

## today's hot line

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## what's inside

### Founders Festival

A special supplement to today's Enterprise and Observer provides the complete schedule on the events of the Farmington Founder's Festival. For a guide to fun-filled days and nights, see this special section.

### 'Buggy' Approved

The Farmington Hills Council found itself in the unusual position of approving a zoning in front of a wildly cheering crowd Monday. Page 3A

### 'New' Photography

A man who rediscovered an ancient photo process and then figured out how to make a living at it is interviewed on: Page 3A

### Health Day

There was disturbing information as well as a lot of enlightenment during the campus event at Oakland Community College. We've reported it in Observing Life. Page 3C

### They're Celebrating

Our neighboring community of South Lyon is celebrating its centennial this week. We have a report on some of the events planned, including a pageant with a cast of 300 and the beard contest. Page 12B

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## 10 Chosen Queen Semi-Finalists



A PANEL OF JUDGES at Botsford Inn Tuesday night selected 10 Farmington girls to compete in the finals for the Farmington Festival queen Thursday at 4:30 at Botsford Inn. The queen will be crowned later that evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Center. Finalists (from left)

are Patty Adamic, Julie Bylski, Janis Gretel, Susan Keefe, Marilyn Lawrence, Laurie Moore, Chris Kolbasa, Donna Ryan and Kathleen Ryan. They were selected from 48 entrants. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

## Parade Will Highlight Weekend Founder's Festival Activities

The Farmington Founders Festival will climax Saturday, July 28, at 10 a.m. with a parade up Grand River, billed as "the most exciting ever" by festival organizers. Joe Higgins, the Dodge sheriff, will be grand marshal of the parade, followed up by Farmington Hills mounted police division. Over 55 organizations and groups will be participating.

The parade route starts at the Grand River Drive-In and proceeds north to Farmington Road. The parade features the 17th Michigan Infantry Civil War parade group which will set up a typical civil war army camp on the city hall grounds following the parade. Sir Graves Ghastly will be sending chills and thrills to

the onlookers. The Burger King children's float will also be seen. The parade highlights include: the Pontiac Unicyclists; Jobs Daughters from Farmington Plaza Shopping Center, are available at the Pets 'N' Particulars shop, across from the Plaza, before 12 noon Friday.

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Farmington Bethel No. 55; Farmington Chapter O.E.S.; and the Farmington Elks motorized drill team. Also, the Farmington Rotary Dixieland Band; the Clinton Valley Boy Scouts; the Farmington Beautification Committee; the North and South Farmington Summer Elementary combined band; the Leanington,

Ontario, Townsend Junior Drum and Bugle Corps; the Madison Heights Acorn Pipes and Drum Corps; the Toledo Ohio Chalmers Drum and Bugle Corps; the Sterling Heights Cavaliers drill team; the Troy "Colts"; the Allen Park Seaway Strutters drum and baton corps, and the Flint Guardsmen drum and bugle corps.

### Pet Show Entries Wanted

Entries in the 14 categories are due at the store by 12 noon. Further details on the show are in the special Festival supplement in today's Farmington Enterprise and Observer.

## Mental Exam Asked

## Child Slaying Suspect Held

Residents of Farmington Hills' Clairview Court neighborhood are still shocked over the murder of seven-year-old Keith Minelli, 17-year-old Charles Portus, the 17-year-old accused of killing the Highmeadow Elementary

student in a quiet neighborhood off Northwestern Highway will be arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court Aug. 6, where the decision will be made whether he will stand trial or be declared mentally incompetent. Keith, of 30704 Clairview Court, son of Mr. and Mrs.

William Minelli, was found slain in a field behind the subdivision about 5:30 Saturday afternoon. The medical examiner indicated he was strangled by his own shoelace, according to Farmington Hills police. There was no evidence of

stab wounds, as indicated in some reports. Police withheld details of the investigation which led to the nearly immediate arrest of Portus, who was staying with his father at 32636 Clairview Drive, on the next street over from the Minelli home.

"We don't want to jeopardize our case if it comes to trial," Director Ronald Holko said. The defense attorney, Thomas Plunkett, waived examination on the charge of first degree murder at the arraignment Sunday before Judge Michael Hand, of the 48th District Court.



KEITH MINELLI

The case is now before Oakland County Circuit Judge Farrell Roberts, who will rule on Plunkett's request for a mental examination for Portus. Keith was missing for several hours before his body was discovered in the field by John Paul Sweeney, a neighbor of the Minellis.

"It was pretty horrible," Sweeney said. "I knew him very well." Services were scheduled Wednesday at the Ted Sullivan Funeral Home, 14230 W. McNichols, in Detroit. Burial will be in Roseland Park, Berkeley.

## Farmington Hills Approves Full 6 Mills In Budget

By DAN McCOSH The Farmington Hills city council Monday unanimously supported a \$3.2 million budget which levies the full six mills allowed by the new city charter. Improved services included in the budget are mainly six additional patrolmen and the addition of a part-time staff to the volunteer fire department. The tax increase included is computed at approxima-

tely 0.8 mills, according to Mayor Robert McConnell, who prepared the budget in his former role as township supervisor. The township tax bill was 4.7 mills, plus a "tax collection fee" not levied by the new city, which was the equivalent of 0.5 mills. The council was criticized during the public hearing by several people including Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington Hills, for not including the surplus

left over from the township budget (an estimated \$500,000), and about \$700,000 in state tax rebate for road repair. "The budget is not justified on the basis of the improvements you have outlined," McConnell admitted there was "fat" in the budget, but argued: "The township surplus was not yet audited, and therefore could not be included.

Flexibility is needed to set up road repair services for the new city. Salary figures included in the budget are deliberately high to allow room for negotiations when personnel like a city manager are hired. William Ortman, who said during an earlier meeting, he wasn't satisfied the full millage was needed, did not comment on his apparent change of mind.

## Fireworks Friday

The Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot is recommended by the Farmington police for persons planning to attend the fireworks Friday, July 27, at 10 p.m. Onlookers can view the display from either the board of education office lawn or the park. In case of rain, it will be rescheduled Saturday. A headline in today's special supplement incorrectly indicates the fireworks are Saturday.



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