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**Introductions:** Zoning Inspector Dennis Randt introduces student Ben Shapiro to City Manager Steve Brock and student Nilay Dave.

## Government

### Students take it over for a day

More than 40 seniors taking government class at North Farmington and Harrison high schools learned Tuesday there was a lot to learn about running the city in which they live.

The students volunteered to participate in the annual Student Government Day program, which places them for a day with elected or administrative Farm-

ington Hills officials to give them a first-hand look at the work that's required.

Joane Shunda of North Farmington, who worked in Public Works Superintendent Dan Rooney's office, said she found there are "a lot of hard workers" in city government.

Stephanie Palazollo, another North student who was assistant public works superintendent,

said such a program helps "make people appreciate what people (in city government) do around the city."

A classmate of theirs, Sherice Carter, who worked in the office of City Clerk Kathy Dorman, was amazed at all the records — such as elections, births, deaths, council meeting minutes — the office handles and marveled at "how organized it is."

Another Raider, Jillian Gold, who was elected police chief by her peers and so worked with the city's top cop, William Dwyer, enjoyed learning how to shoot both a handgun and a rifle at the police range.

She said the entire experience made her "think more about" her plan to study and make a career using both criminal justice and psychology.

North's Jessica Bigelman, working with Farmington Community Library Head Librarian Bev Papai, learned the broad range of programs offered and was especially impressed by programs for the computer illiterate.

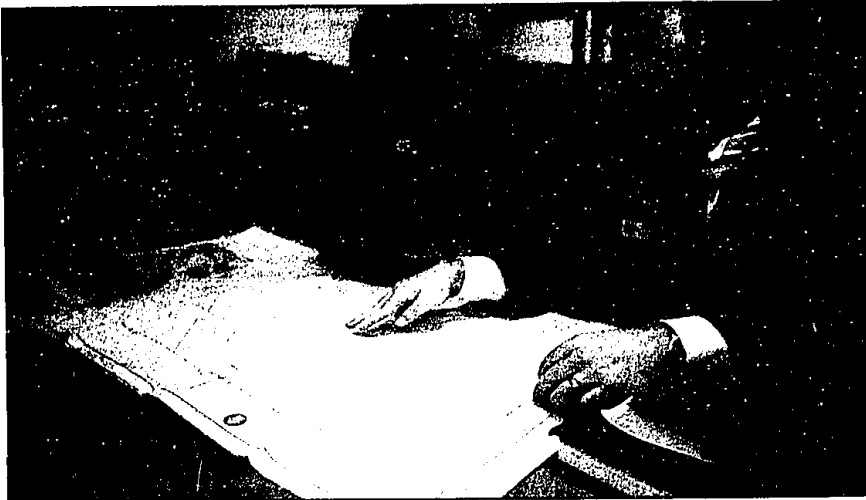
Lindsay Martinek of Harrison High, assigned to Tom Williams' building division, said, "There are a lot of rules and regula-

tions" pertaining to building construction and upkeep "that I had no idea of before."

And classmate Sean Fisher was impressed by how much the office to which he was assigned — Community Development — accomplished with a small budget.

"We fixed up lots of buildings in rundown areas," he said.

**Studying:** City Planner Edward Gardiner explains preliminary site plans for a new subdivision to Farmington Harrison student Johnnie Johnson.



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## Warner Mansion will deck the halls for the holidays

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If you ever wanted to see how the Gov. Warner Mansion ... Home of Farmington History looks all decked out for the holidays, there is a simple opportunity over the next few weeks.

The mansion, 33805 Grand River, will be dressed up with Victorian-era decorations provided by several area florists. Mem-

bers of the public can stop in to catch a glimpse between Sunday, Dec. 5 and Wednesday, Dec. 22. During that span, there will be five scheduled public tours of the home (see below).

"This is another example of utilizing it (for more events)," said Dick Carvell, longtime docent at the Gov. Warner Mansion and a member of the historical commission. "We're just trying to do some different things."

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—Warner Mansion

Carvell noted that the docents, in previous years, attempted to similarly decorate the mansion for the holidays.

In addition, the Warner man-

sion will be the host for the annual Farmington Jaycees holiday lighting ceremonies, which will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

Following are the scheduled tours:

■ Sunday, Dec. 5, 1-5 p.m., admission \$2 per adult; children 12 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 8, between 1-5 p.m., also between 7-9 p.m., admission is \$2 per adult; children 12 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 15, between 1-5 p.m., also between

7-9 p.m., admission is \$2 per adult; children 12 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

■ Sunday, Dec. 19, 1-5 p.m., admission is \$2 per adult; children 12 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1-5 p.m., admission is \$2 per adult; children 12 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

## RECREATION NEWS

### DROP & SHOP

For children ages 5-10 years old, pre-registration is required. Parents, drop off your kids for some fun and do some shopping from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Activities will include swimming, playing in the gym, a movie, pizza lunch, and a craft project. Bring a swimsuit, towel, lock and wear gym shoes. The cost is \$12 per person.

### HOLIDAY CAMP

Children ages 5-11 can enjoy games, crafts, outdoor fun during Holiday Break Camp. The camp will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 27-31 at Heritage Park Day

Camp Building. The cost is \$80 per person and pre-registration is required.

### EUCHERE

Register now as a single or as partners for an evening of playing Euchre. You will play a round-robin format to determine the evening's winner. Pre-registration is required and refreshments are provided. The event will be 7-10 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Heritage Park Visitor Center in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$8 per person. Call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division at 473-9570.

### WINTER STAFF

The Recreation Division is in search of Youth Basketball Referees, Sled Hill Supervisors, Cross Country Ski Center Attendants and Special Events Assistants. If you are interested please call the Recreation Division at 473-9570 or stop by the city of Farmington Hills, Department of Special Services for an application.

### ICE SKATING HOURS

Following are public skating hours through June 11, 2000, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile Road:

Monday-Friday noon skate,

11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday, 7-8:50 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Sunday,

4-5:50 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. The Parent-Tot Skate is 9-10:50

a.m. Monday and Wednesday, while the Adult Skate is 9-10:50 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

## Nominate for annual awards

Members of the community are invited to nominate individuals for the 2000 Rainbow Recognition Awards given annually by the Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council.

The awards are intended to honor individuals of any age who have actively promoted racial and cultural understanding in

### RAINBOW RECOGNITION

the community or in the educational institutions affiliated with the community.

Nominations must be made to Gale Jackson, secretary to the Farmington Hills city manager, 31555 11 Mile, no later than Friday, Dec. 17.

Award recipients will be honored at the annual Rainbow Recognition Breakfast Jan. 25 at the William Costick Activities Center.

## SWOCC announces its schedule

The following is a schedule of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission's future meeting dates, times and places:

### Regular Meetings

■ 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29 in Farmington council chambers, 23600 Liberty.

■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 in Farmington Hills council chambers, 31555 11 Mile.

■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 in Novi City Hall, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

■ 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28 in Farmington council chambers, 23600 Liberty.

## Community band offers winter concert

The Farmington Community Band presents its annual winter concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Farmington High School Auditorium.

This year's concert is titled "Music of the Season" and will feature holiday and classic band music, plus several small ensembles made up of individual members of the band.

This is an excellent way to

begin the holiday season. Farmington High School is located on

Shiawassee just west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington. Admission is free. A good will offering to continue the support of the community band will be gratefully accepted.

For more information call (734) 261-2202 or visit the Farmington Community Band web site at <http://www.mystery.com/fcb>

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