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# Dentist a no-show, forfeits bail

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Dentist Donald R. Quinn is out \$5,000, a criminal warrant is out for his capture, and he faces \$250,000 in new bond costs - all for skipping a scheduled court appearance Thursday.

The Farmington Hills dentist faced an 8:45 a.m. preliminary hearing on a stalking charge, before 48th District Judge David Kirwin in Bloomfield Township. The charge stemmed from a series of allegations against the 44-year-old dentist, made by a 27-year-old Farmington Hills woman in

December.

She claimed in a previous court hearing that he drugged and kept her against her will in his apartment.

Just after 9 a.m. Thursday, Quinn's attorney Stuart Young told the court, "I spoke to him three days ago," adding he told his client it was important to keep the court date.

"If your client wants to be a fool, there's nothing you can do," responded Judge Kirwin. He issued a bench warrant for Quinn's arrest.

John Slevin, Oakland County assistant prosecuting attorney, said, "We have evidence he is out of state, and commu-

nicating with the victim in violation of the court order." Slevin said authorities have information that Quinn fled to the East Coast.

Besides issuing a bench warrant, Judge Kirwin revoked Quinn's \$5,000 bond and issued a new \$250,000 criminal bond, to be assessed upon his capture.

The court order issued Thursday marked the latest turn of events in the case pursued by authorities against Quinn, whose practice is at 25882 Orchard Lake. While he now faces one count of stalking, a misdemeanor, more could follow.

Slevin said the county prosecutor's office may appeal the court's earlier dismissal charging witness interference, a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

Farmington Hills Assistant Police Chief Charles Nobus said his department is awaiting lab results in the case, as police plan to seek charges of criminal sexual conduct against the dentist.

The Oakland County prosecutor's office is also investigating drug violations against Quinn.



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Donald Quinn

# Chamber honors partners in progress

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Restaurateur Dennis Page and Metrobank were recognized Thursday for their outstanding contributions to the community by the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

The awards were presented at the Chamber's 38th Annual Dinner Meeting at the Hotel Baronette in Novi. This year's meeting was sponsored by the Farmington Observer and The Detroit Edison Co. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was the featured speaker.

Page, owner of Page's Food & Spirits in downtown Farmington, was given the Good Partner Award. In presenting the award, Susan Rosick, publisher of The Observer Newspapers, cited Page's contributions to the downtown business climate and his community outreach, especially his work with youth.

Page opened his Farmington restaurant in 1990. In 1996, his



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Bank on It: Bob Heinrich of Metrobank (above) accepts the 2001 Good Partnership Award, while local restaurateur Dennis Page accepts the 2001 Good Partner Award. Both awards were presented by Observer Newspapers Publisher Susan Rosick.

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L. Brooks Patterson

# Patterson praises, challenges local business owners

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Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson praised business owners in Farmington and Farmington Hills for the part they play in making Oakland county prosperous, and he asked them to examine what they could do to help another ailing Oakland County company - Kmart - to survive.

Patterson made his remarks Thursday as the featured speaker at the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner at the Hotel Baronette in Novi.

Patterson regaled the audience with his well-known sense of humor, telling several self-deprecating jokes.

"They asked me, as a former prosecutor, did I believe in free speech. Then they asked whether I'd be interested in giving one Jan. 24," he said.

But the county executive turned serious when discussing the problems of Troy-based Kmart.

Patterson announced that following discussions with Kmart CEO Chuck Conaway, Oakland County would immediately begin buying its office supplies from the financially troubled discount retailer. He also said that for the next two

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# Who'll let the dogs out?

## Dog park consortium discussed

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Is Farmington Hills ever going to let the dogs out?

Considering the cost of open land is at an all-time high in the city, officials don't seem likely to use city funds to buy acreage just to allow dog owners to let their pets run free.

But hope is not lost. Councilman Barry Brickner said West Bloomfield Township is considering a couple of dog parks - and he thinks it might be a good idea to investigate sharing in the costs so Farmington dog owners could use it.

The issue came up last year when an unofficial dog park at North Farmington High School soccer fields became the center of attention.

About 60 dogs and their owners showed up on the fields on Sunday mornings and put up temporary fencing to allow their dogs to play together unleashed.

School officials put a stop to it last September, since the fields were being used by students and dog droppings had become a health and safety issue.

At a recent Farmington Hills homeowners association meeting, Brickner mentioned that it might be a good idea for nearby communities to set up

a consortium for dog parks since any open land in Farmington Hills is costly.

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Director Don Navarre said the township's Parks and Recreation Commission Thursday approved two proposed dog parks in their latest five-year master plan.

The first is proposed for Karner Farm Park on Halsted, north of Maple while the other is earmarked for Marsh Bank Park, off of Hiller near Cass Lake.

Navarre said more than 500 residents signed a petition to create some sort of dog park. The township currently has a leash ordinance for dogs in public places.

"We're looking to amend (the ordinance) to identify certain areas in parks to have off-leash areas," he said.

While the master plan calls for the parks, the issue still has to be developed and approved by township officials, he noted.

Currently there are no residency restrictions in West Bloomfield parks. But whether the dog parks would be open to outside residents would have to be discussed by officials, the director said.



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Bark park? West Bloomfield's Karner Farm may be the site of a proposed dog park.

# 3 schools' attendance areas weighed at forum

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School officials are considering several plans to eliminate the expected overcrowding at Beechview, Kenbrook and Longacre Elementary Schools next year.

They will be presented at a 7 p.m. Jan. 31 public forum held at East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

Considerations are to make both the Alameda and Fairview Early Childhood Centers, located at 32400 Alameda and 28500 Oak Crest Drive, "full back" centers and to have those buildings house expanding preschool programs.

"We want to fill home schools first," said both Cheryl Cannon, assistant superintendent for business, finance and operations, and Sue Zurvalec, assistant superintendent for staff and community services.

Zurvalec and Cannon co-chair a committee charged with studying this year's school boundary issues. Members include principals and the parent representatives they chose.

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