

Growing market

PACE Warehouse opens Farmington store

By Noreen Flack
staff writer

Ann Kozaczynski is addicted. The Farmington Hills woman confessed she can't keep away from warehouse stores that offer discount prices on assorted goods: food, appliances, furniture, clothing, tires.

With the grand opening of the PACE Membership Warehouse in Farmington Hills Friday, Jesse Kozaczynski, Ann's husband, said he has a real problem.

"This is really convenient," Ann said. "My dad got me started with these warehouse places. Once I got here, it became more like an addiction."

The Colorado-based chain opened the fifth PACE store in metro Detroit Friday at 24800 Haggerty, north of Grand River.

Other Detroit stores are in Westland, Madison Heights, Taylor and Roseville.

Eighty percent of store sales are generated by individual shoppers and business owners who pay an annual \$25 membership fee and receive discount prices on a variety of products; each product selection has a limited number of brand names.

Members can add as many as five people for \$10 each to their annual membership. Non-member shoppers pay an additional 5 percent on the marked price.

MANAGER GREG Fisher will supervise 225 employees in the 103,000-square-foot store in Farmington Hills. The store will be one of the few scheduled to carry a fresh meat and produce section by spring.

"This is one of the major growth areas in Detroit," said Charles Steinbrueck,

PACE president, who came from Aurora, Colo., to attend the grand opening.

"We found that many of our shoppers at the Westland store were from this area," he said.

"Warehouse stores became popular in the mid-'80s, appealing to small business owners because of large bulk food selections at discount prices.

"You can find everything here, so you don't have to chase around to find something," said Steve Habbad, owner of the Shell Station at Grand River and Power in Farmington. "This is more convenient because it is not so far from the station."

Detroit is the fastest-growing market for PACE stores, which were established in 1983. This market ranks second in sales with 70,000 members, behind the Los An-

geles market, which has 10 locations, Steinbrueck said.

THE NATIONWIDE chain has 41 stores in 11 states bringing in \$1.27 billion in sales for 1988.

PACE offers unconditional money-back guarantees on all purchases.

"We really like the assortment," said Robert Moots of Livonia. "This store is a lot closer than the Westland store."

"You can really save if you buy a lot of a special item," said Irene Moots, Robert's wife.

PACE stores in Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo and Saginaw are scheduled to open by fall. In the Detroit area, Steinbrueck said, PACE competes directly with the Warehouse Club, which has stores in Allen Park, Hazel Park and Redford Township.

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Farmington Hills residents Ann and Jesse Kozaczynski and look for bargains in the PACE Warehouse store in Farmington Hills during the grand opening Friday.

Greg Fisher, (left) manager of the Farmington Hills PACE Membership Warehouse store, and Charles Steinbrueck, president of the company, took part in the grand opening of the Farmington Hills store on Friday.

Committee will study school attendance area

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A special Farmington Public Schools committee will be named to recommend attendance boundaries for the new westside school, Hillside Elementary, slated to open in fall 1990.

The committee also will recommend revised attendance boundaries for the district's 11 other traditional elementary schools, said Helen Prutow, school board president.

Committee members will include representatives of the staff and the community. Meetings will be open to the public.

About 650 kindergartners through fifth graders will attend Hillside, named just last week by the school board. Ground was broken in June

for the school, on the south side of 11 Mile, east of Halsted.

On Tuesday, the school board reinforced that Hillside will have a fixed boundary to serve students on the west side of the 10,700-student district, which serves Farmington, most of Farmington Hills and part of West Bloomfield.

"The new school is the only elementary school on the west side for both cities," Prutow said. "The students being bused to the other side now should be the ones going to the new school."

"That was the understanding when we accepted the bond issue."

IN JANUARY, voters approved a \$7.3-million bond issue for a westside elementary. District officials

cited increasing enrollment and crowding at several elementary schools as well as long bus rides for students from the west side to the east side.

A fixed boundary won't eliminate innovative educational programs at Hillside. Programs still could range from traditional to common campus-style, which combines traditional and enrichment, Prutow said.

Once the committee is formed, a meeting with the school board and the public will be held in early December to review proposed boundaries for the elementary schools.

By early January, the school board will set those boundaries. By the end of January, the committee will notify parents what the boundaries will be for the 1990-91 school year.

Jax's is offering 75 cent car wash

Jax Kar Wash is having a 75th birthday party, and Metro Detroit is the guest of honor.

Today, Monday, Aug. 14, you can have your car washed at any Jax location for only 75 cents. The company will donate all proceeds to the March of Dimes and the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

There are nine Jax locations throughout Detroit including the one at 31500 Grand River (at Orchard Lake) Farmington, 476-9094.

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation works to reduce the impact of birth defects by conducting research, community service and educational programs.

Store takes realistic toy gun off shelves

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The youth later was reported descending a hill to the apartment complex, then past the Drake Road gatehouse.

When police arrived, they learned the youth had walked through the clubhouse to the pool.

When officers John Markey and Sandra Schrage spotted him, he was walking backwards toward the pool. While pointing the gun with both hands, he yelled: "Bang, bang, I'm going to shoot."

Three times, Markey, behind cover six yards away, ordered him to drop the gun. After the third command, the youth complied. At one point, he turned toward Markey with the gun still outstretched.

"NOT TILL the officers came up and handcuffed the youth did they know it was plastic," Fox said.

"When right next to it, the gun looks like plastic. But if somebody was pointing it at me, it may not look so much like plastic. So we decided to pull it anyway. It just seemed like a good idea."

— Howard Efros
Efros Drugs

Efros Drugs pulled the toy to avoid any chance of tragedy resulting from a squirt gun bought there.

"Anybody would hate to see something like that happen, regardless of where," Efros said. "We certainly wouldn't want to be associated with that type of incident."

"He never met an art critic he couldn't infuriate."

I like this guy."

— Mayor Coleman A. Young
Mayor of Detroit and Well-Known Target of Critics



Self-portrait with Rita, 1922, oil on canvas.



His murals created an outrage. He said he'd rather have his paintings hang in brothels and saloons so the common man could see them. How did one artist make so many enemies? See for yourself.

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