

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Festival of the Arts 2000 PROGRAM

**Festival:** The annual Festival of the Arts is under way with exhibits open 2-5 p.m. Special events include:

- 1:30 p.m.: *Musical Scholarship Winners, Ben Ryberg and Sarah Morrison, both vocalists.*
- 2 p.m.: *Arts commission presents its award winners: Artist-in-Residence, Service to the Arts Award, High School Student Art Awards, Farmington Artist Club Awards.*
- 3:30 p.m.: *Performances by violinist Yakov Khariton and pianist Elaine Vermiglio.*

Festival activities take place at the William Costich Activities Center on 11 Mile Road.

### TUESDAY

**Open to the public:** Farmington Hills City Council members will meet in a study session at 7 p.m. May 2 in city hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads to discuss issues regarding the 11 Pines site, located at 11 Mile and Halsted roads.

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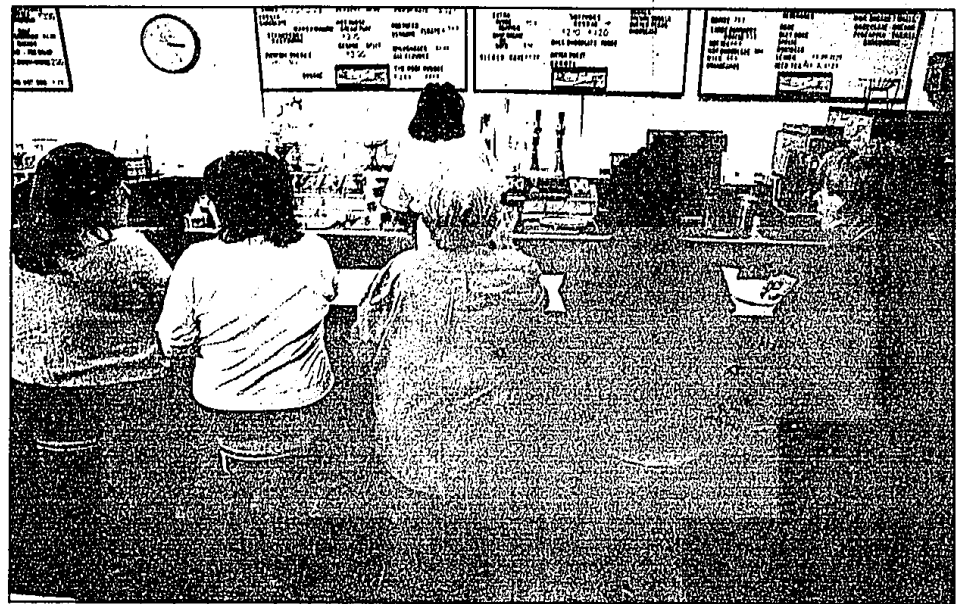
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### Saying goodbye



Fun: Above is a classic scene from Sanders at 12 Mile and Farmington, which closed Saturday.

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## A scoop of history

### Sanders closes in Farmington Hills

■ A piece of metro Detroit history is gone with Saturday's closing of Sanders in the Kendallwood Shopping Center.

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George and Lucy Setter drove all the way from Garden City Thursday afternoon to enjoy their favorite treats at Sanders, known far and wide for its hand-dipped ice cream and delicious chocolates.

They arrived to find signs in the window announcing a "50 percent off" sale, but it wasn't good news. The store has lost its lease and is going out of business.

"There's no other Sanders around," Lucy sighed. "We saw the sign in the window, and we're not happy."

In fact, among the customers and employees in the store that day, no one was happy about the Farmington Hills landmark's closing. The

business is in the Kendallwood Shopping Center, which lost its anchor tenant, Crowley's, last year.

**History**

Sanders, which shut down the last of its Detroit stores in 1999, opened the first in 1875. Helen Setter, who traveled from Grand Rapids to meet George and Lucy for the day, recalled that her father worked for the company in 1940.

"He drove a delivery truck," she said. "They were a good company to work for. They sent home the leftovers."

Setter's mother, Genevieve, said the company paid her husband's wages when he was out sick.

Anna Evennon thought Sanders would be a good place to work, and she has stuck with the company for more than 40 years, starting with the store once at Nine Mile and Coolidge roads.

"I like my job," she said as she wiped down the lunch counter she's



Enjoy: Emily Ramseyer of Livonia enjoys her dish of plain ol' vanilla ice cream. Emily visited the store with her grandmother, Beverley Cassar of Farmington Hills.

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## Tyndale gets the nod for its expansion

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If you build it, will they come? Residents living in the area of William Tyndale College on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills wanted an answer to that question at Thursday night's planning commission meeting. While college officials assured them a proposed expansion of the library and mechanical plant is designed to serve the school's existing 650-member body, they seemed skeptical.

With a 5-2 vote, commissioners approved plans that will double the size of the existing facilities. The notion, offered by David Haron, was amended several times to include specific direction regarding the project's scope and purpose.

### William Tyndale College proposed expansion



Tyndale representatives found themselves battling the perception of their proposal as a "bootstrap" for a 20-year master plan, which the commission rejected in November. The four-phase approach would have created residential housing for several hundred more students, and residents feared crowding the site would exacerbate traffic congestion, disrupt their neighborhoods and lower property values.

"It's really last November's proposal in a different wrapping," argued Bar-

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## Players get down to business to raise new barn on 12 Mile site

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Since launching their fund-raising program last year to replace their aging barn, the Farmington Players have raised about three-quarters of the funds they'll need to start construction on their 12 Mile Road site.

As he asked Farmington Hills officials to approve a \$100,000 state grant application on behalf of the Players, project manager Phil Hadley said the good news is how generously people have contributed. The bad news is the size of the initial estimates.

"We've completed the design for the new building, and unfortunately, the working estimate is \$1.1 million," he announced.

Given the project's \$1.6 million total budget, he said planners are looking at ways to cut costs. The numbers won't be firm until all the construction con-

tracts have been awarded, and the project bids have just gone out, Hadley added.

The Players have also begun a drive to solicit corporate donations. Hadley said the new facility will be available for their use, and will be equipped to host seminars, larger meetings and other presentations.

With a large enough contribution, opportunities exist for companies to have the auditorium or the lobby — which will serve as an art gallery — named after them.

The drive for individual contributions continues, and the Players have planned a benefit performance of *Rise Me Kate* on Saturday, June 3, at the Barn, 32332 12 Mile Road. All proceeds from the \$100 per-person gala will go to support construction.

Hadley said fund-raisers and individ-

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