

Dolan to speak

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, will speak on school finance reform and Proposal A at a meeting of the Council of Homeowner Associations at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Farmington Hills branch of the Community Library on 12 Mile.

Also expected to attend are state Sens. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. Dolan has been a supporter of Proposal A, while Faxon has opposed it. Michigan voters will settle the issue in a March 15 special election.

The COHA meeting has an earlier start — 7 p.m. — so that members can get to know each other. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Applause for her!

Boston Continuing Health Center has named Sandra Martin as January's Applause Award winner.

The monthly award is given to those who have provided exceptional care and service to residents of the long-term care facility in Farmington Hills.

Martin began working at the center four years ago as a dietary services aide and is now a supervisor of the department. Her job includes watching the lunch and dinner tray lines to ensure each res-

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ident is receiving the proper menu.

Although many of the dietary guidelines come from the medical and nursing staff, Martin said she thinks it is important to listen to the residents as well.

"It is important for me to talk with the residents," she said. "It's the only way to know what they like and don't like."

Martin lives in northwest Detroit with her two children, Taquilla and Antoine.

Memory Lane

From the March 4, 1954, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

Greyhound buses running on new schedules will carry shoppers from the Farmington area and other suburbs to the J.L. Hudson Co. store in the Northland Center when it opens in April.

Items for Farmington Focus may be mailed to the Farmington Observer, 21805 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336, or dropped off at the newspaper office.

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ing her first day of work Monday.

"It's an administrative job, which is my strength. But it also involves a lot of creativity and there's a lot to learn."

Samouelian said her selection to the new post was a combination of her expressed interest and the desire of the Gov. John Engler administration to muster her community relations skills.

The program will mirror Samouelian's community outreach work for the commission in Farmington, Novi and Farmington Hills. She carried out cable commission decisions involving oversight and television development for public, educational, governmental and institutional television channels.

"She was active in the community in getting people interested in producing programs," said commission chairman William Hartsock. "She was instrumental when public access came to the

Detroit area in the early '80s."

Aldo Vagnozzi, councilman, former mayor and now the Farmington Hills City Council's representative on the commission, also praised Samouelian.

"She was really attuned to consumer concerns," Vagnozzi said. "Anytime a resident had a complaint she would always follow through. And she was always on top of developments in federal cable regulations."

Tom Bjorklund, vice president of MetroVision, the cable company serving the three communities, said Samouelian always had worked in the best interests of consumers.

"She certainly did an awful lot of work on community programming," he said.

Although selected by Republican Engler, Samouelian said her bipartisan approach to public access programming will give her credibility in Lansing.

"We're providing a service, that includes public education," she said. "Being bipartisan is a crucial element."

Mary Linda Calderone, the commission's community outreach coordinator, will succeed Samouelian.

Samouelian said she is also excited to be near her 18-year-old son Alan, a freshman at Michigan State University. Her other son, Aaron, is a junior at Birmingham Rooper.

Samouelian submitted a cable column to the Farmington Observer every week. She thanked her "faithful readers" in her final column, that is in today's issue on Page 8A.

"I look forward to the challenge and excitement a position such as this shall bring," she wrote. "I also look forward to disseminating information to you on a new and different level."

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residents who own valuable trees would benefit, it is not an extreme reaction.

"I have mixed feelings, but I can see their point," he said.

Gypsy moths, which feed on the leaves of deciduous trees, can defoliate an area when in high concentrations. City officials have monitored infestation of the city by setting moth traps throughout the summer and counting egg

masses during the fall.

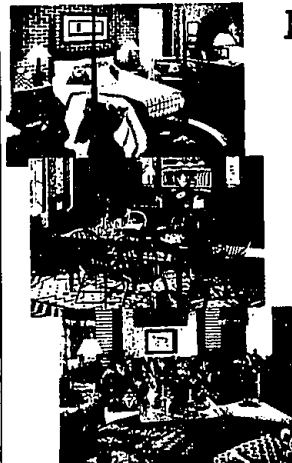
The federal gypsy moth suppression program, administered by the county, will cover up to 25 percent of the city's cost (\$5,500). About 700 acres of the city, principally bordered by Inkster on the east, 14 Mile on the north, Middlebelt on the west and Northwestern on the south, would be sprayed.

Kendra Anderson of the state

Department of Agriculture, said the spraying program will not totally eliminate the pests, but will keep them at reasonable levels. She added that their southwestern migration can be changed by the spraying and by the amount of favored trees in an area. She said they could come back as well.

"One good load of firewood and you could have quite a few egg masses," she said.

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