



Nancy Kahkola and niece Rachel look over paintings at Farmington Artists Club exhibit.

Staff photos by Gary Friedman



School board hedges when hiring 3 teachers

FARMINGTON—Three teachers were hired by the board of education Tuesday night, and were immediately pinkslipped.

Before the results of the millage election Tuesday night, the board hired Rita Baker, Constance Cook and Janet Griesbach and then pinkslipped them as a hedge against possible millage failure.

The action added their names and the names of Martha Menzel and Deborah Weiss to the list of 101 teachers who had already received notification of termination of contract from the school district.

Jerry Kaplan, president of the Farmington Education Association (FEA), protested the length of the list.

"The number of teachers on this list is far, far more than necessary. There are three times more teachers pinkslipped than deemed necessary," he said.

only caused morale problems among the teachers in the district, especially when the net figures might approach only as many as 30 laid off because of millage failure, he said.

Tense with solemn anticipation of the election results, the board received the protest silently and then quickly passed the recommendation to pinkslip.

Mrs. Baker is scheduled to teach at Beechview Elementary. Constance Cook at Warner Junior High School and Janet Griesbach at Cloverdale Developmental Center.

An easement near Harrison High School was granted to Detroit Edison and Michigan Bell Telephone.

The easement is along the southerly six feet of the high school site and is designed to fulfill a normal requirement for the construction and maintenance of utility systems.

APPROVAL permits the utilities to construct, operate and maintain overhead line facilities in that area.

School officials expect the approval to enhance the quality of service by the utility companies and do not think it will impair the functional operations of Harrison.

School board trustee Ann Rodewig asked whether the board could stipulate the use of underground wires, but business manager William Prisk said no.

"It's a code problem. We can't require it. This recommendation is for an overhead easement," he said.

A new traffic signal will help students who must cross Twelve Mile Road to reach O.E. Duncel Junior High School, thanks to the Oakland County Road Commission.

The commission will install the signal on Twelve Mile at Kendallwood at no expense to the school district. Operation and maintenance expenditures for the light also will remain the province of Oakland County.

Artists Club adds juried exhibition to its annual show

FARMINGTON—For the first time in several years, the annual exhibit and sale by the Farmington Artists Club included a juried exhibit.

Some like it, others don't. It was decided to try it again this year on the premise that competition for prizes and awards does provide an added incentive.

The best of show award went to Nancy Reiss of Farmington for her acrylic, "Flashbulbs."

Three Detroiters picked up first-, second- and third-place ribbons.

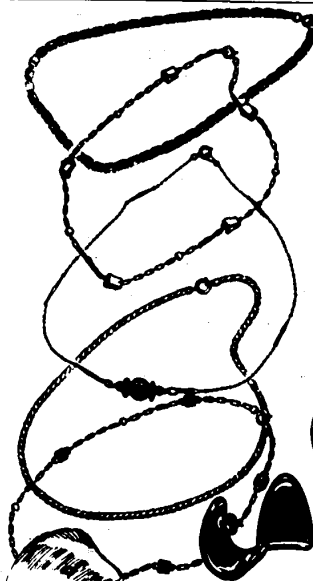
They were: Marjorie Chellstorp, "Byzantium Landing," a watercolor collage; Patricia Kilbourn, "Summer Day," a watercolor; and Constance Lucas, "Butterflies Are Free," mixed media.

Those who won honorable mention ribbons were: Constance Lucas, "Centennial Farmlands," oil; Kathleen Piunti of Livonia, "Eggactly," a lithograph; Ann Stirn of Northville, "Modular Figure," acrylic.

Judges were Kathy Heatherington, painting consultant for Walled Lake Schools, and Leslie Masters, painting instructor at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association.

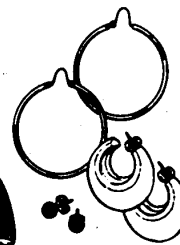
More than 200 framed paintings were in the exhibit, and another 100 or more unframed were in the bins.

In addition to the annual exhibit at the Farmington Public Library, the 100 member club, has monthly meetings at the Farmington Community and sponsors many community wide educational projects.



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