

# New council demonstrates a double standard

Ever notice how the rules change when a new crowd comes to power?

Recently, America has been reading the opus about the United States Supreme Court called "The Brethren."

In it we learn that Chief Justice Warren Burger spends a lot of time trying to overturn rulings made by the liberal Warren court.

But Farmington Hills residents don't have to look any farther than the corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road to see the same kind of shenanigans.

Last week the new conservative city council set out to destroy the years of work done by the previous city legislative body. In a matter of hours zoning to provide a more stable tax base and affordable senior citizen housing was destroyed.

Last Monday's shortsighted council actions are ad news for Farmington Hills residents. They mean higher property taxes for homeowners and a

forced exodus of senior citizens who are unable to live in the high rent district.

These actions were taken, by the way, because the council majority now consists of the "We don't like tall buildings" mentality.

Tall to this group means 60 feet. As if that isn't silly enough, the new council decided to go yet another comedic step.

It "ordered" the planning commission to abide by the November advisory vote. In that election, voters said they didn't want a special zoning designation allowing 60 foot senior citizen housing.

The planning commission is now forced to go through the formality of having a public hearing on an issue already decided by council.

Think back to the campaign rhetoric of the three — Jack Burwell, William Lange and Donn Wolf. One of their big issues was that the previous



council always was having public hearings after its members had made up their minds. Apparently what's good for the goose isn't good for the gander.

Sure, Wolf and his guys will say they only are abiding by the wishes of the advisory vote. But why have a public hearing?

The planning commission has been mandated to kill the zoning. Even though you may have changed your mind since November, even though you may have been out of town and unable to vote, your voice will fall on deaf ears at this public hearing.

It will be interesting to see if all the stalwarts who have been screaming about a city government which doesn't listen will be there to restate that premise.

Of course they won't. We know that. They really didn't care about the residents having a fair hearing at public hearings. They only cared that they got their way.

Now they have it and the city is worse off because of it.

## Resident joins Kahn Associates

Roger Boe of Farmington Hills has joined the project management department of Albert Kahn Associates, Architects and Engineers.

He will serve as project manager for the Kahn designed replacement hospital for the University of Michigan, now in the planning stages.

Boe, a registered architect, brings nearly 20 years experience to his new position. Experience includes strong emphasis on health care, institutional and research facilities with other local architectural firms.

He previously was associated with Providence Hospital where he served as director of facility planning.

A native of Chicago, Boe attended both the University of Illinois and the Illinois Institute of Technology.

He is a member of the Detroit Chapter, American Institute of Architects and the Michigan Society of Architects.

Since 1971, he has been a member of



ROGER BOE  
the Construction Industry panel, American Arbitration Association.

## Wheaton lists top students

Michael J. Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Kendall of Farmington is named to the dean's list at Wheaton College for the first quarter of

the 1979-80 academic year. Wheaton College is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college near Chicago.

## Meetings scheduled for school, cities

### FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL

31555 Eleven Mile  
7:30 p.m., Jan. 21

#### Public Hearings:

- Consideration of cost hearing for Blair Hills Road Improvement, special assessment district C 107 in the amount of \$131,160.
- Consideration of introduction of amendatory ordinance C 62-195 to amend the official zoning map of Farmington Hills in section 10, part of lot 10 and all of lot 11 of Park Hill Subdivision. Request change from RA-2 to OS-2. Peter Cucinella, proponent.
- Consideration of introduction of amendatory ordinance C 62-196 to amend the zoning for section 21 on the east side of Drake between Grand River and Indoplex Circle. Request from L-1 to B-3. Seymour Mandell for Bob Saka, proponent.
- Consideration of introduction to zoning map in section 11, lots 23 and 27 of Oakland Hills Orchard subdivision, request from RA-2 to OS-2, proponent David Levine.

• Consideration of introduction of amendatory ordinance to amend the Farmington Hills Zoning Ordinance; article 9, concerning OS-1 and OS-1A office service districts, section 901 principal uses permitted.

• Consideration of introduction of amendatory ordinance to amend the Farmington Hills Zoning Ordinance; article 19, general provisions, section 1902, non-conforming buildings and uses.

### New Business

- Consideration of closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with city attorney.
- City Manager's Report

- Recommends introduction of ordinance to amend the mandatory sewer ordinance to redefine the availability of sewers and to establish procedure for handling financial hardships resulting from mandatory connections.
- Recommends procedure for accepting and evaluating proposals, preparing ordinance and granting franchise for Cable TV.
- Recommended adoption of 1980 storm sewer program as discussed in study session and authorization to proceed with construction of the Waldron Drain extension.

### FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL

23600 Liberty  
8 p.m. Jan. 21

#### Minutes of Previous Meetings Public Hearing

- To review proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding structure height limitations

Petitions and Communications  
• Letter of resignation from Dorothy Sheiman, Farmington Area Arts Commission.  
• Letter from Charles Currie, American Legion, Groves-Walker Post 346 in

reference to Wolverine Boys' State program.

- Letter from the Greater Michigan Foundation in reference to Michigan Week.
- Request from Fr. Maurice Decker, pastor of St. Gerald's Roman Catholic Church, in reference to annual family-a-fair.
- Letter from Walter Christensen, general parade chairman of the Veterans' Memorial Day Services in reference to Memorial Day Parade.
- Letter from John J. McDonald, Oakland County Commissioner in reference to SENATE's position of regional mass transit plan.
- Request for proclamation of Junior Achievement Week from William Ford Jr., vice president of WDIV-TV.

Reports from City Manager

- Evergreen-Farmington sewer system facilities plan
- Estimated payment of water improvement project
- Proposed hospital bed reduction plan for southeastern Michigan.

#### Miscellaneous

- Public comment
- Financial report general fund, six months ended Dec. 31, 1979
- Financial report 4th district court, six months ended Dec. 31, 1979.

Resolutions and ordinances

- Introduction ordinance C-453-79

controlling structure heights.

### FARMINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

32500 Shawwassee  
8 p.m., Jan. 22

#### Items from the President

- Approval of Agenda
- Announcements

#### Items from the Secretary

- Approval of minutes of regular board meeting of Jan. 8.
- Correspondence

#### Items from the Treasurer

- Approval of expenditures
- Public Inquiry and Comments
- Items from the Superintendent

#### Informational update regarding mid-year report

- Curriculum report regarding K-12 testing program
- Personnel items
- Family life education advisory board

- Lockers — Harrison High School.
- Carpeting — Farmington and North Farmington High School auditoriums.

- Kiln — Lakeshire Elementary School.

#### Reports from Board Committees

- Policy and board operations committee in consideration of policies.
- Community Relations committee
- Reports from board representatives

## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

**WHAT'S MADE OF** glass and metal and goes clang, clang clink? No, it's not your neighbor's old car trying to start in the morning. It's the sound made by the 12,341 bottles and cans collected by the Farmington Area Jaycees on Jan. 5 for the Farmington Community Center. That must have been one heck of a holiday for the area when you consider that the Jaycees only managed to cover 10 per cent of the city. The containers were turned in for the amount of deposit and the money turned over to the Community Center.

**THERE'S A WHOLE LOT** of pencil sharpening going on at the Gathering Place. Tax assistance for seniors will be available from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jan. 25 and 29 at Mercy Center, Eleven Mile near Middlebelt.

**THE SPRAY** of sea salt and the invigorating sea air may be fine and dandy. But do you know how to operate that power boat or sailboat you've been just itching to try out? You don't? Then the United States Power Squadron wants you for their power and sailing boating classes at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 28 in Farmington High School, 32000 Shawwassee. Registration takes place before the start of class. Lessons will cover handling the boat under normal conditions, and adverse conditions, seamanship, common emergencies, aids to navigation, running lights and equipment, boat trailering and mariner's compass and plotting.

After that, you won't be spouting Mark Twain just to sound literary. Families are invited to the class taught by a qualified instructor of the United States Power Squadron. For other metro Detroit area classes call 821-4900.

**SHOW AND TELL** edges into the adult world at 8 p.m. Jan. 23 when the Farmington Historical Society meets at the Farmington branch library on Liberty, next to your friendly neighborhood city offices. The meeting is designed to give members and guests an opportunity to display items of historic interest. "This is the one meeting of the year in which the unpredictable is bound to occur. We never know what historic item will be shown and described." (Hm, sounds like they ought to change their name to hysterical society just for that night. The meeting sounds hysterical.) All of the society's meetings are open to the public and membership information can be obtained by contacting Don Nichols at 476-9400.

**WHAT YOU ARE** is Where You were When... is the name of the film shown at 10 a.m., Jan. 24 in the Farmington library, 28500 Liberty. The film presents a view of personality

development and is designed to help people understand and deal with their value judgements. It's free and open to all. Call 474-7770 for further information.

**HAVE A YEN** to give a hand? Opportunities in Red Cross volunteer nursing will be discussed during the Jan. 22 open house and orientation program for RNs and LPNs sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross. The program will feature exhibits, demonstrations and speakers on Red Cross Nursing and Health services, programs and classes. The open house is scheduled for 1:30 - 5 p.m., Jan. 22 at the chapter headquarters, 100 Mack, Detroit. Red Cross volunteer nurses provide free instruction in the community in a variety of health-related subjects such as home health care, preparation for parenthood, parenting, mother's aide and blood pressure measurement. Nurses also assist during disaster relief efforts and are involved in hypertension screening programs in the community. For more information call 833-4440, extension 261.

**HAVE YOU LOOKED** into your collection of old checks, insurance policies and other household records lately? You know the kind I'm talking about — the ones that fall out of the closet when you open the door — just like Fibber McGee and Molly. Many people keep these old slips of paper because they don't know who to throw away. But there's a handy-dandy booklet to help you out of the swamp of old receipts. "Keeping Household Records: What to Discard" is available for free from the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 6 38 F, Pueblo, Colorado, 81109.

**YMCA FLOOR HOCKEY** beats watching the Red Wings flub up. Now the Farmington Y is opening its floor hockey to all first - sixth graders in Farmington. The practices are conducted in the elementary schools after classes. The season runs for seven weeks and include five Saturday games. Youngsters should be bringing home flyers about the program this week. For further information on the program call Dave Seefeld at the Farmington Y, 553-4020.

**REMEMBER** to nominate your favorite unsung hero heroine for the Observer's Unsung Hero Search. Just tell us about someone who's coped bravely and beautifully with life. Drop us a line at 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington, 48024. Winner will receive two tickets for the best seat in the Fisher Theater for the show of their choice. The selection will be announced in the first week of March.



## Vanity Fair steals the show with a terry triple feature

A sensation on its very first run—Vanity Fair's trio of plushy terry put-togethers. A bright little story of glamour for the girl-on-the-go, designed to provide the ultimate in viewing pleasure. But great looks aren't all these saucy, sportive separates have in store. Because they're made of DuPont® polyester, which means they're easy to care for, retain their vibrant hues showing after showing. Soft-shaped jacket, \$27. Pull-on, straight-leg slacks, \$17. Both in wildberry or navy, sizes P to L. Strapless tunic, to tuck or not, in wildberry or sand sliced with brights, sizes P-S-M, \$16. Catch them in Misses' Robes, Hudson's Northland, Oakland and Twelve Oaks only.

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