



Farmington Observer

Look for coupons today

• Cut your weekly grocery bill an average \$20 to \$30 a week clipping coupons by Kraft, Nabisco, Heinz and others that will be inserted into today's issue of your home-delivered Observer newspaper.

• While you are clipping turn to the Taste section in Monday's paper for quick and easy recipes your family will enjoy.

• Don't miss out on the savings. To have the Observer delivered to your home, call 591-0500.



Quake wakes California dreamer



A California dreamer with Farmington Hills connections counts himself as a survivor of Monday's earthquake in the Los Angeles area. It was the worst, but not the first, quake he's experienced.

By BILL COULTANT
STAFF WRITER

Monday's earthquake served as a "hell of an alarm clock" to wake Christopher Farley from his California dream just after 4:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

The former Farmington Hills resident and Harrison High School graduate says it's just the latest proof that

he, and many of his fellow Los Angeles must be in denial.

"It must be a pretty strong passion for this dream of succeeding as a TV producer," said Farley, who has lived in L.A. for four years. "I traded clean air, green trees and friends for smog, riots, fires, floods and now this."

Farley, 26, spoke from NBC studios in Burbank where he has become

something of a success already. He loves his work producing TV shows, but hasn't exactly come to terms with the uneasy ground in sunny southern California.

"It's always in the back of your mind," said the Grand Valley State University graduate and former Farmington Observer carrier. "You look at a map and you can see how it could just break right off."

Farley, who lives about a mile from his work, said the quake, which measured 6.6 on the Richter scale (destructive), was the worst he's been through, but not the first.

"I've been through about one a year," he said. "The first time it felt like something was shaking my bed. This time I knew what it was. I leaped up and we got out."

Farley and his girlfriend escaped without injury, went outside, got into a car and turned on the radio.

"Then I went back in a little later and got my pants, then my glasses."

A book shelf fell and a TV set and glass table were smashed at his apartment during the quake. Farley's cat was also trapped behind a stair-

See **QUAKE, 2A**

IN THE PAPER
TODAY

Hey, partner: The Farmington Public Schools and area businesses are forging a special relationship. /4A

Tale of the tape: A Farmington Hills firm has helped authorities get a picture of the man who attacked Nancy Kerrigan. /11A

OPINION

City concerns: Industry, downtown business should be near the top of Farmington's agenda for 1994. /14A

Twinkle-toeing: Farmington Hills resident Raymond M. Dubin, this week's guest columnist, has some advice for state Sen. Jack Faxon. /15A

ENTERTAINMENT

Movies: Academy Award honoree Robert Duvall and Richard Harris star in "Wrestling Ernest Hemingway," which opens Friday. /7B

SPORTS

Intra-city dual: Harrison overcame a determined effort by North Farmington to win a volleyball match in four games Monday. /1B

SUBURBAN LIFE

It's marvelous: Marvin's Marvelous Museum is a marvel of gadgets, gizmos, kiddie rides and collectibles. The Farmington Hills retreat attracts preschoolers, teens and adults looking for a good time. /1C

INDEX

Business 1F	Creative Living . . . 1D
Classifieds D-G	Crossword 2E
Auto G	Entertainment . . . 6B
Index 9D, 9F	Obituaries 6A
Employment F	Opinion 14-15A
Real estate D, E, F	Police, fire calls . . 2A
Cable 8A	Personal Scene . . . 4G

HERE'S HOW TO REACH US

Newsroom: 477-5450
Newsroom Fax: 477-4722
Sports: 953-2141
Reader Comment Line: 953-2042
Classified Advertising: 591-0900
Display Advertising: 591-2300
Home Delivery: 591-0500
Cable/TV Weekly: 953-2182

Round and round and up and down



It's just marvelous: Leah Canvasser, 3, rides on an antique carousel at Marvin's Marvelous Museum in Farmington Hills. For a story and more photographs, please see the Suburban Life front page. /1C

City finds wait problem exercise in futility

By LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Farmington city officials are getting wait-and-see-sick. For the past year, Lansing has dished out tax proposals like slop in an Army mess hall. City officials have had to chew on the consequences of each one.

That, said Farmington city manager

Frank Lauboff at the close of his first year on the job, has made planning into a case of heartburn.

"I guess the one thing you learn is to wait until the state Legislature really, actually writes something down to give us some direction," said Lauboff, who succeeded longtime city manager Robert Deadman last January.

The March 15 ballot proposal is the latest to weigh. The ballot proposal calls for a 5-percent cap per parcel of property on assessment increases, which would take a bite out of revenue where the average increase is 9 to 9 percent.

Lauboff figures the city can lose up to \$300,000 in state revenue sharing as well. He predicted the loss will

have a major effect on city services. The challenge, he added, is deciding what's important and what's not.

"It's tough," Lauboff said. "We've learned to expand government. We haven't learned how to reduce government."

Lauboff is not specific about which

See **WAITING, 2A**

A 'Chill' day for golf

Get three layers of clothes, gloves, hat, scarf, boots . . . and your golf clubs. Now you're ready to participate in the 1994 Farmington Hills Recreation Division's Chill Golf Outing. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the San Marino Golf Course, on Halsted between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Two nine-hole golf courses—Snow Tops and The Polar Bear—have been laid out this year, said Jim Hardy, golf supervisor. The nine-hole tournament will use individual stroke play and a shotgun start. Following the competition, a meal of chili and hot dogs will be available. Gift certificates will be presented and a drawing for prizes will be held. Registration fee is \$15 per person with a maxi-

FARMINGTON FOCUS

imum of 88 entries (the number that played in last year's event) to be accepted at the Farmington Hills Recreation Office, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, during normal business hours before the deadline of Jan. 24. For more information, call 473-9570.

Bands, bands, bands

The Farmington Community Band will join community bands from Birmingham, Novi, Plymouth, Schoolcraft College and South Oakland at the 14th annual Festival of Bands 11

Memory Lane

From the Jan. 23, 1954, edition of the Farmington Enterprise: ■ Spotty, a dog and the official mascot for the Farmington March of Dimes 1954 campaign, was shown in his campaign gear. ■ Buick Specials were advertised at \$2,207 at Jim Burns Buick, 32411 Grand River, Farmington. ■ The new Westbrook Elementary School on Oasus Street in Farmington Township opened for classes. It was in the Clarenceville District.