

# Community Corner

This week's question: Will you continue to shop at Great Scott! when the name is changed to Kroger in another 2-3 months?

We asked this question at the Great Scott! at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.



"I am sure I will."  
— Katie Welshaus  
Farmington Hills



"Probably. Just because it's so convenient for me."  
— Barbara Singer  
Farmington Hills



"Sure. I like Kroger. I enjoy Kroger. I just hope they'll keep the same employees who have been here for so long. That's important."  
— Marilyn Funk  
Farmington Hills



"Don't make any difference to me. I shop at all of them."  
— Arthur Colman  
Southfield



"I don't have much choice. This is the closest market. I live about a mile from here and when I first started shopping here, it was Wrigley's."  
— Bobbie McLean  
Farmington Hills



"Sure I'll keep coming here. Makes no difference. I shop at Farmer Jack, too."  
— Clayton O'Dell  
Farmington Hills

## Creation of 3rd judgeship urged

By Joanne Maliszowski  
staff writer

Judge Margaret Schaeffer, of the 47th District Court in Farmington, wants the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils to consider adding a third judgeship, preferably next year.

"We handle more cases with two judges than many courts with three or four judges," the district court chief judge said, adding that a new judge is needed "certainly within two years."

While the issue of adding another judge won't confront the two cities this year, a renovation of the 13,883-square-foot courthouse, to make better use of space for employees faced with a growing caseload, will.

In 1989, the caseload hit 36,210, compared to 34,017 in 1988. "We will be able to support the need for a third judge with cold, hard facts," Judge Fred Harris said.

New state law enables some district court systems to add another judge if control units, such as Farm-

ington and Farmington Hills, agree to foot the bill.

Already, there are 12-15 trials that the judges can't get to until July, Schaeffer added. But there's apparently no fear of long delays of 18 months that could violate a defendant's right to a speedy trial.

"If the Supreme Court came in and took a look at us, we wouldn't get a black mark."

BUT THAT made former court reporter Cindy Hague — laid off by Harris when he was appointed to fill former Judge Michael Hand's seat less than a year ago — suspicious.

"That would make one question the need for a third judge at this time," said the former seven-year court employee. The court also has three part-time magistrates.

Farmington and Farmington Hills are the control units that finance the district court, including a share of the judges' salaries.

Effective Jan. 1, 1990, district judge salaries are \$93,817. The two cities' local share of the salary is \$14,047. The state reimburses the cities about \$35,000 of the local share.

Renovation costs are not in the court's proposed 1990-91 \$1.36 million budget, which is 12 percent high-

er than last year's \$1.2 million budget.

Farmington Hills officials have budgeted in their own city budget an estimated \$200,000 and Farmington, \$30,000, for the renovation that's expected to begin this year.

The \$230,000 renovation of the civil and traffic (criminal) divisions is an interim measure to an estimated \$300,000 major renovation of the facility or a \$1.4 million renovation and expansion.

"THE CURRENT building, no matter how we remodel it, can't accommodate a new judge," Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said.

With the planned renovation, about \$5,000-\$7,000 would be lost if there's a later decision to expand the building for a third judge.

Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick suggested that again the judges should look for ways to increase revenues through fines and fees for various offenses.

"If new revenues can be found by adjusting what we can adjust, that's one way of softening the blow," Costick said.

The 47th District Court is probably on the "middle high" side of fines and costs assessed in district courts

throughout the state, Schaeffer said.

"And then there are people you can't get anything out of (for fines and costs). You can't get blood out of a turnip. And we have a lot of turnips," Schaeffer said.

THE PROPOSED \$1.3 million court budget consists of \$1.1 million from Farmington Hills, \$193,514 from Farmington and \$75,000 in state salary standardization payments.

The judges requested the addition of two courtroom clerks, one part-time warrant clerk, a full-time probation officer and a part-time clerical employee for probation.

The proposed budget calls for hiring one full-time probation officer and two part-time typists.

"I would ask the cities to look long and hard at the requests the court has for money and time. I personally feel there's a lot of waste — time and efficiency," said former court officer Howard Aldrich. He, like Hague, was laid off when Harris was appointed to the bench by Gov. Blanchard.

Major changes in the proposed budget are in increases in pensions and Social Security and a new sick leave policy, as well as increases in rental equipment.

## Holiday parade set for Memorial Day

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The 90-minute parade will step off at 10 a.m. from the Uptown Farmington Plaza, on Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road. It will proceed west to the Veterans Memorial. The sidewalks on both sides of Grand River provide good viewing spots.

The procession will include high school bands, memorial floats, antique cars, fire trucks, scouts and Indian guides.

The parade is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Farmington Post 2269.

The memorial service will include the invocation by a veterans post chaplain, a firing squad, the playing of Taps and best of class parade awards.

MORGAN WAS commissioned a second lieutenant through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps at San Jose State University in 1972.

In 1974, he was awarded his navigator wings at Mather Air Force Base, Calif., and assigned to Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., to begin F-4

training. He was then assigned to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.

In 1977, he was transferred to Kunsan Air Base, Korea, as the wing standardization/evaluation division weapons systems officer. After Korea, he was assigned to Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, to begin transitioning to the F-111 aircraft.

In 1979, Morgan was assigned to Royal Air Force, Upper Heyford, United Kingdom, where he served as a weapons system officer and wing safety officer. Three years later, he was assigned to Mather Air Force Base, Calif., as a navigator instructor. He also served as a flight commander; chief, Learning Center Section; and chief, International Training Management Branch.

In 1986, Morgan assumed command of the 3723rd Base Military Training Squadron while at Lackland.

He was promoted to lieutenant colonel last year. He has been decorated for meritorious service, combat crew readiness and national defense service.

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