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## Veto puts river cleanup on hold

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next year.'**

— Ken Nakamura  
Broomfield spokesman

By Dave Varga  
staff writer

President Ronald Reagan's recent veto of the Clean Water Act flies in the face of environmental advocates and unanimous support from both houses of Congress. And it disappointed many in Michigan.

Along with his fellow legislators, U.S. Rep William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, supported the \$18 billion package of loans and grants to clean up waterways and improve municipal sewage treatment plants through 1994.

Broomfield's district includes Farmington and Farmington Hills. Broomfield spokesman Ken Nakamura said the veto was expected. The President did not attempt to lobby Congress to support his position

because of the other issues on his political agenda. "The real fight will be next year," Nakamura said.

The same bill is expected to be reintroduced next year right after the legislative session begins in January. MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS joined with those from other Great Lakes states to fend off efforts by those from sunbelt states to take money from states in the northeast and Midwest. In the end, Michigan was

to receive \$104 million a year, which was down slightly from the \$105.2 million in previous years.

"The compromise that they came up with was just great for Michigan," said Charlie Moses, an environmental representative for Gov. James Blanchard in Washington. "We really did well on that. If we can just get to the same point next year is all we can hope for."

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## Farmington FOCUS

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**EVERYBODY** loves a parade.

North Farmington High School graduate Martha Smith, who plays CIA agent Francine Desmond on the TV spy series, "Scarecrow and Mrs. King," will co-host the 1986 Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade with John Karler of "Cagney & Lacey." CBS-TV will provide coverage of the 60th annual parade.

Smith recently filmed a guest appearance on the TV detective series, "Mike Hammer."

**EARLY** birds, take note.

Four seats on the Farmington Hills City Council and three seats on the Farmington City Council will be up for grabs next November.

In Farmington Hills, council members whose terms will expire are Joe Alkatech, Joan Dudley, Terry Sever and Donn Wolf.

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The deadline to file nominating petitions will be in August. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1987.

For nominating petition information, call Clerk Joan Reynolds in Farmington Hills, 474-8115, or Clerk Jo Bushey in Farmington, 474-6500.

**BUSINESS** will

command the spotlight when the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and the West Suburban Area Council of Chambers co-host a luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Pearl Lipner and John Vanderploeg, co-chairs of the Michigan delegation to the White House Conference on Small Business, will speak.

The luncheon begins with a cash bar at 11:30 a.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 2705 and Six Mile. Cost is \$10 per person. Call the chamber for reservations: 474-3440.

**IN the spotlight.**

Francesca Weiner of Farmington Hills will play a principal character in the Detroit Country Day School production of the Rogers and Hammerstein musical of the early West, "Oklahoma."

It will be staged Nov. 21-22 on the Beverly Hills campus.

**NEWS** talk.

The Observer's Sept. 22 story about 6-year-old Ray Rudzki's presence to stop, drop and roll after his clothing caught fire while playing last June was reprinted in the November issue of Michigan Fire Service News, a publication of the Michigan Fire Chiefs Association.

Ray, a first grader at Gill Elementary, says he learned to stop, drop and roll from Firefighter Mike — Mike Garr of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

**FOOTNOTES:** One year ago this week — While the wheels of justice turn for 17 Oriental men and women arrested for alleged prostitution, Citizens for a Decent Community plan to reinforce their opposition to five Oriental health spas under investigation for possible involvement in a Korea-based organized prostitution ring.

## Season's finale



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Farmington Harrison football coach John Horrington keeps a watchful eye on the action on route to his Hawks dropping of 22-6 Class B semifinals battle to Marysville Friday night at Atwood Stadium in Flint. For a review of Harrison's 10-2 season, see Page 1D.

## Shut down Hills denies health spa license

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

The city council told business owner Un Cha Shin Monday she could not operate her Oriental health spa in Farmington Hills.

In the first test of a newly enacted massage regulation ordinance, the council denied Shin — also known as Un Cha Choe — a business license following a hearing Monday. She is the owner/operator of the Tokyo Oriental Health Spa, 28841 Orchard Lake Road.

The special hearing was scheduled after Shin applied for a license last April and the request was denied in September by City Clerk Joan Reynolds.

The clerk's denial followed recommendations by the city's police, building and zoning officials, who testified against approval of the license Monday.

An amended license application was filed with the city Nov. 3, according to Reynolds, who received it after the Monday hearing was set. She told the council the amendment "has questions answered that were not answered in the first (application)." The council chose not to act on the amended application.

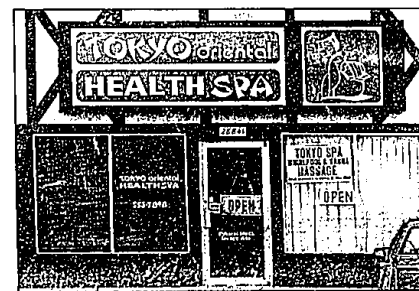
BY A 6-1 vote, the council denied Shin the license following the hearing — a final step for the business owner under the city's new massage regulation ordinance.

If Shin keeps her business open, the city will ticket her for operating a business without a license, then take further action if necessary, Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said Tuesday.

"If they continue to operate, it is my intent to initiate padlock procedures against the business, which would have to be done through the court," he said.

Dwyer estimated it may take 30-60 days if padlock procedures become necessary.

Only Councilwoman Joan Dudley voted against the license denial, saying she did not believe evidence was presented to convince her that Shin



Tokyo Oriental Health Spa is in a strip shopping center on Orchard Lake Road, south of 13 Mile.

had not complied with city requirements for a massage business license.

DUDLEY SAID the newly enacted massage ordinance "does not require the city council to rubber stamp these recommendations. I don't find a preponderance of evidence that

Ms. Choe deliberately falsified her application."

According to testimony from Dwyer, Shin allegedly falsified information on her original application and misrepresented prior spa involvement. "We determined that the

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## Visiting pupils pay no tuition

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Based on a 1985 opinion from the state Attorney General, Farmington school officials will allow foreign exchange students to attend school tuition-free for at least one year.

A new policy defines "resident" and addresses the foreign-exchange-student issue — one the board of education has discussed during the past several months. The district has never developed a formal, written policy for exchange students, but has handled each on a case-by-case basis.

First reading of this policy, plus a policy revision regarding non-resident students, was approved Tuesday by a 6-0 vote. Trustee Jack Ince was absent. A second reading of the policies will be scheduled during a special meeting, committee chairwoman and trustee Helen Ditzhay said.

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## Discrimination lawsuit settled

By Mary Klemic  
staff writer

A \$1.2 million lawsuit charging ethnic and religious discrimination against the Clarenceville School District has been settled out of court for \$30,000.

A group of 25 American Muslims of Indian and Pakistani descent filed the suit under the name of Crescent Investments in August 1985 in U.S. District Court.

The group had offered to buy the closed Westbrook Elementary School building in Farmington Hills for \$57,000. In May, the Clarenceville Board of Education accepted the lower bid offer of \$47,500 from John White, a retired Farmington Hills manufacturer's representative and building renovator.

"We went into the judicial system not for the money but as a matter of principle," said Syed Mohiuddin, secretary and spokesperson for the group. "We felt that we were openly discriminated (against). It was below our self respect to take something like that. We are obligated to clear our names and assert our rights."

"This does not prove guilt or innocence," said Clarenceville Superintendent Michael Shiber.

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tendent Michael Shiber. "We all along have maintained we are not guilty of discrimination. We sold the building to the individual who is going to best use the building for the benefit of the school district and for the kids of Clarenceville."

"The other situation would have been for a private school. It would be tax exempt. It would take students from the district."

Clarenceville includes parts of Livonia, Redford and Farmington Hills.

CRESCENT INVESTMENT planned to renovate the building for

use as a nursery school and cultural center. The group had future plans to start a full-time school there.

The group was interested in developing a religious school and a place of worship. Its plans also featured splitting off the northern two acres of the six-acre plot and building condominiums.

White planned to convert the school into an apartment building and call it Westbrook Place.

Crescent Investment called various school districts in looking for a site, said Mohiuddin, a Canton resident. He was told by a Clarenceville official that the Westbrook property was available and that the district wanted to get rid of it, he said.

TALKS BETWEEN Crescent Investment and the district began in December 1984. In a February 1985 meeting with Shiber, assistant superintendent for school business affairs Edward Saliz and school board member Richard Woods, Mohiuddin was told that the district would take the highest offer, he said.

Mohiuddin said the group also was asked at the February meeting if it would conduct prayers over a loudspeaker on the property, which

was being done at a mosque in Dearborn. Members replied that a loudspeaker wouldn't be used, and made it clear that they didn't have political affiliations and weren't in

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