

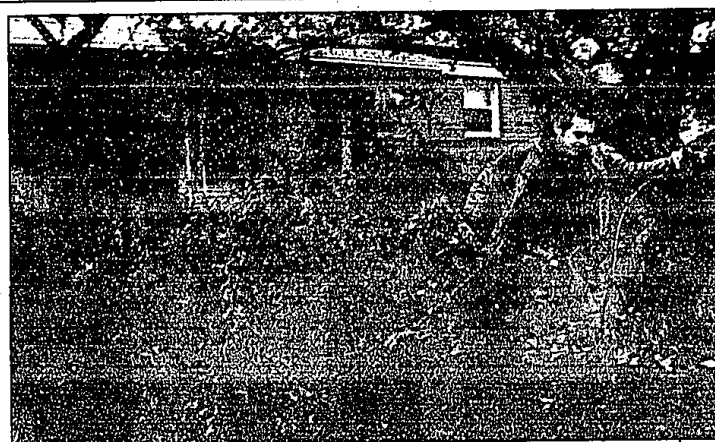
Flags for Korean 50th available

Flags commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War are now available for sale from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$50.

The 3-foot by 5-foot colorful nylon flags are a symbol of the unified effort of the U.S., the Republic of Korea and allies to stop Communist aggression on the Korean peninsula 50 years ago.

The 22 stars represent the 22 allied nations that fought side-by-side to save South Korea. The words "Freedom is not Free" were added by the

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Cleaning up: Gary Campbell clears brush from his brother-in-law's front yard on Lemar Street in Farmington.

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Storm cleanup continues

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The noise startled Bel Aire subdivision resident Frank Hyslop out of his living room chair about 9 p.m. Tuesday, during the severe storms that ravaged metropolitan Detroit.

"I was sitting in that chair and heard what I thought was hail hitting the window," said Hyslop, who lives in the Lamar Street home with his wife, Elaine. "I looked out and saw the apple

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tree was split."

On Wednesday morning, the window was still covered with debris, physical reminders of the storms that hit the Bel Aire subdivision (north of Farmington High School and west of Orchard Lake Road) much harder than any other in the city.

Outside the Hyslop's home, his brother-in-law, Farmington Hills resident Gary Campbell, was using his

power saw to cut large branches of both the apple tree and a maple tree from across the street, which was sheared off during the height of the storm.

"They got it bad over here," Campbell said. "I just live across Orchard Lake Road, and it isn't nearly as bad as over here."

According to Elaine Hyslop, a substitute paraprofessional in Farmington Public Schools, the apple tree might have been damaged, but a precious

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Tax rate likely to remain

■ It's budget time for the city of Farmington Hills. Public meetings are scheduled to discuss the proposed financial document.

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Same funds, different year.

That's the gist of the city of Farmington Hills' proposed budget for fiscal year 2000-01, submitted by City Manager Steve Brock at Monday night's council meeting.

Officials planned to examine the proposed budget in detail in study sessions held at city hall on May 10, 11 and 16. Meetings start at 6 p.m.

What will officials look at as they examine the 325 pages of budget and supporting documentation?

"How to save money," answered council member Jerry Ellis. "That's as general as it gets."

Mayor Nancy Bates said officials pore over the document before the study sessions and come prepared with questions they'll ask of department heads who have prepared their "wish lists" and the items they think will really fly. Ellis said he looks to staff members to tell him why they need what they're asking for, and most of the time, he gets his answers.

"If I can't get the questions answered to my satisfaction, then I'll suggest we try something else," he said. "Sometimes we find things, but staff does a great job."

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'Brute' is too heavy

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Considered from the trash hauler's point of view, it's not tough to see why Farmington Hills has begun enforcing a seven-year-old size standard for trash containers.

Ever tried actually lifting a trash container called "Brute?"

TRASH

"We have seen an increase in worker's compensation claims in back injuries due to the large containers," said Waste Management Municipal Services Director Carey Wehmiller.

To protect its workers from injury, the city's contracted waste hauler has asked the rules be strictly enforced. Residents may not be happy about it, but they'll be required to either take the trash out of the huge containers or use smaller ones.

"It's happening all over," said Haven King of the Hills Department of Public

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DDA gets a new member

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Late last year, Suzanne Paul volunteered to help promote the Farmington Civic Theatre Grand Re-Opening, which was a big success by all accounts.

That was such an enjoyable and rewarding experience for the longtime Farmington resident that she applied for a vacancy on the city's Downtown Development Authority. Then, at last Monday's city council meeting, her appointment was approved.

"I was really excited when I found there was a vacancy," Paul said Thursday. "That (her work promoting the Civic gala) really sparked my interest." Paul, former minister of the Univer-

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Like the good old days



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Look at us: Parents photographed the docents on the lawn of the Warner Mansion Sunday.

Docents Hillside third graders on tour

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Fact-finding about the Warner Mansion probably was at its best Sunday, thanks to the efforts of nearly 100 students from Hillside Elementary School.

Students from four third-grade classes at the Farmington district school led approximately 300 guests on a guided tour filled with information. The students acted as docents, and offered up all kinds of historical tidbits as docents, and offered up all kinds of historical tidbits as docents, and offered up all kinds of historical tidbits as docents.

The trip to the Grand River mansion enabled students to put to use lessons learned in recent weeks in the third grade curriculum segment about Farmington



History: Natalie Sussman presents in the "everyday parlor" with Cassandra Shackelford and Zach Shapiro.

history, said Hillside teacher Jan Gray. Her class was one of the four involved in the project. Also participating were the classes of teachers Dora Badrak, Anne Sparling and Linda Weh. Gray added that part of the

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