

# Farmington Observer

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## Farmington FOCUS

If you have a news item or an idea for a feature story, or an action picture with a Farmington-area connection, send a typewritten note to our downtown office at 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

**DO YOU** know a person who's deserving of the Farmington Area Jaycees Distinguished Citizen Award?

Nominations must include specific reasons, including a description of services rendered to the Farmington/Farmington Hills community.

Send nominations to: Bob Rudnick, Prayer Breakfast Chairman, 1659 Oak Grove, Walled Lake, 48098. The deadline is Friday, Jan. 3.

The award will be presented at the 18th Community Leadership Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Glen Oaks Golf Course, Farmington Hills.

**THEY'RE** degree winners.

Two students from the Farmington area recently earned bachelor's degrees from Northern Michigan University, Marquette.

Sтивен Грандмайдор in law enforcement. Kristine Furman majored in illustration.

**HE'S** elected.

Richard Aston, a 1983 North Farmington High School graduate, was elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

The Northville resident is a junior majoring in mechanical engineering.

**KUDOS** are in order.

David Weigel of Farmington was awarded a business and economics scholarship for 1985-86 at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.

The freshman is majoring in accounting.

**MOVING** up.

Matthew Muller of Farmington Hills was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officers Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The 1985 University of Michigan graduate is scheduled to serve at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

**LOOKING** for a place to exercise?

The Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus Community Activities Building in Farmington Hills will be open during the holiday season.

The pool, weight/exercise room, gym and racquetball courts are available for public use.

For scheduling details, call the Orchard Ridge Physical Education Department weekdays: 471-7599.

**LUCKY** moment.

Rosanne Janik Dunest, who works at Advance Control Systems in Farmington, won lunch for 10 people from her office and a Minolta 350 Copier for her place in a contest on Pop Radio 95.5 (92.5 FM).

She and nine others in her office enjoyed lunch for 10 at McPhee's Saloon, Farmington Hills.

**FOOTNOTES:** Fred Warner, Michigan's only Farmington-born governor, died in 1923 in Orlando, Fla., where he had gone to escape the rigors of the Michigan winter.

Michigan's first twice-elected governor, Warner had held the office from 1904-11. He also was successful in farm-related businesses, thrashmaking, mortuaries, banking and real estate.

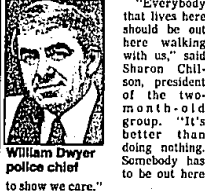
## Hills spa target of picketing

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By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Chilling temperatures and icy winds Saturday afternoon didn't stop 15 Farmington Hills residents — members of Citizens for a Decent Community — from picketing Keiko Health Spa to protest alleged prostitution.

Carrying signs reading "Best Girls in Town, Best at What?" "Health Spa, HaHaHa" and "Health Spa Move Out," picketers drew little attention from passersby although the media turned out as expected.



William Dwyer police chief

"Everybody that lives here should be out here walking with us," said Sharon Chilson, president of the two-month-old group. "It's better than doing nothing. Somebody has to be out here to show we care."

Chilson was disappointed that members of 60 area church groups contacted prior to the picketing didn't turn out. "We contacted a good 60 of them. Where are they? Don't people care?"

Citizens for a Decent Community targeted Keiko Health Spa, 23513 Nine Mile, because most group members live in the area and "because this one does a lot of business," Chilson said.

KEIKO is one of five Oriental health spas — suspected of offering illegal sexual activity — that Farmington Hills Police raided Oct. 7-8.

Citizens for a Decent Community was formed in October, about two weeks after 16 women and one man were charged with illegal sexual activity after the police raids. The suspects are awaiting trial, scheduled for early January, in 47th District Court, Farmington.

Although a "Come In, We're open" sign was posted in the door of the Keiko spa before and shortly after residents began picketing, the door was later locked when reporters tried to talk to the spa manager and employees.



RANDY DORST/staff photographer

Braving frigid temperatures, pickets march in front of the Keiko Oriental Health Spa Saturday afternoon.

*'Somebody has to be out here to show we care.'*

— Sharon Chilson Hills resident



Sharon Chilson Hills resident

Picketers marched along the sidewalk bordering a parking lot in the small strip mall containing the spa. No problems were reported during the picketing.

"We were quite pleased as far as the picketing went," Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said. "It was orderly. It was peaceful."

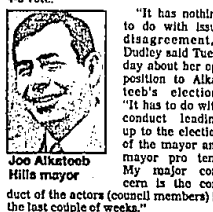
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## Hills' mayor encouraging council unity

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Maintaining unity on the Farmington Hills City Council is the first order of business for newly elected Mayor Joe Alkateeb.

Council members Monday elected Alkateeb, who had been mayor pro tempore, as mayor in a 6-1 vote. Councilwoman Joan Dudley opposed electing Alkateeb, who replaces outgoing Mayor Jan Dolan. Councilman Ben Marks was elected mayor pro tem in a 4-3 vote.



Joe Alkateeb Hills mayor

"It has nothing to do with issue disagreement," Dudley said Tuesday about her opposition to Alkateeb's election.

"It has to do with conduct leading up to the election of the mayor and mayor pro tem. My major concern is the conduct of the actors (council members) in the last couple of weeks."

In reaction, Alkateeb Tuesday said he was not surprised by Dudley's opposition to his election. "I didn't expect it (Dudley's support)."

Referring to the council's mayor pro tem election, and his support of Marks as mayor pro tem, Alkateeb said, "I did what I thought was in the best interest of council."

IN PRESENTING Dolan with a plaque of appreciation for her year of service as mayor, Alkateeb lauded her ability to unify a previously divided council. "We needed very much to be united last year and Jan Dolan did it," he said.

Alkateeb told Dolan he has only one regret in becoming mayor: "It's a tough act to follow. You are not only a great mayor. You are a gracious lady."

Assuming he — an outgoing mayor pro tem — would be elected mayor, Alkateeb prepared a seven-page acceptance speech. But following the tense election for mayor pro tem, Alkateeb decided to summarize his speech rather than read it.

"As mayor and leader of the city council, my first and foremost challenge would be to keep the unity of the council that Jan Dolan (as mayor) so ably achieved," Alkateeb said.

"The Farmington Hills City Council is a non-partisan body and it must operate with that understanding. There is no room on this council for any labels, whatever they may be. We had a constructive sense of unity in the past year and we must continue in that tradition."

IN URGING continued council unity, Alkateeb added, "We must never be timid to defend our viewpoint, but once an issue is settled, it should become the council's decision and not just the individuals who prevailed."

Although the council could have reorganized immediately following the Nov. 5 election, Alkateeb asked Dolan

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## Search is on for chief of schools

By Casey Hans staff writer

Farmington school trustees will take the first major step toward selecting a new superintendent when they hire a consultant in January.

A special meeting will be called to discuss the hiring, according to board president Susan Renneis.

Board members Tuesday heard presentations from two consultants, who gave the board general guidelines on beginning their search and encouraged them to be active.

Consultants being considered are: Richard Featherstone representing the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), Charles Alexander representing a consortium of seven Michigan universities, and Stanley Hecker, a recently retired education professor from Michigan State University.

Alexander and Hecker spoke to the

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## Well-versed Amateur radio operator tunes in the world

### people

By Casey Hans staff writer

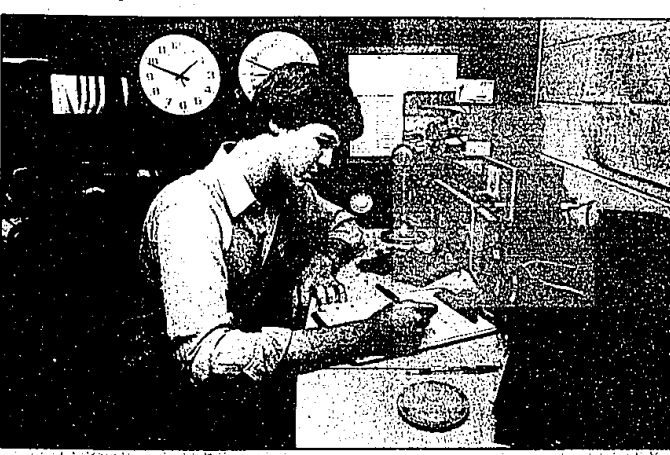
Jim Wades has the world at his fingertips.

The 12-year amateur radio veteran communicates with people in countries most of us view only in a world atlas — including communist nations.

The world belongs to Wades and his radio equipment for 15-20 hours each week. He's well-versed in radio history and facts, and his electronics room holds a collection of early receivers showing its step-by-step history.

Between his job as broadcast engineer at WNIC radio and his hobby, the 25-year-old Farmington Hills resident has little time for extracurriculars like television. "I never watch TV," he said. "You might be watching it while I'm talking to someone in Russia."

During the course of one hour, Wades talked with a 37-year blind ham radio veteran from Oklahoma City, monitored a conversation between Canada and South Africa, and obtained the latest news from Soviet Union News Agency TASS via one of the two telephones in his electronics room.



RANDY DORST/staff photographer

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Jim Wades, at work at the radio station housed in the basement of his Farmington Hills home.

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May all the days of the season be aglow with the warmth and wonder, peace and goodwill that make this holiday special.