

Floral orders at your fingertips

Target of Farmington Hills is offering its guests a one-stop shopping advantage with the help of McFarland Florist & Greenhouse, also of Farmington Hills. In time for Mother's Day, Target shoppers can order flowers for friends and family nationwide through an innovative device offered by McFarland's — the Floral Touch Kiosk. Target is the first to offer this service in the Detroit area.

"The Floral Touch looks like a flower cart but it's really a com-

puter that is fun and easy to use to place a floral order."

You make your selection by simply touching the color photograph. Recipient information is completed, a credit card read, and you're done. It takes about five minutes.

"We are excited about this opportunity to offer Target guests an additional — and innovative — convenience," said Dan Eggers, general manager of the Farmington Hills Target. "The Floral Touch Kiosk is in line with our

mission to offer the best value and service to our guests as we possibly can. New selections will appear throughout the year so our guests will choose from the latest designs of each season."

McFarland's president, Mary Lora, added, "We also like the convenience of one-stop shopping that the Floral Touch Kiosk offers. You can order flowers without a special trip to the florist and you can see what you are getting before you order — something you can't do over the phone."

Budget from page 1A

audit to determine exactly how much was sent to the state.

"I was kind of dazing off when we were talking about a \$600 item," said Farmington Councilman Bill Hartsock. "But then I heard about a \$400,000 shortfall. How is that done?"

"To which Grewell replied, 'Five dollars by five dollars.'"

Grewell and Judges Maria Parker and Fred Harris had not been with the court when the computer company, which has since gone bankrupt and been purchased, installed and ran the system.

"The problem was discovered when the new system was put in," Grewell said.

"The court has generated money for both cities' general funds over the years, despite the overpayment."

More specifics, please

Donohue said the state won't even take the court's claim seriously until it can be more specific as to the amount overpaid.

Hills Councilman Larry Lichtman suggested that the court, which paid \$10 instead of \$5 to the state for the 4-to-4½ years, should not pay into that account until the state recognizes the court's claim.

"Let them chase you instead of going after them for the money," Lichtman said.

"If we know we couldn't resolve this, I would ask the council if they would want to talk about taking that stand," said Donohue. "But I don't want to get into a money war with the state."

Donohue pointed out that the state could retaliate against such

a strategy of withholding money by withholding money itself that it pays the cities. He said once the auditors have a firm figure, the city will again talk with the state about a resolution.

Despite the problem, the court has consistently taken in more than it spends, contributing to the general funds of the two cities. In 1989-90, the court contributed \$421,394 to the cities. It has contributed \$544,116, \$458,289, \$184,295, \$69,905, \$200,468 and \$233,457 since.

Councilman Terry Sever suggested setting aside a portion of the court's surplus after this budget year to allow expansion of the building, an improved phone system and other needs.

Grewell also suggested the cities contribute more to adjusting court salaries upward to meet the average salary of area courts.

"We are \$68,000 (a year) behind in total for all jobs in the court, compared with other courts," he said. "We are just looking at comparing with the average."

Some budgets hiked

The council found reason to increase budgets for some agencies over what had been recommended by the city staffs.

With the emphasis on youth, the councils authorized an additional \$1,500 for camping programs requested by Farmington Youth Assistance.

"We had requests for camp scholarships from 28 kids last year," said caseworker Karen MacKenzie. "This year we've had 48 applications. We could spend an additional \$1,500 to \$2,000."

She added that even though the

children are awarded scholarships based on financial need, most families try to pay a part of the cost of the camp.

With the additional money, the cities will contribute \$43,335 to the agency.

In other budgets, the councils voted the Farmington Area Arts Commission \$14,460 and the Farmington Area Commission on Aging \$1,050.

The cities also voted to give the Farmington Area Advisory Council its requested amount of \$129,160 instead of the amount recommended by the city managers, \$125,850. Because of program successes and the fact that FAAC halved its fund balance to maintain its programs, council members voted for the requested amount.

The councils agreed to most of the budget requests of the library, including restoring a \$10,000 pool modern for customers using computer services such as the Internet.

But they also wanted to scale back on proposed architectural fees for a possible expansion at the 12 Mile branch. As the library is going to more space-saving uses, such as computer on-line service, there may not be as much need to add space.

That would put the library budget up slightly from the \$2,442,334 request and the court budget up from a \$1,901,039 request. The city managers will make final recommendations based on the changes.

SUMMER VACATION



at the

Farmington Area

YMCA

"SUMMER SAFE KIDS" Presentation on: Bike, Rollerblade & Water Safety
Led by: The Detroit Medical Center

30th Anniversary
FARMINGTON 1965-1995

**28100 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(810) 553-4020**

Special Summer Membership Rates Available

Saturday MAY 13, 1995 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

IN NEED OF A
CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONER
LENDIX.
FREE ESTIMATES
525-1930
UNITED TEMPERATURE
6919 Macdonald • Livonia

Where will your furs spend the summer?

ALL FURS (from any furrier) Need Our Expert Care

We are very proud of our facilities. We'd be happy to show you. Would another furrier do the same?

Bring in your furs SAVE \$5 on cleaning with storage

Dittrich since 1951

Call For Free Pick-Up (810) 642-3003 or (313) 873-2300

Detroit (313) 873-4300 7373 Third Ave.

Bloomfield Hills (810) 642-3000 1515 N. Woodward Ave.

The world with any other at

FREE 10' WAVY SLIDE
(\$179.00 Value) two \$15.95
WITH PURCHASE OF LITTLE GYM OR BIG GYM PLAYSTATION

MODELS ON DISPLAY

The Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Shop
3147 W. 12 Mile • Livonia
(Mon-Fri 10-5:30, Sat 10-4, Sun 10-5:30-7:30)
(810) 542-3115

TO CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY, WE'RE HOSTING 108 PRIVATE CHAMPAGNE PARTIES.

Consider this your invitation to join the first anniversary celebration of The River Place, a Grand Heritage Hotel. As our way of thanking you for making Detroit's most distinctive hotel a success, we're offering a special \$79* a night, a complimentary split of champagne, and free valet parking. Any of our 108 rooms will provide the perfect setting for your personal celebration, and have you returning for many anniversaries to come. For reservations call 313-259-9500 or 800-890-9505.



1000 River Place, Detroit, Michigan 48207.
For information on other Grand Heritage Hotels, call 800-HERITAGE.
*Offer valid weekdays through 6/30/95 and based on space availability.

GOLF CAN BE A REAL CHALLENGE.



Michelle McGann

See some of the greatest players in the game today from all three professional tours go head-to-head in an exciting Skins Game at the First of America Challenge on Memorial Day at the Golden Fox in Plymouth. In last year's Challenge, Michelle McGann sank a birdie putt on the final hole to win the Challenge. She returns this year to face the challenge of some of the best from the LPGA, PGA and Senior PGA Tours.



Nancy Lopez



Peter Jacobsen

From the Senior PGA tour, Dave Stockton, who has been the leading money winner for the past two seasons and won last year's lunch break.

See the First of America Challenge. Memorial Day at the Golden Fox.

Advance tickets are available at all Detroit and Ann Arbor area First of America offices or at the Golden Fox for just \$5. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets at the gate will be \$10. A portion of the proceeds will go to support the Michigan Special Olympics.

Enter The Challenge Sweepstakes to win free pro-am spots and a chance to play with the tour pros and other great golf prizes. Get free swing tips from the instructors from the Colbert-Ballard Golf Learning Centers.

For more information, call TV2 In Touch at (810) 443-2200, then press FOA1 (3621) for the Challenge Information Line.



Member FDIC. No purchase necessary. Must be 18 to enter. See official rules for details. Entry deadline is 5/17/95. All photos Copyright PGA Tour; Jim Colbert photo by Sam Greenwood; Peter Jacobsen and Dave Stockton photos by Pete Fontaine; Michelle McGann and Nancy Lopez photos courtesy of International Management Group.