

Firefighters promote burn safety



At the open house Oct. 11, Farmington Hills firefighters show how they put out fires in the engine compartments of cars.



Sparky the Fire Dog (above), Ronald McDonald, Smokey T. Bear, Robbie the Robot and Bert & Ernie were among the kids' choices at the open house Oct. 11.

CURIOSITY ABOUT fire is normal for youngsters ages 2-8. They find fire interesting and exciting, just as they would other adventuresome things in their environment. So it should come as no surprise that as many as 45 percent of school-age children nationwide are reported as having played with matches on at least one occasion and 21 percent have set an actual fire. "A couple of times each year, we typically have a small number of parents who call about their child playing with matches, wondering what they can do about it," said Deputy Chief Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Clearly, parents need to provide a safe environment. "They need to be cognizant that if they leave matches or a lighter around, the opportunity for trouble is there," Baldwin said. "If, in our interviews, we detect a child's behavior is related to other

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A Farmington Hills Special Emergency Response Team member demonstrates rappelling from the 85-foot ladder truck as part of the open house program Oct. 11.



AT RIGHT: Alexander Bankowaki, 2, does his best to take the noise during the open house Oct. 11 at the Farmington Hills Fire Department headquarters on Drake Road. About 55 firefighters and 3,500 visitors took part in the Sunday afternoon festivities.

Staff photos by Tom Arnett

business briefs

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MOONLIGHT MADNESS
The Downtown Farmington Business Association has scheduled Moonlight Madness 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Merchants in the downtown area will participate. The event will include searchlights, pumpkins and cider. Also scheduled is a Christmas walk Sunday, Nov. 22. The walk will give Farmington shoppers a chance to see what downtown Farmington has to offer during the holidays. Carolling, window displays and refreshments will be offered. The lighting of the Downtown Development Authority's Christmas tree will take place. In addition, the Farmington Jaycees will light the gazebo at the Warner Mansion on Grand River at 7 p.m.

PURCHASES APPROVED
The Farmington Hills City Council approved the purchase of computer hardware and software from Nyner Business Centers for \$9,835 for the Department of Special Services and the city manager's office.

The city also approved the purchase of a sewer jet cleaner from Jack Doheny Supplies of Northville for \$20,000 and a stake truck from Tom Holzer Farm of Farmington Hills for \$24,740. The equipment is for the Department of Public Works.

ELECTED TO BOARD
Robert Brown of Farmington Hills was elected to the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters and Chartered Financial Consultants Detroit Chapter board of directors. The society is the largest group of financial service professionals in the country. It has 32,000 members.

MANAGEMENT TRAINER
Real Estate One has been named official management trainer of the Dozen Group of Realtors, representing 23 of the largest independently owned Realtors in 29 major metropolitan markets. Real Estate One and the city of Detroit will play host each quarter to some of the top real estate sales managers in the nation. Real Estate One has offices in both Farmington and Farmington Hills. The Executive Management Course 501 is a five-day class of workshops and role playing. It also is a review of course material, consisting of 14 Manager Training Manuals developed by Real Estate One. The course is taught by William Barrett, Real Estate One senior vice president. He holds the Graduate Realtors Institute designation for his advanced training in real estate. He is a senior instructor for the Realtors National Marketing Institute.

Real Estate One regularly holds this class for its sales managers. In September, the company opened up the course to managers from the Dozen Group of Realtors. The next class is scheduled for December at the Omni Hotel, Detroit.

NEW PARTNERS
Robins & Associates, P.C., CPAs, at 33469 14 Mile Road, Suite 30, Farmington Hills, announced that Joel Lankowsky, CPA, and Michael Mony, CPA, were admitted to the firm as partners. Mony was named partner in charge of small business management. Lankowsky will serve as audit partner.

NEW OFFICE
Dr. Daniel Salama has opened a medical practice at 24333 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Salama holds a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He served his residency at Oakwood-Springwells Health Center, Dearborn. He specializes in podiatric medicine, surgery, sports medicine and laser beam surgery. His telephone number is 474-0040.

NAMED PROFESSOR
Vernon Hoffer Jr. of Farmington Hills, was named an associate professor in Lawrence Institute of Technology's School of Management. He previously was a manager in systems development for Spring Arbor Distributors. He also held various posts with General Motors Corp.



PERSONAL APPEARANCE
Meet doll artist, Franz Goetz
Friday, October 23
10 a.m.-12 noon, Birmingham
1-3 p.m., Livonia
Mr. Goetz will personally present his doll collection, known the world over for its life-like qualities and attention to detail. \$60-\$165.

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