



Emily McSweeney of The Farmington Players fits councilmember JoAnne McShane in an authentic white cotton dress as City

Manager Robert Deadman is fitted with the help of councilmember Shirley Richardson.



In order to maintain the style of the times, city attorney John Donohue is advised to wear a wide, scarf-like tie.

Farmington dresses up for 125th birthday

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with women's fashion is that fashion repeats itself every 30 years or so," McSweeney explained. "You just add different accessories."

TO PICK OUT the historic city costumes, she considered not only the decade, but the locale as well. "We're talking about small town Michigan in 1867," she said. "It definitely was not New York or Chicago, but it's not St. Louis either — they were another 10 years behind."

Councilwoman Shirley Richardson, who is coordinating all the 125th Anniversary events this year said she is excited about the May 4 council meeting and also about a May 9 reception at the Farmington Historical Museum to which descendants of founding families from the Farmington area will be invited.

Following the May kick-off of the 125th anniversary, various activities are scheduled through the summer and fall. The Community Center of Farmington/Farmington Hills will host an "1867 Day" on May 31 and a "Family Day in the Park" will be held Aug. 22 commemorating the anniversary. This year's Founders Festival organizers also will use the 125th as their theme.

Throughout the year, a number of community groups are adopting the 125th anniversary theme for their events, as well.

police/fire calls

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

WEAPON VIOLATION

Farmington police will ask the Wayne County Gun Board for an opinion on a traffic stop March 23, in which a Henry Ford Hospital security guard was wearing his .357 Smith and Wesson revolver.

The Farmington department contends the man violated his concealed weapons permit, which allows him to carry a gun only while on duty at the Detroit hospital. The 39-year-old Livonia man told police he carried the gun for protection while traveling to and from work.

The man was stopped on Farmington Road, when police noticed he was driving with expired plates.

STUDENT SUSPENDED

A Farmington High School freshman was suspended after shooting at a teacher during class with a toy pellet gun March 24.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, a 14-year-old was discovered carrying the spring-loaded toy gun, which shoots bb-size plastic balls. The barrel of the gun had been cut to it could be concealed and police said it resembled a sawed-off shotgun with

a pistol grip. He was also carrying a soft rubber knife.

The items were confiscated and destroyed by police.

THEFTS REPORTED

A camcorder valued at \$1,300 was reported stolen from a house on Tuck, March 31 to April 1.

Wire wheel covers valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a 1989 Cadillac at Village Green Condominiums on Eight Mile, March 31-April 1. Wire wheels valued at \$250 also were reported stolen from a 1987 Buick on the same dates and at the same location.

DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$510 when someone broke the mirrors on three new cars at Bob Saks Oldsmobile, 35300 Grand River, March 31-April 1.

The dashboard of a car parked at Bonner's Amoco, 32410 Grand River, received \$100 in damage March 31-April 1.

The front window of a house in the 24000 block of Farmington Road was hit with a job sometime March 27-29, causing \$75 in damage.

A visitor to the 47th District Court, 32795 10 Mile, reported someone put candy in a car gas tank March 27-30.

Library hosts 'Battle of the Books,' young adult author

The Young Adult Department of the Farmington Community Library will kick off National Library Week April 5-11 by hosting the 1992 "Battle of the Books" and the visiting young adult author Alden Carter.

The events are sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library.

The Battle of the Books will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in the Farmington Hills Branch Library and will involve 25 teams of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

Each team of six has read 10 young adult novels selected by the library's two Young Adult librarians, Gail Roberts and Kent Graham. During the battle, teams will compete for the championship

by answering questions based on these books.

AFTERWARD, award-winning young adult author Alden Carter will speak to the battle participants and sign copies of his books. Carter has written several acclaimed novels for young adults, "Sheila's Dying," "Up Country," and "Rebopod." He has also authored many non-fiction titles that are used in middle and high schools.

During his three-day stay, the Wisconsin resident will also visit the three Farmington high schools and will make a presentation to area eighth graders.

For information on either event, call 553-0300 or 474-7770.

Trash exporting ban threat worries officials

By Casey Hane
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A state threat to keep Oakland County communities from exporting garbage outside the county has solid waste officials here worried.

They wonder where they will put the garbage, worry about possible health risks, and say that such a move would do nothing more than drive up already excessive disposal costs for local communities.

The state's threat came after the Department of Natural Resources rejected an Oakland County master plan for solid waste. DNR officials had originally given the county until April 10 to submit an amended plan but, as of last Thursday, a 90-day extension was granted, said Roger Smith, Oakland County's deputy director for solid waste.

Smith said the threat of closing the borders to cross-county garbage hauling is "a very real possibility. The potential for closed borders is just one of the things the state can do."

The state could also mandate sites for new landfills in the county, he added.

SMITH is negotiating with the DNR to get solid waste issues resolved as the county juggles the equally controversial options of incineration or adding more landfills. In the talks, Smith is representing local communities including the nine members of the Resource, Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County — a regional group which has taken control of its own solid waste management.

Although the authority has acted independently on many solid waste issues, in this case it is finding itself stuck in the middle with little control.

"We're very concerned, of course," said Robert Deadman, Farmington's city manager and chairman of RRRASOC. "It's a big dilemma and they're going to have to work on it."

"We're concerned they'll artificially drive up our costs for disposal."

RRRASOC serves the communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon and Lyon Township. The authority was formed in 1989 after the communities began experiencing sharp increases in the cost of garbage handling.

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Waste authority reviews bids for recycling center

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Bids are being reviewed by a regional solid waste authority for a Southfield-based recycling station to serve residents of the authority's eight member communities.

The cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield are members of that regional group, the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County.

RRRASOC board chairman Robert Deadman said two bids were received to build the multi-million dollar material recovery facility on an industrially zoned, four-acre site at the northeast corner of Eight Mile and Evergreen, a for-

mer machine shop site. The project was originally estimated to cost more than \$12 million.

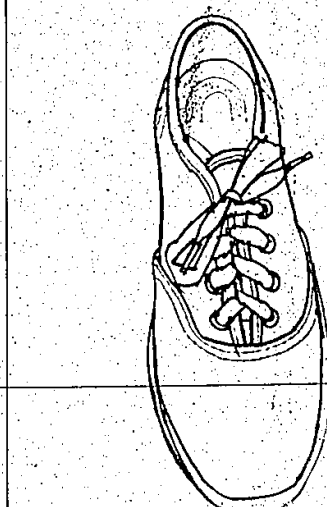
Deadman, who is also Farmington city manager, said it would take the RRRASOC board "quite some time" to review the bids because of the complexity of the project. Solid waste giants Waste Management, Inc. and Browning-Ferris Industries were the only bidders.

THE SITE will require some environmental clean-up work, but Deadman said that would be the responsibility of the current owner. The site was selected in December of 1990, after the authority ruled out a Novi site because of cost concerns and concerns by residents in that area.

In addition to the three cities noted above, RRRASOC also serves Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, South Lyon and Lyon Township. The authority originally formed as a consortium of several of these cities, concerned with rising garbage disposal costs and the apparent lack of viable solutions to the crisis.

Many of the RRRASOC cities are already involved in curbside recycling programs. The material recovery facility is part of that recycling effort.

The central station will be used for crushing, sorting and rebundling recyclables such as newspaper, glass, aluminum and plastics. Non-recyclable materials will continue to go to a landfill or incinerator.



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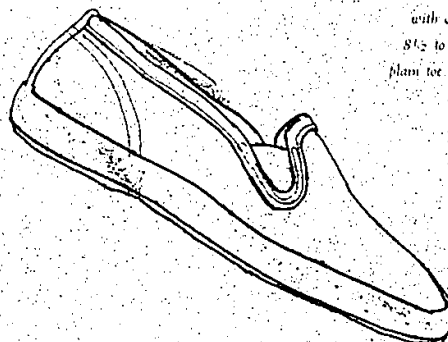
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