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Council pores over Tea Cozy sign



BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

What's green and cream in color with a teapot hanging from it? Ask Doris Lovill and she'll say it's a sign she wants to put in front of her new business on Grand River Avenue.

Ask Farmington City Council, though, and the riddle turns into a prolonged debate including the color spectrum green encompasses. The council eventually decided, though not to let the matter color its judgment in considering a sign variance at Monday's meeting.

Lovill is expected to open Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy at 32905 Grand River soon. She appeared before council Monday to ask for a sign variance.

Lovill wanted to put up a 6-foot high sign, which included a teapot suspended from a wooden beam to call attention to her new business.

Council agreed to a sign 6-foot in height instead and stipulated the teapot must be anchored.

Also, placement of the marker has to be 7 feet from the sidewalk and would hinge on a site inspection by the Public Safety Department and

the Public Services Department to check for vision clearance.

"If that's what you folks want, we can do that," Lovill said.

But the issue wasn't settled.

City attorney John Donahue suggested the motion might also include specifying the colors Lovill said she intended to use. Council went ahead and passed a motion, including the color specifications.

Councilman William Hartscock voted against the motion.

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Shoes, shoes everywhere!



SHARON LEHMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Knows his business: Ed Greenfield, owner of Children's Shoe Mart in Farmington, has many years experience selling shoes.

Selling shoes a perfect fit for city store owner

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Ed Greenfield is Al Bundy's worst nightmare. Greenfield, who's well into his 50s, sells shoes.

"Sometimes I'd like to throw something at the TV set," said Greenfield, 55, referring to the sitcom "Married... with Children" that depicts a perpetually

grumpy character bemoaning his fate as a shoe salesman.

Bundy's got nothing on Greenfield, who jumped into the shoe business feet first when he was a teen.

Greenfield started selling Florsheim shoes for \$13.93 (compared to \$70 today) at Morris Men's Wear on Vernor Highway in Detroit.

He opened his first shoe store in Taylor Township when he was 29.

For 10 years, he's been the proprietor of Children's Shoe Mart in downtown Farmington.

The store on Grand River offers brand-name children's shoes at a discount. Greenfield recently added a men's line to the store.

During the week, Greenfield

works as a traveling sales representative for different shoe companies. He logs 30,000 miles a year going to all parts of the state.

His daughter, Linda, operates the store.

"He has a lot of energy," Linda said. "He's not the kind of person

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Improvement plans leave bus budget SMARTing

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

When Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) officials asked residents and agencies that use their bus service for ways to improve it, they received lots of suggestions.

But when asked how they'll pay for those improvements along with the new routes and changes already planned, SMART officials had to play dumb.

"We're the only metropolitan area

in the country that doesn't have local taxes to help support our transportation system," said Dan Dirks, SMART planning director.

Dirks and SMART director Matt Wirgau talked about proposed changes at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills March 31.

Until SMART can get local financing, it will be plagued by problems of meeting transportation needs in the area, Wirgau said.

"It's hard to support this with one of the four (financing) legs missing,"

he said.

SMART depends on federal and state money along with fares to run its \$33 million a year system. To efficiently meet demand, add and change routes and change to a more efficient computerized scheduling system, the system needs an additional \$27 million, bringing it to \$60 million.

SMART officials want consumer input so that they will have a plan that addresses the transportation needs of the area, which is more likely

to sell to legislators or others when the system tries for additional money, and will help it better serve customers, Dirks said.

And although most of the 50-plus attending the meeting seemed to like the expanded route system, there were plenty of concerns from people already left out.

"Those of us (senior citizens) who don't live in the senior center (Mercy Center) might just as well live in

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Poster contest set

The Farmington Hills Police Department is looking for a few good high school artists who want to help promote the upcoming police open house.

Art students from Farmington-area high schools are invited to submit entries for the design of the promotional posters and fliers by noon Thursday, April 21.

Entries should be done on 18-by-24-inch white poster board. The theme of the open house is "Children and Police." Only red, medium blue and black colors may be used.

Art design must include the following text in large print: Farmington Hills Police Open House, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 12, 1994. The police department's address — 31855 Eleven Mile Road — also must be included.

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The back of the entries must include: the artist's name, school, grade level, home address and phone number.

Prizes will be awarded at the Showmobile during the open house. First prize will be in excess of \$100.

For more information, call Kim Kemake, police crime prevention specialist, at 473-9640.

Fun seminar on fishing

Naturally Michigan Afford will present a seminar on fun fishing conducted by Joe Derek, Farmington Hills naturalist, outdoor educator and host of the "Naturally Michi-

gan Afford" radio show.

The seminar will run for three nights beginning from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 18, at the Farmington Community School, 30416 Shawwassee Road, Farmington. Fee is \$15 per person and children ages 7-16 are free when they attend with a parent. Advance registration is required. Call 489-3333 to register.

Derek will conduct a seminar on fishing for women only May 4-5.

Memory Lane

From the April 15, 1954, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

Farmington Mayor Kenneth R. Loomis and Luther I. Daines, village president of Paw Paw, were to switch duties for a day as part of Michigan Week observance.