

# Workshop will aid those seeking educational finances

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If you're a parent of a college-bound youngster and you're interested in financial aid, the Farmington Schools' guidance counselors have a date and

telephone number for you to remember.

The date is Sunday, Jan. 19, when the Farmington Schools is sponsoring a financial aid workshop at Harrison High School from 1-3 p.m. Call 477-3315 for reservations.

Loans, grants and scholarships will be discussed. George Emory, financial aid coordinator at Wayne State University, and Farmington counselors will be on hand to answer questions. "We will actually walk parents through the financial aid forms so they'll know how to fill them out cor-

rectly," said Jill Turley, a guidance counselor at Harrison.

The workshop, intended for parents of seniors and juniors from all Farmington-area schools, is the first one held on a weekend. "Yes, people from Mercy are invited," Turley said. "We're not going to

turn anybody away. But we have to have an RSVP. We're collecting materials. If 500 people show up and I have only 20 forms, I'll look bad."

Harrison's auditorium will be used if enough people show up, said Turley, who added, "We're praying for no snow."

"And the form usually takes six weeks to process, so the guys who get the forms in early usually get the bucks first or at least get their answers back."

Despite cutbacks, financial aid is still available — and a lot of it goes begging every year, Turley said. "You'd be surprised the scholarships that cross our desks," she said. "We put out a constant publicity campaign about them."

"We make it available, but you'd be surprised how we have to beat the bushes sometimes. A lot of kids don't want to take the time to do those essays or write a paragraph on why they feel they're qualified."

Harrison High School is located at 2995 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads.

## Bid proposals set for new building

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"Some of the more obvious advantages, if properly undertaken, could be the savings of time and costs."

Costick said city officials could consider issuing bonds, through the now-defunct building authority, for about \$2.5 million to \$2.6 million. The bonds,

coupled with some of the city's reserve funds, would pay the estimated \$3.3-million cost of the proposed facility.

A preliminary budget developed by city officials shows that the building itself would cost about \$2.4 million.

The \$900,000 difference is the estimated cost involved in site work for the entire city hall complex, architectural designs, furnishings, moving

costs, new telephone and communication equipment, legal and bond costs and equipment costs for both a firing range and a 911 emergency system.

"That is what I believe is on the high side," Costick said, about the proposed project's preliminary budget.

In the council's 6-0 vote, approval was also given to revive the city's five-member building authority which

would contract with the city to construct the proposed building and sell bonds to pay for the work.

When construction management proposals and documents allowing a building authority to proceed with issuing bonds are completed, the council will consider moving ahead with the project.

## Cable television rate increase planned

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THE RATE Increase will not affect residents who are subscribing to three or more pay services, such as HBO, Cinemax or Showtime. Monthly rates and installation charges for Tiers I and II will remain the same.

The cable firm is also increasing the monthly charge for each additional outlet (without remote control) from the current \$3.50 to \$4.50.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, which represents the cities of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, recommended the rate hike last September after a lengthy public hearing.

Under the original tri-city franchise agreement with MetroVision, the cable firm could not be allowed to ask for a rate increase until 1986.

But as of last September, MetroVision had reported a \$3.7 million loss. Fewer residents have subscribed, and

costs for the firms have been higher than anticipated.

In addition, federal legislation, which became law Dec. 29, allows MetroVision to seek an automatic 5 percent increase for two years. After two years, rate schedules are in the hands of cable operators.

But in the resolutions adopted by the three cities, it is indicated that any rate increase granted to cable firms by the new law during 1985 will be considered

included in the rate increase effective Feb. 1.

IN AGREEING to the rate increase, the city councils also agreed to two other changes:

• Modifying the construction plan to incorporate changes, such as the additional 80 miles of wiring in Farmington Hills and Novi.

• Allowing the local and public access programming facilities to be combined.

## Protesters expand

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Although the association has a handbill permit from the city of Farmington Hills, Falls said officers are unsure whether they also need the permission of landlords to pass out notices.

When the association incorporates, Falls said, an advertising campaign against Bezner will be started.

The campaign will include advertisements "telling the truth," Falls said, about increased rents and the method used to raise rent.

"Hopefully, it will affect their vacancy rate," Falls said. "We see the Camos Co. not budging one inch. The only way to hurt them is in the pocketbook."

"They (landlords) are making money off of your interest," Falls said.



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