

BUSINESS MILESTONES

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dency and employment and a photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335. The Observer's fax number is 1-810-477-9722.

Beach blowout



Forest frolic: Students and families of Forest Elementary got together for a PTA-sponsored "Beach Bash" in the school gymnasium Jan. 26. Enjoying the fun are: Brad Stulberg (above, left), Jeff Fagan, Eric Stulberg, age 5; Zack Goodman, Noah Goodman, Adam Taub, and Evan Goodman. At right, fourth grader Rachel Robinson tries her skill on the hula hoop.



Jacobs

REACH Inc., a Detroit-based nonprofit community development corporation, has elected attorney Mark S. Jacobs of Farmington Hills chairman of the board of directors. A founding shareholder at the Troy-based law firm of Lipson, Nielson, Jacobs & Cole, P.C., Jacobs concentrates on a variety of litigation areas. He has been an active REACH member since 1978 and previously chaired the organization's administrative and finance committee.

Grace & Wild Digital Studios of Farmington Hills announced the addition of four new staff members and two employee promotions. New staff members include, Allison Vance of South Bend, Ind., scheduler; Todd Skipiski of Troy-based Midwest Video, director of photography/video production engineer; Tony Leja, video production engineer; Steve Schipper, video duplication technician. Promoted were: Elena Marrocco, transferred to the production department from the company's scheduling staff, and Terry Tuckerman, transferred from the film processing division, the Film Craft Lab, to the position of supervisor.

Robert McFarland of Farmington Hills has been elected vice president to the executive committee at Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C., which has offices in Lansing and Farmington Hills. McFarland, who practices primarily in the area of transportation and motor carrier law. He joined the firm in 1992.

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Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

OSTEOPOROSIS' OTHER EFFECTS

As we now fully well know that the bone-thinning disease called osteoporosis is a real male for some loss and increased risk of fractures, it is not so well understood that it can also cause erosion of the jawbone and teeth loss. This erosion upon oral health should be particularly to the 20 million Americans who suffer from the condition. Women tend to lose more teeth than men, especially after menopause, thus putting them at increased risk for an eroding jawbone. This is because the jawbone begins to lose its shape due to bone resorption once the teeth are gone. Once the jawbone loses its function of holding teeth in place, it begins to recede. As a result, the jawbone becomes incapable of accepting implants or even having dentures properly repaired, because they have lost

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Shadowing the principal: Power Middle School Assistant Principal Norm Luebke talks to Farmington High senior Beth Phillipoff about all the changes the school has undergone since she left four years ago.

Students help operate schools during district hands-on day

By LARRY O'CONNOR

When North Farmington High senior Beth Luebke heard the itinerary, she emitted a nervous laugh.

Luebke would be tagging along with Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield Friday morning. Nearly 50 high school students got a hands-on experience conducting district business as part of the annual Students Operating Schools.

Maxfield had a few things planned for his protégé. After leaving the breakfast at Farmington Training Center at 8:30 a.m., they would scurry over to Flanders Elementary to congratulate an instructor for being named Oakland County teacher of the year.

Maxfield and Luebke would return to Shawwassee Hill offices where they would meet with the Central Office team and go over a block scheduling proposal. Then they would draft a letter to the board of education, explaining the proposal.

"And then at 10 o'clock . . ."

Maxfield continued.

More nervous laughter. Many students were paired with administrators and building principals. A few shadowed board members Joe Svoke, R. Jack Inch, Helen Prutow, Linda Enberg and Bobbie Feldman while others took on some behind-the-scenes roles.

Amy Bostresser had a chance to be a purchasing director — like Farmington schools' Paul Hein — for a district with a \$100 million budget. Karyn Padlik, who was paired with Bilingual Education Director Samir Hadhdad, got a glimpse of what it's like to run a department that oversees 67 different languages.

District officials took the cue for Students Operating Schools from government days held by both cities, said Don Cowan, executive director of Kindergarten through Grade 12 Instruction.

"It was really a frustration on our part because we've seen other governmental agencies

such as Farmington Hills and Farmington have government days," Cowan said. "Here we are a governmental agency and probably the largest employer in the area and we were not doing anything."

The day was structured to emulate an administrator's typical day. There were committee meetings followed by a school board meeting, which discussed and passed block scheduling.

Along with building some insight into school affairs, a few perceptions came tumbling down.

"I guess I've learned it's more stressful than I thought, looking at the volume of paperwork and hearing the phone calls," said North Farmington student Emily Poole, who was paired with Woodhull Elementary principal Lashena Jones.

Said Farmington High's Courtney Cerano: "They take the students into consideration more than we give them credit for. We tend to think they do whatever is best for them."



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