

Award winner

Vocal virtuoso: Soprano Margaret Wright displays the style that took first place in the ninth-10th grade category of the Farmington Musicale's Awards for Musical Excellence. She is accompanied by Sara Hazen on piano, during Sunday's performance by winners of the scholarship competition at Antioch Lutheran Church.

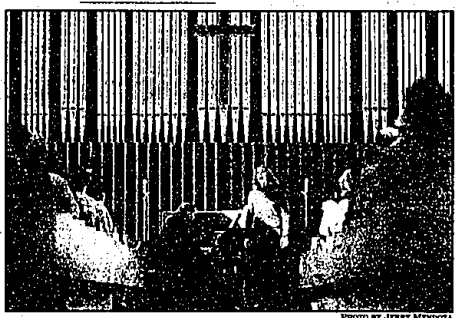


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Starbucks gets outdoor OK

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER
 Farmington coffee lovers will get to sip their favorite beverage in the open air.
 On Monday, the city council approved a request by Starbucks to allow outdoor seating at the coffee chain's Downtown Farmington Center store. An architectural consultant representing Starbucks, Marie Haener-Patti, told council members that the store is expected to open at the end of next week barring unforeseen circumstances.
 With the approval, eight tables will be located outside Starbucks, enough to accommodate 20 customers. Five of the tables will line the north side of the building, along Grand River,

while the other three will front the store. The tables and chairs might be stacked and brought inside during off hours.
 Haener-Patti added that the tables would not be covered by umbrellas. The outdoor seating is permitted between April and October, according to council's approval.
 "People, especially when the weather is pleasant, like to take a cup of coffee and a pastry outside," said Haener-Patti outside the council room. "We've been trying this (outdoor seating) at as many locations as possible."
 Farmington is considered to be an attractive spot for the national chain, she noted.
 They (Starbucks) like to be in these urban areas," Haener-Patti

said, "because they can get a fair amount of pedestrian traffic. This is an area that has vibrant street traffic. So this is a good location for us."
 The store is at 33119 Grand River, in the space formerly occupied by Farmington Florist and an adjacent business. Renovation is nearly complete.
 Haener-Patti added that another Starbucks will open next week in downtown Royal Oak and that another store is being readied for Grosse Pointe.
 Before the first cup of house blend can be poured, Starbucks will need to receive the seal of approval from the state health department. Haener-Patti told the council that an inspection is scheduled this week.

Hills trivia contest part of city's birthday

This is the second in a series of four monthly trivia contests put on by the Farmington Hills Historical Commission in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the city. Look for answers in a coming issue of the Observer.
 Even though some of these questions are difficult, readers should answer what they can and send us many answers as they have to: Kathryn Briggs, 21615 Oxford, Farmington Hills 48336.
 The person answering the most (and, in case of a tie, with the earliest post mark) will win a publication of the Historical Commission. The four question/answer lists put together offer quite a complete history of Farmington Hills.
 (Hint — Quite a few answers can be found on the historical markers around town.)

1. What school is headed by former state Sen. Jack Faxon?
2. What was the cost of mailing a first class letter when Farmington Hills became a city?
3. After whom is the Activities Center named?
4. Who is the City Naturalist?
5. Name three hard-cover publications of the Farmington Hills Historical Commission.
6. In what year was Botsford Inn opened?
7. Who is the present innkeeper of Botsford Inn?
8. What family owned Botsford Inn from 1951 to 1993?
9. Who wrote "If Walls Could Talk"?
10. Who is a world-famous potter who lives on Ten Mile Road?
11. Who is a world-famous artist living on Inkster Road in Farmington Hills, but whose address is Franklin?
12. What well-known child care unit is at Inkster and 12 Mile Roads?
13. Who was the only Michigan State Governor from Farmington?
14. How many terms did he win?
15. Who wrote a very comprehensive book about him?
16. How many cemeteries are in the city of Farmington?
17. Name them.
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19. Name them.
20. Where is "Buckhorn Corners" and why was it named that?
21. Name the former slave who lived here to be over 100 years old.
22. On what road did she live?
23. What was the name of her grandson who lived with her?
24. By what nickname was he known?
25. At Farmington High School, to what school class office was his son voted?

CAMPUS PIPELINE

GRAND GRAD
 Stephen Walter of Farmington graduated from Grand Valley State University in December, 1997 with a BS degree.
UM DEAN'S
 Matthew Zelman, a graduate of Farmington High School, earned a place on the Dean's List for the School of Management at the University of Michigan - Dearborn.
SUPERIOR DEAN'S
 Sam Frederick of Farmington Hills was named to the Dean's List at Lake Superior State University for the 1997 fall semester.

BACK TO SCHOOL
 Mary Kay (Markowicz) Hurren, U of D Class of '67, recently has returned to school to pursue a masters in the science of management at Walsh College, Ma. Hurren has been placed on the President's Honor Roll for the fall 1997 semester for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better.

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