feb. 25.

The ordinance says that if a licensee is not abiding by ordinance provisions, the city clerk can suspend a license and the council, following a proper hearing, can revoke the license, Dornan said.

Locks at the spa were changed to prevent the businesses from re-opening. Large appliances in the spa also were removed by the landlord after the raid, Dwyer said.

During the hearing, the licensee or attorney representing the licensee may cross-examine witnesses that the city puts forth. "We are obliged to state to the council the evidence of what the violations are," Donohue said.

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More technology pushed in schools

By Casey Hane
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Organizers of a plan to expand technology in the Farmington Public Schools want learning to move out of the classroom.

"The world is the classroom," said Kathy Jones, director of information management and a chairwoman of the district's Technology Advisory Committee, or TAC.

Jones said some of the new technologies, such as video, interactive media, fax and computers, may eventually take the place of textbooks in the classroom.

"We're going to see what we now call 'homework' happen in a very different way," said Superintendent Michael Flanagan. "The industrial model we all grew up with won't be there."

Jones and the other 16 TAC members recently released a Technology Plan, which Flanagan termed a "road map" for the district. The report details technology goals for the district, and how far the district has

come in the four years since Flanagan formed the TAC team.

Also, the Farmington school board has adopted a policy saying it "encourages the infusion of technology into curriculum" and supports pilot technology projects in the classroom. The board policy calls for staff training and annual revisions to the technology plan.

THE DISTRICT will spend about \$500,000 for technology this year, about half of what it spent in each of the previous two years, said business support services director Betsy Rothrock, also a TAC member. That budget figure is mostly for classroom technology, but will also fund changes in administration and operations.

Cuts were made in this budget at the same time other items were pared last year, but school officials believed it was important to keep some money in place.

"It is a priority," Rothrock said.

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Hills expected to extend mock vote to Mercy seniors

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Seniors at Mercy High School are due to join others in Farmington high schools who participate annually in a mock election.

The Farmington Hills City Council is expected to discuss a request tonight from the Committee to Increase Voter Participation to include Mercy seniors in the mock election that's scheduled for the November presidential election later this year.

"We're open to it," said Sister Regina Marie Doelker, Mercy principal. "That's what we are all about - to help them become good citizens as well as good career people."

The all-girl Catholic high school is at 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads in Farmington Hills.

Mock elections at Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison high schools were begun in 1990 as a practice run. The mock elections allow students to follow the same voting procedures their parents must follow.

STUDENTS filled out applications to vote and used voting booths loaned by the city of Farmington Hills. Students and government or social studies teachers in the three public high schools also helped set up the mock elections. Students used official ballots for the particular elections.

"The city is interested in educating young people in voting. Young people don't know what to expect when they vote," said Shelley Paros, chairperson of the Committee to Increase Voter Participation.

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