

Soaring with the Mercury



High flyer: Cassidy Sublette, 9, bounces on a trampoline during the 70-degree preview of summer at a friend's house in Farmington Hills Thursday.

A flowery phrase captures Hills florist's contest



Two Farmington area residents recently captured honors in a McFarland Florist and Garden Shops of Farmington Hills, Dearborn and Detroit contest called "Think Buzz the Bee, Think Flowers."

Pat Shelton of Farmington was the adult honors for completing the sentence "I think flowers..." with the phrase "...put a smile in your heart."

"Pat's entry was short and sweet and really says it all," explained Mary J. Lore, McFarland's owner and CEO.

Capturing one of three children's age categories was Stephane Miller of Farmington Hills. Youngsters were asked to instruct Buzz the Bee to send flowers to a special person, tell why and draw a picture of Buzz.

McFarland Florist is located 28915 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

On home improvement

Six Farmington Hills firms are among 100 exhibitors at the first Home Improvement Show April 3-6 at the Novi Expo Center.

Local firms featured will be Adobe Builders showing foam blocks; American Express presenting investments; Tarnow Doors, Inc. featuring garage and storm doors; United Consumers Club highlighting private buying service; Greenlawn Landscaping focusing on its residential lawn maintenance service; and Space Alternatives showcasing closets, shelving and cabinets.

For tickets info, call 737-4478.

Works of art

Canvas Graphics, Inc., a unique digital printing company, recently opened at 33538 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The firm specializes in large-format printing of posters, banners and other large scale items for both corporate accounts and retail customers.

In addition, Canvas Graphics' equipment allows for reproduction of photos, slides, transparencies, negatives and computer generated art onto a variety of media — canvas, photo gloss, photographic matte, watercolor and more. It also allows artists or photographers to manipulate or reproduce their artwork.

"With our processes, you can actually capture an image or setting on film or slides and then have the scene reproduced on canvas or as a watercolor," said Lynn Kojamanian, general manager. "The finished piece is a beautiful work of art."

For details, call 848-0460.

New chamber chief

Maria P. Esposito plans to boost the number of chamber members and the services they receive in her new role as president of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Last month, the chamber's volunteer board of directors named her as president. The board is headed by Steven B. Maltzman, managing partner of Morof Shoplow Weinstein P.L.C. in Farmington Hills.

"We hope to increase the number of chamber members and provide the local business community with a stronger voice in government and community affairs," Esposito said.

She will direct a staff of three full-time employees in executing the chamber's business plan and coordinating more than 30 annual chamber events. Past president Judy Soronen was named Community Affairs Director.

Hills man elected

Farmington Hills resident Stephen Secret was elected last month to a second term as secretary to Youth Living Centers' board of directors.

He is a corporate attorney for Ford Motor Company. Youth Living Centers is a private, non-profit human service agency assisting abused, neglected, homeless and at-risk children, and families in need.

Lawsuit

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A Cattleman's Market official denies there was any negligence. The air unit was cleaned six weeks prior to the outbreak, he said.

"We feel bad about the people who were injured, but we did nothing wrong," said Matthew Martin, chief operating officer, "and we're not overly concerned about this at this point. There was no negligence whatsoever."

"Our business is back and we're glad for it. . . I thank the citizens of Farmington for their continual support of our store."

Chayet said he's spoken to other victims of the outbreak and the suit will likely turn into a class-action motion.

"It makes sense because all the cases are going to involve the same issues and the same facts," he said.

He also intends to include the manufacturer of the air handling unit, which Chayet said didn't provide instructions in its accompanying manual on preventing the bacteria from forming.

A hearing date has not been set before U.S. District Judge Denise Page-Hood. The suit is believed to be the first in connection with the Legionnaires' outbreak.

Cattleman's Farmers' Markets sell meat, produce and groceries.

Bond

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Said Trustee Cathy Webb: "I think based on the slim margin of defeat, I think that holds great promise for the board to consider going back to the voters."

School officials got a preview of what "no" voters didn't like during those informational hearings.

"I got a pretty good understanding of where they were," said Davo York, president of the Farmington Board of Education.

Among the things some people didn't like in the proposed bond: ■ The proposed \$23 million in technology, which would've included buying \$13.6 million worth of new classroom computers and building a fiber optic network.

People had problems with paying taxes over 24 years on computers that they believed will become obsolete. District officials said the technology portion of the bond would be — as mandated by state law — repaid in seven years.

Also computers are used much longer than the two-year figure commonly referenced by audience members, district officials said.

"I don't think the state making us pay back the money within seven years really made it with audience," York said. "We not only heard it from Mr. (PEP founder Paul) Welday's group,

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Linda Enberg —member, Farmington school board

there was that perception with other community members: Computers are out of date in two years. That's just not true.

"How we sell that is a different question."

■ A few people — most notable in the crowd at Sorrows — wondered about the need for auxiliary gyms and large group instruction spaces, York said.

"The reaction was, 'Is that a nice thing that is needed or is that something that would be nice to have?'" he said.

■ People also questioned why \$92 million in building improvements had to be paid through bond money and not, at least in part, out of the district's \$114 million annual operating budget, York said.

All but a few buildings were to be renovated as part of the proposal.

"I think there are buildings that need improvements," York said. "I think we have to examine what we handle out of the operating fund versus out of a

bond."

Some people at the informational hearing wanted to know why bond money wasn't directly going to improve classroom instruction and materials. A bond issue would've done that indirectly by freeing up money earmarked for annual building and site improvements, York said.

In hindsight, Enberg is not sure people understood that the proposal wasn't the "full vision," which was \$192 million.

"I thought we communicated that," Enberg said. "People need to feel comfortable it wasn't a pie in the sky proposal. . . People wanted to make sure those dollars weren't going to be lavishly spent."

OBITUARIES

EILEEN M. BOAN
Eileen M. Boan, 75, died March 25 at her home in Farmington Hills.
Born in Toronto, Mrs. Boan was an accounting clerk for Ameritech and an avid bridge player. She was a devoted grandmother and active member of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.
She is survived by son, Edward; daughters, Connie Livingston and Joann Sweeney; one sister; and eight grandchildren.
Funeral services were held March 27 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.
Memorials can be made to the Michigan Cancer Society.

ADELIA CLARE MINOR
Adelia Clare Minor, 90, died March 23 at her home in Farmington.
Born in Norwalk, Ohio, Ms. Minor was a teacher for 40 years and never missed a day. She was a Girl Scout Leader and translated textbooks into Braille after her retirement.
She is survived by her brother, Anzile B. Minor, and nine nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.
Donations can be sent to the American Council of the Blind, 19322 W. Warren, Detroit 48228.

CARL T. SMITH
Carl T. Smith, 63, died March

26 at his home in Farmington.
Born in Imlay City, Mich., Mr. Smith was a manufacturing representative for welding machinery.
He is survived by wife, Mary; son, William of Shelby Township; daughter, Jane Schmidt of Jackson; brother, Gordon of Imlay City and Duano of Fla.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
A private service has been arranged.
Memorials can be sent to The Salvation Army.

HILDA ELEANOR TAAFFEE
Hilda Eleanor Taaffee, 74, died March 22 at Dotsford General Hospital.
A longtime resident of Farmington Hills, Mrs. Taaffee was a homemaker and the mother of two.
She is survived by son, Thomas; daughter, Cynthia; sisters, Gertrude Syrie and Sigrid Bjerkness; brother, Arvid Nanh; and grandson, Patrick.
Funeral services were held March 25 at St. Alexander church in Farmington Hills.

FRANK SULLIVAN MORAN
Frank Sullivan Moran, 78, died March 26 at his home in Birmingham.
Mr. Moran was the chairman and co-founder of Planis & Moran, LLP and a U.S. Navy WWII veteran.
He was involved in a variety of community organizations,

including the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, the University of Detroit President's Cabinet, the Walsh College President's Academic Advisory Council, Mental Health Association of Michigan, Cardinal Club of Detroit and Independence for Life.
He is survived by wife, Georgene Stritch Moran; daughters, Elaine and Midge of Birmingham; son, Frank Jr. of Farmington Hills; brothers, Thomas and Jack; and five grandchildren.
Memorial services were held March 29 at Holy Name Church in Birmingham.
Donations can be sent to The Frank S. Moran Memorial Foundation, c/o Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, 332 West Fort Street, Suite 2010, Detroit 48226.

RICHARD C. HUBBARD
Richard Hubbard, 72, died March 24 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.
Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Hubbard was a resident of Farmington for 30 years and worked for Bell Telephone Company. He was president of the Retirees Club and a member of the Auburn Society and Detroit Zoological Society.
He is survived by sister, Betty J. Minarich of Florida.
Funeral services were held March 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.
Donations can be sent to the Michigan Humane Society, P.O. Box 214182, Auburn Hills 48321.

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