

A wealth of health hints



Body of message: Adam Schlector gives children nutritional advice.



Hoofing it: Bodybuilder and Mr. USA title holder Adam "Bulldog" Schlector and Hillside teacher Ann Marie Sopha lead kids on a mile walk.

Hillside gets into fitness frenzy

When dealt ACES, Hillside Elementary kids played their hand right. Bodybuilder and "Mr. USA" Adam Schlector led the children through their paces Wednesday as they joined kids from around the world in Project ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously). Schlector provided physical fitness and nutrition tips to the children. Project ACES was started in 1989 and includes 50 million children worldwide from 50 countries.



Touch down: Mellissa Bedell stretches out with the rest of her Hillside classmates before embarking on their one-mile walk.

New Fairfield Inn hotel to lodge in Farmington Hills

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A national hotel chain is building a new site in what they considered as "The Gateway to Farmington Hills."

Construction has started on a new 91-room Fairfield Inn by Marriott on Stansbury Boulevard, off the southeast corner of Orchard Lake and 12 Mile roads and near the I-696 interchange. Hotel and city officials attended a special ground breaking ceremony Tuesday.

The hotel is expected to open in winter 1998. The new lodging facility will create 30 to 35 various jobs in management, housekeeping, clerk and maintenance.

Fairfield Inn will offer additional lodging for business travelers along the I-696 and Orchard Lake interchange, a hotel management official said.

Best Western Executive Suites is on 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake. Trans Inns Management operates the former Clarion Inn and will run the new Fairfield Inn across Orchard Lake.

"If you look around, there is a segment missing -- the corporate travelers' hotel," said Laura Elkin, regional director of Sales and Marketing for Trans Inns Management.

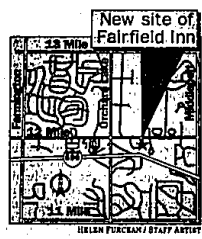
Fairfield Inns cater to budget conscious business people and pleasure travelers. Amenities include fax service, two phones and a table to work from in the room.

Elkin said Fairfield Inns tend to attract independent sales representatives who travel by car.

The Hills area offers plenty of potential for customers with Marcy Health Center, Village Green and Oakland Community College sites, as well as new headquarters being developed nearby for Akebono BSEC and

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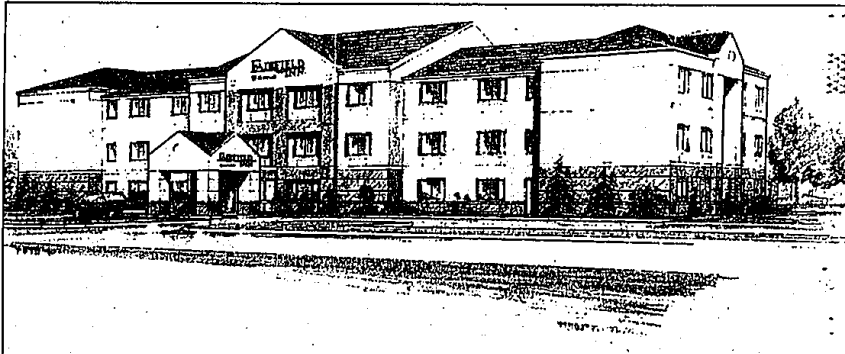
Calsonic North America, Trans Inns officials said. Gale Research also announced it's relocating to Farmington Hills.

"That's where all the business is," Elkin said. "Orchard Lake and 12 Mile is kind of the Gateway of Farmington Hills if you will."

"Primarily, when a traveler comes into town, they want to stay where they're doing business."

Trans Inns also expects a spillover of guests doing business in Southfield and Novi.

Fairfield Inns have a fine reputation in the hospitality business, said Jody Soronen, director of Farmington/Farmington Hills



Check it out: The new Fairfield Inn in Farmington Hills will feature 91 rooms, including 11 rooms with Jacuzzis. Other amenities will include fax services, two telephone lines and ample work space for business travelers.

Chamber of Commerce community affairs.

"Anytime you see businesses expanding, building new facilities and hiring new employees, they're feeling confident about the economy," Soronen said. "And that bodes well for all of us."

Some hotels are magnets for parties and other public safety problems. Farmington Hills has a house party ordinance, which includes hotels.

From a public safety standpoint, though, the new hotel should not be a problem, said the Farmington Hills police chief.

"It's associated with Marriott, so they've got a good reputation as a hotel," Chief Bill Dwyer said. "I would not perceive any problems."



Big step: From right, Dale Gannon, vice president of operations; Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi; Daniel Vosotasi; Margaret Slezak, First of America; Phil Willis; Bob Farmery of Marriott join in the ceremony for the new Fairfield Inn, which is expected to open in winter 1998.

CLARIFICATIONS

An error in the Sunday, May 4, issue cut off the end of the story about the future of the Old Town area of Farmington Hills.

Creon Smith, owner of the historic Botsford Inn on Grand River, was discussing the changes in the southeast corner of the city. The missing portion should have said:

Smith, who said he's still looking at about \$500,000 in improvements at the Botsford Inn down the road, said he's optimistic about the Inn and the surrounding area.

"People want history, but with today's comforts and conveniences," he says. "A lot of people didn't have faith in the area. I had faith in it or I wouldn't have

taken the Inn."

In a police call article in the May 4 issue of the Observer concerning the death of a Farmington Hills man, 34, the cause of death was not yet available.

An autopsy showed that the man died of a heart attack caused by a preexisting condition, arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries).

Fire damages garage in Floral Park

Farmington firefighters were able to contain a garage blaze Wednesday that was on the verge of spreading into the attic of a home.

At 5:28 p.m., firefighters were called to the 20000 block of Astor in the Floral Park subdivision on the report of flames coming from inside a garage.

The blaze started to spread to the attic by way of the soffit before firefighters got it under control.

At one point, firefighters were ordered to retreat after the interior floor became weak. A northwest corner of the floor collapsed, but no one was

injured. Damage was estimated at \$175,000.

Fire officials continue to investigate the cause.

Initial reports indicate it may have been electrical, after firefighters reported hearing popping sounds associated with burning wires.