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DDA leased the land from the Masons, who own the historic Masonic Temple.

The Masons stipulated as part of the lease agreement that there be a sign, so they can publicize their upcoming events. To achieve that, white signs have been placed over the marsh setting.

Neither the marsh setting highlighted in Kelly, or the white portable signs have set well with residents.

"I've got to tell you the sign is symptomatic of the problem," Phillips said. "If a foreigner were

to come here, he'd think he was in 'For Lease, Michigan.'"

"We have managed to do the Masonic Temple a great big PR favor. In doing so, we have blackened the eye of Farmington."

City manager Frank Lauthoff said the professionally done lawyer signs are a marked improvement from homemade ones used before by the Masonic Temple. He also said there are four vacancies out of 150 stores downtown.

"I think we need to put it into perspective," Lauthoff said.

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The second and third sessions are set for the following Thursdays, May 12 and 19.

Topics to be discussed are: Information on community organizations that provide direct or self-help services to residents; crime stories and how much detail is appropriate; and coverage of upcoming elections for school board members and state legislators.

In general, the Observer wants to know how board members feel about their community and its newspaper.

To launch this process, the Observer asks interested readers to fill out the accompanying coupon giving some background on interests. We are looking for diversity. People of all ages, incomes and interests are urged to apply.

City man to judge youth of year

Miguel A. Martinez, a Farmington resident and planning director for the United Way of Oakland County, has been selected to serve as a judge for the State of Michigan Youth of the Year program sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of America.

"We are most pleased that Mr. Martinez will be one of the judges in this most important program," said Tim Kowalski, director of the Auburn Hills Boys & Girls Club.

Martinez has championed youth causes through projects ranging from advocacy to mentoring to coaching youth sports. As past chairman of the Oakland

Livingston Human Services Youth Violence Task Force, Martinez focused community attention on understanding and controlling street crime and youth violence. He is also a member of the Oakland County Human Services Council; the FEMA tri-county Board of Directors; the Pontiac Infant Mortality Task Force and is currently working on a program to bring late-night basketball to Pontiac this summer.

Martinez is a master's degree candidate at Wayne State University and received a bachelor of arts from Michigan State University in community development.

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ers to be given an opportunity to teach in the district instead of going out of state. "We're losing fantastic minds," Stein said.

Stein is working as a law clerk while he studies to become a patent attorney. He is awaiting the result of his bar exam.

Stein is a product of the Farmington schools. He attended Wood Creek, Warner and North Farmington schools.

He has an engineering degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Wayne State University.

He's undaunted about going against two incumbents.

"They represent what has happened in the past," he said. "I represent what we can accomplish."



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Kenneth Stein



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courts have three."

State figures seem to support Grewell's position.

In 1991, the 47th District Court had 34,572 filings while the 44th in Royal Oak had 19,423, also with two judges. But the 46th in Southfield had 38,667 with three judges, the 52-4th in Troy had 25,648 with three judges and the 50th in Pontiac had 28,623 filings with four judges.

The local district court is funded partly by the state and partly by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, which had to agree to the proposal.

Both cities had passed resolu-

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State court administrator

tions supporting the additional judge even though the cities would have to pick up the tab for additional support personnel, and addition to the court building and other equipment.

State court administrator Marilyn K. Hall had recommended the

third judge, saying, "Cases that require significantly greater judicial time than a typical case are especially high in this court. The court is located in an area of increasing population growth and commercial activity."

The Senate panel acted in the

face of a May 10 deadline for candidates to file. The House earlier passed the bill.

Incumbent judges rarely face serious challenges, but attorneys flock to a race where no incumbent is seeking re-election.

District court handles pretrial examinations in felony cases, landlord-tenant cases, misdemeanor charges and small civil suits. District judges may appoint magistrates to handle small claims and issue warrants.

Grewell had said before Wednesday's vote that even if the judgeship weren't approved this year, it would be eventually.

Program topic: durable power of attorney law

What would you want your family to do if you became seriously ill or injured and were unable to tell them your wishes regarding your medical treatment?

Empowering individuals to make their own decisions regarding their health care is the premise of Michigan's Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Law.

Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills plans a free program — "The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care: Your Right to Make Important Decisions About Your Health Care" — as a community service program at four locations during April.

This law gives people 18 or older the right to make their wishes

known regarding medical treatment for when they are not able to speak for themselves and to appoint someone to speak for them if they can't.

It is being offered at the following locations: 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, Health Development Network,

Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi; 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, Botsford Family Services, 26905 Grand River, Redford.

Informational materials will be distributed at each meeting. Preregistration is required. To register or for more information call Botsford General Hospital community relations at 442-7086.

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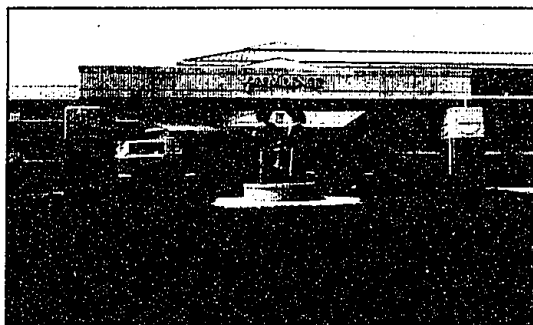
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