



Spicer house to get asbestos work

Work is expected to begin within the week on removing or safely enclosing asbestos in the 63-year-old Eleanor Spicer estate house in Heritage Park.

The Farmington Hills City Council awarded a bid of \$74,500 from Bedford Township-based Howard Abatement to work on the historical house's asbestos problems. The bid is less than the original \$100,000 estimate for the work.

Asbestos, a potential cancer-causing agent if its fibers are breathed, was found in the house's plaster walls, pipe coverings and linoleum. Some of the asbestos will be removed and some will be encapsulated — painted over to prevent fibers from being released.

In some areas, false walls will be erected to enclose the asbestos-laden plaster walls. The false walls will allow for new electrical wiring to be installed without running it through the asbestos, special services director Dan Potter said.

The asbestos work is expected to be completed within 20 days. Bids will be requested for the planned architectural renovation on the house by May 15. All work, including asbestos abatement and renovation, is expected to be completed by early November.

RESTORATION WORK to preserve the house and transform it into a visitor's center is expected to begin in early July. Work on the house

exterior will include repairing and restoring stucco surfaces and deteriorated wood and replacing fascia boards.

Work on the interior will include knocking down walls to create larger, open areas. Public restrooms, accessible for handicapped visitors, will be built in the kitchen and pantry area. A large conference room, a reception area, an information center and a large meeting room with displays also will be built.

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Farmington Hills police didn't know for sure that abortion protesters were heading to the Women's Center until they left their gathering point at Madonna College in Livonia at 6 a.m. and regrouped on the Farmington Hills athletic field.

A Farmington Hills officer at Madonna watched for clues identifying which abortion clinics were going to be targeted, Murphy said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Police overtime for protests totaled

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The April 29 protests followed arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in a Missouri case that could override the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that made most abortions legal in the United States.

Arrests — on charges such as trespassing, disorderly conduct, assault and battery, obstructing a police officer, malicious destruction of property — could have resulted in more overtime in Farmington Hills, Murphy said.

"We were prepared to make arrests, but we always try to resolve matters peacefully before taking a hard-core approach," he said.

Farmington Hills police figured that right-to-life supporters might target the Women's Center for one of their Operation Rescue protests because they showed up there briefly on Good Friday.

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School fund-raiser

North Farmington High boosters and students, in conjunction with Great Scott, held a fund-raiser May 3 to benefit academic, music, sports, drama and club programs at the Farmington Hills schools. Five percent of the total sales that day at the Great Scott at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mills will be earmarked for North Farmington programs. Students bagged and carried out groceries between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Maria Abramowitz pushes out a grocery-filled cart for a shopper. She's a sophomore at North.

Hills woman wins scholarship to spend year in W. Germany

Laura Patrell of Farmington Hills is one of 62 Americans awarded a full scholarship/internship to spend one year studying and working in West Germany.

She'll participate in the 1989-1990 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program for Young Professionals.

The exchange program, beginning in July 1989 and continuing through July 1990, will include a two-month intensive language course, four months of study at a German professional school and a six-month internship with a German business. Most

participants will also stay with a German host family for all or part of the year.

Administered in the United States by CDS International, Inc., this program, now in its sixth year, began as part of former President Reagan's Youth Exchange Initiative to honor the 300th anniversary of German immigration to the United States.

Financially supported by the U.S. Congress and the West German Bundestag, it is designed to strengthen the ties between the younger generations of the United States and Germany.

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