

Naming athletic park in honor of late activist Jim Ellis will be considered

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finance sports, Bev Ellis said. "As long as we have lived in the community... he became involved in athletics," she said. Well-known for his work with youth, Ellis served as president of the Boys Republic, as an organizer and president of the Farmington Falcon Boosters Club, assistant athletic director of the Farmington Rockets Little League Football team and a commissioner of the South Farmington Baseball for Boys Little League. Ellis was also active for years

with the Youth Exchange Program of Rotary International.

IN JANUARY 1985, Ellis was honored as the 1984 Citizen of the Year, a tribute bestowed by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. At the time of Ellis' death at age 62 in March 1985, he was secretary of the local Rotary Club and served on the Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals.

In the last two years, a \$1,000 scholarship in Ellis' name has been awarded to two high school stu-

dents.

While a name for the park is still undecided, the 15 acres is being prepared for construction. The Farmington Hills Planning Commission approved the park's site plan in August.

With the help of residents' suggestions, the park plans include two baseball/softball fields and two soccer fields. In the fall, the two ball fields can be used for soccer. Originally, the plan called for three soccer fields. The parking lot's size has been doubled to accommodate 180 cars.

Modifications in the original park plan that conform to residents' concerns include the addition of a fence around the park, fewer fields, a sidewalk and more landscaping to buffer the park from adjacent residential areas. The park also will not be lighted for night play and use will be controlled.

"The park will be controlled. There will be only one entrance to the park and it will be closed at the appropriate time in the evening," special services director Dan Potter said in August.



Beverly Ellis has suggested naming a planned athletic park in honor of her husband, the late Jim Ellis, who was a staunch supporter of youth sports.

Miniature shipbuilding is veteran's love

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Kiwanis Club, Burger donated his work to the Kiwanians, who put it on display in the children's section of the Farmington Community Library. If the ship is sold to a collector, the proceeds will go to one of several

charities that the Farmington Kiwanis Club contributes to.

BURGER'S PAST shipbuilding work has also been donated to the group.

A North Farmington High School teacher has used one of them to illus-

trate a point in a history class. The local library has used a Burger replica to build a history lesson around. Selling it is secondary to the community enjoying it, according to Kiwanis officials.

Burger's love of airplane models as a 10-year-old led him to his pres-

ent craft. But his life extends further than the fleet of ships he's constructed.

The World War II Army veteran does a mean John Wayne impersonation and delighted his foxhole buddies with his imitation of Adolf Hitler.

Burger was shell-shocked in the war. He recalls the roar of German tanks overhead as he huddled below in a foxhole.

cartoonist for a short time. His career of 22 years was spent at Quigley Industries in Farmington, from which he is now retired.

Today, he lives in a cozy, 1950s home with another war veteran. The house is so sturdy, he said, "a German tiger tank would have to hit it" to knock it down.

Burger, who will be 64 in December, attributes his good health to "an

apple a day, a clove of garlic," and a jug of cranberry juice and water, from which he sips as he talks. "And don't forget the cabbage and alfalfa," he said, showing the salad bowl.

He enjoys an occasional horse race at Ladbrooke DRC and is active in his local Kiwanis chapter, which he joined two years ago. Today, he serves as its vice president.

Cities dropped from lawsuit

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trial, is seeking in excess of \$10,000 on each of the counts. A trial date has not yet been scheduled before Scheffler.

A pretrial hearing scheduled for Oct. 16 was adjourned to Nov. 14, as requested by Locke's attorney, Marletta Robinson. The Southfield attorney was unavailable for comment.

The complaint alleges Locke was discharged for refusing to work for less-qualified employees who "were engaging in sexual relationships with defendant Lewis."

A 13-year veteran of the Farmington Community Library staff, Locke resigned in February 1985, about one month after she was transferred to a non-supervisory position as coordinator of community services.

Locke previously had worked in the supervisory positions of branch head for the Farmington Hills li-

brary and as children's coordinator for both the Farmington and Farmington Hills branches.

LOCKE'S RESIGNATION last year touched off a flurry of protests, including a financial audit by the state that led to Lewis' resignation as library director.

Farmington Hills Police arrested Lewis Oct. 11, 1985, following an investigation that stemmed from findings released in the financial audit of library finances by Plante & Moran CPAs of Southfield.

In early May, Lewis pleaded guilty in 47th District Court to a charge of purchase by a public official under public credit for private use — a misdemeanor. Lewis was sentenced to one-year probation and \$105 in costs, Judge Margaret Scheffler of Farmington said. Scheffler allowed Lewis to leave

the state for employment.

In the complaint, Locke claims she was "constantly and continuously subjected to sexual discrimination in the form of sexual harassment by her superior and direct supervisor Gordon Lewis."

THE SUIT also alleges that Locke was forced to "work for one of the women with whom he (Lewis) was having a sexual relationship, who was much less qualified" professionally than Locke.

BURGER SPENT part of his childhood with his sister and twin brother in the Chicago area, where his father worked as a professional gardener. The family later moved to Spring Lake, a small Michigan community near Muskegon and Lake Michigan.

After a "miraculous" recovery from malaria, he went on to train in mechanical drawing in high school, leading Burger to the Muskegon Chronicle, where he free-lanced as a

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