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ASPIRING AMBASSADOR
Farmington High junior Tim Streit has been accepted to the Oakland County delegation for the People to People Student Ambassador Program, a 21-day program of exchange to France, Germany, Switzerland and Spain for meetings with teen-agers and government officials and home visits with host families. People to People was started by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. Tuition and airfare from Detroit to New York cost \$4,320. Streit is asking for contributions. His parents have agreed to match money he raises. For information, call 477-6258.

EAST ESSAYS
East Middle School students Christine Renee Drayback, first, Shannon Watson, second, and Jennifer Baldwin, third, were winners in the 25th annual America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.



MICHAEL GARABELLI

All three received award certificates for their achievement. Drayback's name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in school. Drayback's essay advanced to the state-level competition. Ten essays will be selected for plaques and U.S. Savings Bonds ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

MATH MAGIC
Redford Catholic Central junior Michael Buchanan, son of Ken and Claudia Buchanan of Farmington Hills, has been named an



TIM STREIT

award winner by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America. The honor is given for placing in the top 100 out of 14,900 high school students who participated in the 38th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. Buchanan and other math winners were honored at Grand Valley State University March 4.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR
Redford Catholic Central senior Gregory Ayres, son of Nick and Carol Ayres of Farmington Hills,



SUZANNE VALADE

has been named one of 2,600 candidates in the 1995 Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from more than 2.5 million students expected to graduate from high schools this year. The candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the SAT or the College Board or the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program. Students were also evaluated on the basis of essays, self-assessments, activities, school recommendations and transcripts.

WELL-SPOKEN

St. Fabian fifth-grader Michael Garabelli captured first place in the Michigan McDonald's Regional Speech Competition at St. Bede School in Southfield. Michael, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Garabelli of Farmington Hills, will advance to the semifinals at Novi High School later this month.

SUCCESSFUL SPELL

St. Fabian fifth-grader Suzanne Valade won the school's spelling bee co-sponsored by Lawrence Technological University and The Detroit News. She will represent St. Fabian at the area competition at Warner Middle School March 6. Suzanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Valade of Farmington Hills, will receive a dictionary with her name imprinted in gold.

TV TURNOFF

William Grace Elementary had several families participate in Family Trek activities in January, according to the William Gracevine. Families turned off the TV for an hour a night. Several students said they read books, enjoyed hobbies and made visits. The program was so popular William Grace officials are considering another program next winter.

IT'S A SNAP

Parent Katie Smith has started a

photograph program for second-graders at William Grace Elementary, according to the William Gracevine. Pupils are encouraged to think about things that are beautiful and things that need to be improved in their environment. They used a Kodak Funtime single use camera to record their observations. Kmart develops the film free of charge. Two photos will be selected by a panel of judges and submitted for a national contest.

CLAY-LABORATION

William Grace Elementary teachers Linda Pollak and Stephanie Keasler had their classes participate in Cranbrook Museum's "Young Curators Select Ceramics" Feb. 1-5, according to the William Gracevine. Students viewed ceramic artists and developed their own exhibit. Young curators included: Shaun Ashburn, Christopher Austin, Matthew Balla, Daniel Banister, Kimberly Black, Adriane Bracciale, Rosanna Bryant, Tracy Byrns, Bryan Curlew, Rachel Duplessis, Aaron Dutton, Michael Garant, Mary Goble, Jerusha Halton, Erik Harris, Diana Komarova, Bryan Kurlik, Katie Lynch, Jaclyn McKinney, Andrew Penny, Sandy Savaya, Brian Schmidt, Emily Shwalter, Andy Siniashat, Ryan VanCamp and Jeffrey Jonna.

Local student 3rd in bee

Collin Kravis, a Larkshire Elementary student, won third prize in the "I Am a Champion" Spelling Bee held Feb. 18 at Livonia Mall.

More than 150 students participated from area schools, including Livonia, Redford, Wayne, Westland, Garden City, and Farmington.

The spelling bee was co-sponsored by Livonia Mall and World Book Encyclopedia. Host of the contest was WCSX radio personality Karen Savelly.

ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
31555 11 Mile Road,
474-6115

6:30 p.m. Monday, March 6
Council chambers
At 6:30 p.m., an informal study session with Brent Blair, managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission, will be held. Subject: Oakland County Road funding issues.

7:30 p.m. Regular City Council meeting.
Agenda items include:
■ Cost hearing for 1995 dust control program.
■ Consideration of introduction of an ordinance to amend city code to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance, operating with unlawful blood alcohol content, or operating a motor vehicle while visibly impaired.

■ Consideration of adoption of resolution regarding the transfer of cable franchise ownership from MetroVision to Time Warner Entertainment.

■ Consideration of converting Dublin Hall back into a gymnasium and report on other improvements at the Activities Center.

■ Consideration of resolution regarding annual Transportation Improvement Program funding.
■ Recommended approval of establishment of Traffic Control Order prohibiting on-street parking along the south and west sides of Freeway Park Drive.

■ Recommended approval of award of bid for sign shop materials at AM Signs for \$19,482.
■ Recommended approval of a Founders Festival Parade permit for Saturday, July 15.

Farmington Board of Education
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7
Lewis Schulman Center,
Shilwaukee and Farmington roads

Agenda items include:

■ Discuss Global Village Project.
■ Discuss Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington High School Restructuring Proposal.
■ Review recommendation to re-classify expenditures.
■ Review recommendation to cancel previously approved window project at North Farmington.
■ Review staff and student recognition (Teachers of the year and support person of the year).
■ Review resolution to hold annual election on June 12.
■ Preview school presentation: Highschool Common Campus, collaborative team member.
■ Review awarding of bids for window replacement, PTC and Miscellaneous renovations at Cloverdale, Forest, Power, Wooddale, North Farmington and Farmington High School.
■ Farmington City Council
8 p.m. Regular meeting
Monday, March 6, 1995
23600 Liberty St.

■ Introduction of Gerald Wasen,

Farmington Retirement System Board of Trustees.

■ Presentation of recycling status report. Michael Caspo, RRRA-SOC General Manager.
■ Request for sign variance: Kimco Realty Corporation, Downtown Center.
■ Letter from John S. Ciesman Jr., poppy chairman, Groves Walker Post 345, American Legion regarding Poppy Days Sale.

Reports from city manager include:

■ Consideration of city policy and guidelines for poverty exemptions.
■ Consideration of resolutions for road improvement bond sale.
■ Public Safety Officers Contract Arbitration Award.
■ Annual renewal of liquor licenses.
■ Consideration of renovation of Shilwaukee Park buildings.
■ Service agreement: Oakland County Animal Control Division.
■ Call public hearing for Shilwaukee Park grant application.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 Eleven Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: MARCH 14, 1995
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

ITEM: Plan 2, 1995

TEN MILE RD.

PRELIMINARY PLAN

NAME: ASHOR PARK SUBDIVISION
NO. OF LOTS: 68
LOCATION: Southwest corner of Ten Mile and Jackson Roads. (Southwest 1/4 of 13-24-25-27)
ACREAGE: 14.47 Acres
ZONED: RA-1, Single-Family Residential District
DEVELOPER: Steven Behar, Planners Land Development

Dale A. Chaussegros, Director
Planning & Community Development

Plan 2, 1995
Phone: (248) 479-2600
Public March 6, 1995



MARY KAY MILES

entry. For this reason, the type of lock should be carefully chosen when evaluating security needs.

Most homes use a common, key-in-knob, spring latch lock. When the door is closed, the latching device is sprung automatically which in turn holds the

door shut. These locks may seem secure but in fact offer minimum security.

Most can be opened with little effort and may be quickly opened by simply slipping a plastic credit card or knife between the lock and the door jamb. This method of entry trips the spring-operated latch of the lock which then opens the door.

To prevent the lock from being opened this way, some key-in-knob spring locks incorporate an auxiliary device, commonly known as a dead-locking latch.

In order for these locks to function effectively, proper installation is essential. The lock must be installed so that the plunger of the dead-locking latch is depressed to lock the bolt when it meets the strike plate. Any slight

deviation may prevent the latch from engaging properly, thereby defeating its purpose.

Even the most inexperienced burglar can easily force both of these locks with a pipe, crowbar or hammer. Once the knob of the lock has been broken off, the security mechanism is defeated.

Since the key-in-knob type lock can be defeated in less than five minutes with no great skill, it should be backed up with better locking hardware. The best defense for a good solid exterior door is a quality single cylinder dead-bolt lock.

The double cylinder deadbolt, which uses a key on both sides of the door, can be a threat to safety and/or life and is also against city ordinance in the city of Farmington Hills. Because of its design, in

an emergency, it may cause confusion and panic, possibly resulting in a loss of vital time.

If you are unsure of the security of the locks on your home, the Farmington Hills Police Department offers free security surveys to the residents of Farmington Hills.

A crime prevention officer and/or technician will come to your home and make recommendations that can make your home more secure.

To make an appointment for a free security survey, call the Farmington Hills Police Department's Crime Prevention Section at 473-9640 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mary Kay Miles is a crime prevention specialist with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR SPECIAL ELECTION OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Accuracy Test will be taken by the Farmington Public Schools District for the March 14, 1995 Oakland Community College Special Elections. This test is to demonstrate the accuracy of the computer tabulation procedure used on election night. The test will be taken on Friday, the 10th day of March, 1995 at 1:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's Office, City of Farmington Hills, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

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FARMINGTON SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for asbestos abatement at Cloverdale Developmental Training Center, Forest Elementary School, East Middle School and North Farmington High School until 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 7, 1995, at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 23600 Liberty Road, Farmington Hills 48334, addressed to Paul Bala at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

Attendance at public meeting of Farmington Training Center Cafeteria, 23600 Liberty Road, Farmington, Michigan 48334 at 2:30 P.M. on Monday, February 27, 1995 is highly recommended. Specifications will be available at that meeting or at the purchasing office at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 23600 Liberty Road, Farmington, Michigan 48334-2583, (810) 488-5244. Please call first to verify availability.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from A.M. Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified check accepted.

Any questions should be referred to Mr. Ron Allen, District Architect at (810) 482-5136 or Mr. Jeremy Wootton, Environmental Testing and Consulting, Inc. at (313) 828-9137.

SURAN C. LONITZKE, Secretary
Board of Education

Public February 27 and March 6 and 7, 1995