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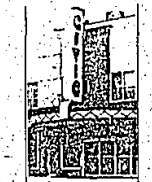
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NATIONAL Music Week is coming up . . . and mightily with the preparations by the Farmington Musicate and other area music clubs for its celebration.

LOCAL HISTORY, anyone? That's what you'll get — and plenty of it — if you attend the open house of the Farmington Branch Library 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 4.

The event will help commemorate the 125th anniversary of Farmington's incorporation as a village.

Participants will be able to examine editions of the Farmington Enterprise — the forerunner of the Observer — from the early 1800s, see the display relating to the founding Power family, explore the resources of the Michigan History Room and view the photographs displayed on the "Hall of History."

The library is located at State and Liberty streets in downtown Farmington. An open house will be held at the same time at the City Hall next door.

THE REVIEWS are in . . . and the Farmington Hills Recreational Division's seventh-annual After-School Dance Recital — "The Magical World of Dancing" — received a five-star rating.

The recital, held April 11 in the Farmington High School auditorium, involved 125 youngsters performing 16 routines for an audience of 400. After School instructors Kelly, Curtis and Julie Hillper also performed.

Jon Grant, mayor of Farmington Hills, was master of ceremonies.

The recital was the conclusion of the Recreation Division's 20-week dance program. Classes, held at area elementary schools beginning last September, were composed of ballet, tap and jazz for children 3-11 years of age.

Tune to cable Channel 12 for a tape of the recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24; 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28; and 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8. Video tapes of the recital are available for \$10 a copy. Call, 473-9391 for more information.

MEMORY LANE — From the April 21, 1973, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

• Farmington High School outran Clarenceville High, 77-32, in the season track opener for both schools. Clarenceville's Joe Whyte won three events, but Farmington had superior depth, said Falcon coach Harold Humble.

• A five-car accident on Grand River in front of the American Legion Home left a Michigan State Trooper and his passenger seriously injured.

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KROGER EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE



SHARON LAMIEUX staff photographer

Striker struck

Co-workers Fran Priestley and Valory Galloway help remove the outside plastic casing of an orange paintball which hit striking cashier Nancy Lang behind her right ear. Lang, a Livonia resident, was knocked unconscious Tuesday afternoon and treated by EMS, according to Farmington Hills. Sgt.

Charles Nobus. She later rejoined Kroger picketers at 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Two Farmington Hills juveniles are expected to be charged with felonious assault; charges against a third are pending. The youth who shot the paintball wore a rubber Halloween George Bush mask, Nobus said.

Deadline nears in run for judge

By Susan Buck staff writer

Decision time is near for several attorneys who are pondering a run for a judgeship on the 47th District Court in Farmington.

Learning records indicate that candidate John (Jack) J. McDonald, a former county commissioner, filed his nominating petitions on April 2, and Gerald Surawiec, a Farmington Hills trial lawyer, filed his nominating petitions on April 10.

The filing deadline is May 12. One of the two current seats will open this year when Judge Margaret Schaeffer retires.

A last ditch effort to secure a third judge failed by one vote earlier this month after state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, made the amendment to add a third judge. Faxon's amendment was to add a third judge in 1995. Gov. John Engler made it clear that, because of budget constraints, some courts, like the 47th District, would not get additional judges.

Some attorneys pulled out of the race after learning that a third judge would not be added.

"No, I will not run," said 47th District Court magistrate Jim Brady. "At this point, I will just get behind Jack."

were endorsed by the Farmington units of the Police Officers Association of Michigan and Command Officers Association of Michigan.

Brady said he's impressed with McDonald's experience as both a prosecutor and defense attorney and that he's a long time resident.

"I can't think of a single reason why he wouldn't be a good judge," Brady said. "His integrity is beyond reproach."

Apparently, Brady, Marty Krohner, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor, and Paul Sowerby, a former Hills councilman, told McDonald that they would not run if the third judge's seat was not a possibility. McDonald said Tuesday in Florida during a telephone interview.

"I plan to run hard," McDonald said. He added that he wants to clear the docket, expand the small claim court hours and require communit/ work, instead of fines in some cases, for misdemeanor violations.

"I told Jack I would not run against him," Krohner told the Observer recently. "In a man of my word. My word and integrity are important to me."

Sowerby, who was unsuccessful last fall in a bid to return to the Hills Council, considered running for the judgeship, but then informed his sup-

EARLY ON, McDonald and Brady

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City asks for patience; residents want action

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

He doesn't want a fight with Old Town-Meadowbrook Heights residents.

"The staff is willing to work with the residents. That's the bottom line," said Dale Countegan, director of Farmington Hills planning and community development.

"I am more sensitized to their concerns. I want to be positive about this. I don't want to get into an argument. We will continue to talk with the residents and find out what we

But for some residents, the verdict is still out in the continuing concerns over code and zoning violations in Old Town-Meadowbrook Heights.

need to get the job done," Countegan continued.

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STEPHEN CARRELL staff photographer

Broomfield leaving mired Congress

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By Judith Dover Berne staff writer

Channel 2 News was set up for a noon "live" interview from the foyer of the downtown Birmingham office building where William Broomfield has his local headquarters.

"The reception room of his office suite was overflowing with TV news people and photographers from area papers. They were fairly patiently waiting their turn while a Channel 7 crew was doing its taped story for the noon news from the congressman's office.

They were ushered in and out by Kathleen Johnson, his long-time office manager. When asked what she would do now, the tears welled: "I'm going to stick with the boss. You don't get them any better."

Broomfield said he didn't know what all the fuss was about.

"I thought I could make the announcement from my Washington office, you know like McCarthy, just sort of fade away," Broomfield said. "I'm flattered. I guess I'd rather have it this way."

EVERY TWO YEARS for the past decade speculation has abounded as to whether this was the last year in which Broomfield would retire. And Broomfield, who at 69 is the longest-serving Republican member of the House but not nearly the oldest member of Congress, has routinely squelched them.

But 1991 was especially targeted because it is the last year in which Broomfield and other longtime members of Congress can take their unused campaign funds with them.

Broomfield has always maintained he would not convert those funds of about \$900,000 for personal use - and though he will take them with him, he is still saying it. "We are going to form a foundation. The money has accumulated over 20

years from Macomb, Oakland and Livingston voters. We will put them into charitable projects that reflect their giving."

His needs, he said, will be met out of a Congressional pension.

Broomfield firmly states that neither the accumulated funds nor the tough run state Sen. David Honigman would have given him for his seat dictated his retirement.

"I feared no one. What I feared was getting old in office and not being effective. It was better to have a new face in Washington."

HIS DECISION, he says, is strongly endorsed by his wife, Jane, and his three daughters. "She's very pleased," he said. "My children are very pleased."

If he is not appointed to a governmental post, he says he plans to move back to Oakland County. "This is my home. I'd like to stay active."

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Economist leads effort to crunch recycling fee

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Economist Patrick Anderson says Farmington and Farmington Hills officials are trying "to have their cake and eat it too" with the less than one-year-old recycling fee.

"A tax is something you have to pay," said Anderson, a director of Taxpayers United for the Michigan Constitution. "A user fee is when you use something. If you don't use it, you don't pay."

The Farmington resident is also assistant vice president of government affairs with Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance, Farmington Hills.

mandatory fee in both cities without voter approval. After recycling began in July, Anderson told city officials their fees were unconstitutional.

"We remain convinced that the mandatory nature of the cities' recycling ordinances, coupled with the enforcement by a tax lien, makes the recycling fee in reality a property tax," Anderson wrote to both mayors.

TO CORRECT that, Anderson says city officials have three choices: amend ordinances and establish a true user fee, levy an ad valorem tax or a flat tax, which Anderson believes is what the cities are doing now.

"I'm sure it will be part of the budget discussion," Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said.

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