

# Entertainment landmark will get a new lease on life

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"That we won't do," he said. "We won't discuss money."

Many older indoor movie houses have been split into several smaller theaters — thus increasing the money which can be taken in from a single

property — and most newer theaters are constructed that way.

The fate of drive-ins, which began popping up on the edges of American cities in the late 1940s and has become a favorite of car-crazy youths, often has been different, however.

Many drive-ins have been demol-

ished in favor of industry or subdivisions because the land they occupied, which had to be large enough to accommodate the cars people came in, became so valuable as the cities expanded.

But Peilerito said Community Theater has had success splitting up an-

other area drive-in it owns — the Bel-Aire on the Detroit side of East Eight Mile Road. The Bel-Aire has four screens and, unlike the Grand River, is open all year.

"It's been successful or we wouldn't be doing it in Farmington," he said.

George Ziegler, zoning inspector

for the city of Farmington Hills, said he looked over the plans for the Grand River and found everything in order.

"They seem to have the proper permits from the building department, and I personally inspected the footings and just about everything else on the site," he said.

Back in his windowless office in an old block building just inside the Grand River's ticket gates, manager Blakenshew pondered what it would be like to run a three-movie theater.

"It'll be different," he said. "Put it that way."

## Prutow expands role

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president with their number one and two rankings."

If Prutow wins a new term in 1986, she'll be elected by the school boards of Oakland County. Each board polls its members and records one vote in the election.

Asked if she intends to run in 1986, Prutow said, "It's really too soon to tell, but right now I'd have to say yes."

BEARDMORE, who had served on the Rochester Board of Education, was the top vote-getter of the four candidates in the running for the state board seat in the November general election.

Prutow joins President David Sparrow of Bloomfield Hills, Vice president Betty Campton of Walled Lake, and

Trustees Angus McPherson of Berkley and Eldon Rosegart of Waterford on the county board.

"We're very proud of her," said Farmington Superintendent Lewis Schulman of Prutow, who has served as president of the Farmington Board. "It's an unusual honor... not only for her, but also for the district."

The Intermediate School Board is headquartered at 21000 Pontiac Trail Road, not far from the Oakland County Service Center, which houses the county government.

The board meets twice a month.

Prutow, 44, a graduate of Detroit Cooley High School, has earned 14 credits from Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. She works part time in a campground store near Howell.



Helen Prutow

## Action urged on cop-shop

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project would come to about \$3 million — \$2.5 million for the building itself and another \$500,000 for site development.

Costick estimated that about three-tenths of a mill would be needed annually to retire the principal and interest on approximately \$2 million worth of bonds issued for 20 years at a 10-11 percent interest rate to pay for the project.

Committee members indicated that if the project is delayed to May through July, the city may anticipate a 10-15 percent increase in construction costs.

"The general concern I have is that this spring and summer we're looking at some tremendous cost increases," Costick said.

To avoid the expected construction boom and accompanying increases in the cost of labor and materials, the committee suggested council consider using construction management in the

development of the proposed police building.

With construction management, Costick said, a firm, chosen through the bid process, acts as the city's agent. The firm would bid on the entire project, "not to exceed \$2.5 million," he added.

Construction management would replace the city's effort of seeking bids itself for contractors needed for the project.

## Construction worker found dead

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The two workers found Outwater on the ground in the building's interior, about 100-150 feet from a gravel construction road, police said.

Markey indicated that when he arrived on the scene, Outwater had a faint pulse. The officer began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until Farmington Hills fire and medical personnel arrived and put the victim on a resuscitator. Outwater was later taken to Botsford.

"We're very saddened about it," said Ron Hughes, one of Arborvitae's de-

velopers, about Outwater's death. "We still don't know what happened. No one saw it happen."

Hughes said construction will continue on the first of four buildings planned as the city's largest office park.

## Parents are unhappy

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assist Kaplan with the Forrest fifth graders.

Indicating her displeasure with the Forrest situation, parent Cheryl Litberg asked the board, "Can I, or any other parent, sit in that class of 31 kids for a day or a week?"

Answered Board Secretary Emma

Makloen, "Parents are welcome in our schools at anytime... but if a parent comes into a classroom for the purpose of intimidation, that's a whole different ballgame."

Schulman invited "four or five" of the parents to meet with him in his office after the meeting "to come to conclusions and make some plans."

His offer had no takers.

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