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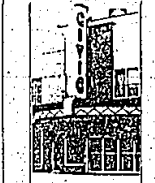
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FARMINGTON turns 123 this year, and tonight are the preparations for the celebration.

The whoop-de-do commemorates Farmington's incorporation as a village in May of 1867. More than 20 civic groups and businesses representing about 100 volunteers have signed up to sponsor activities and events, which begin in May and run through the fall.

The communitywide festivities include a presentation of a commemorative heritage quilt — currently being pieced together by volunteers — to Farmington City Council members dressed in period costumes at the regular meeting on May 4.

An "1867 Day" at the Community Center on May 31, a Family Day in Silverdew Park on Aug. 22, and historic home tours in September are more events planned for the celebration. Of course, a 12th-anniversary theme is planned for the annual Farmington Founders Festival July 9-12.

Watch coming editions of the Observer for more information.

YOUR VOTE really does count. If you don't believe it, just switch your TV set to cable Channel 12 just about any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and watch "My Vote Counts."

The series, sponsored by the Farmington Hills Committee to Increase Voter Participation, focuses on voting for all citizens.

April's show features interviews and a review of citizen-initiated ballot issues for the November general election. Guests include L. Brooks Patterson, former county prosecutor. Host is Hills resident Richard DeVries.

In May, information on redistricting and general impressions by guest Jean Fox, former Hills councilwoman, are planned. Host is Jillann Hovanestan.

Hovanestan also hosts June's show, and information about OWL (Older Women's League) is featured.

Viewing times are 8 p.m. Wednesday, 2 p.m. Thursday, and 7 p.m. most Fridays. Opinions and reactions are encouraged. Please call Dave Telmeijer, of the city's Department of Special Services, at 475-9251.

DONT FORGET... part of the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica will take place in Farmington Hills on Sunday, April 22.

The start and finish of the 20-kilometer walk-a-thon will be the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. Last year, about 1,300 walkers in Farmington Hills raised more than \$125,000 to support March of Dimes programs.

Walkers and volunteers are needed for the Farmington Hills event. For information on how you or your company, club or organization can support WalkAmerica, call Paul Radak at the March of Dimes office, 423-3200.

MEMORY LANE — From the April 4, 1992 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

From an editorial: "A good lesson in citizenship was handed out by Judge John J. Schulte a few days ago when a violator was fined \$10 and court costs for dumping rubbish along the side of the road."

Suit seeks to keep health spa open

By Casey Hans and Joanne Maliszewski staff writers

The licensee for a Farmington Hills massage parlor raided by police in February, and subsequently closed by the city, has filed a civil lawsuit against the city and is seeking a court injunction to temporarily reopen her business.

Five Korean women were arrested on prostitution-related charges in the morning raid.

Kim Stokes, licensee for Today's Health Spa, 38255 10 Mile, in the Freeway Plaza, maintained her plea of not guilty at a criminal pretrial conference in 47th District Court Monday.

"She will ask to keep it (the spa) open temporarily" until her criminal trial is resolved, said Stokes' attorney, Eugene Oak. "Kim Stokes was not even there when illegal activities were going on."

City attorney Derk Beckerleg said Tuesday

he had not yet seen the pleading, so could not comment on it. A show cause hearing was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday before Oakland County Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert. A court clerk said late Wednesday there was no information available about disposition of the case.

"Unless the judge rules otherwise," Beckerleg said, the circuit court hearing is not expected to affect a planned hearing scheduled before the Farmington Hills City Council this Monday, where the city council will determine whether to yank Stokes' massage parlor license.

Also to be considered Monday, Beckerleg said, is whether massage licenses held by four other Korean women arrested with Stokes will be revoked. "Certainly there are grounds for revoking their licenses, and that's what I'm going to recommend to the council," he added.

THE FARMINGTON Hills city clerk suspended the spa's license about one week after

the raid, as allowed under city ordinance.

Following her arrest, Stokes was charged with four counts of accosting and soliciting, engaging in an illegal occupation or business, loitering in a place of illegal occupation or business, and aiding and abetting. She was also charged with operating an illegal place of occupation of business.

While Stokes maintains her innocence, the four other women arrested during the Feb. 25 raid pleaded guilty in 47th District Court Monday to fewer misdemeanors than originally charged.

Three of the defendants and their pleas included: Hyon Suk Brunet, 33, pleaded guilty to two counts of accosting and soliciting; Ok Pun Parker, 30, pleaded guilty to three counts of accosting and soliciting; and Yong Mi Ingram, 32, pleaded guilty to one count of accosting and soliciting. They will be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. May 6 in 47th District Court. Misdemeanors are punishable by a maximum 90 days in jail and possible fine.

A fifth defendant, Ok Chia McElvany, 47, pleaded guilty to loitering in a place of illegal occupation. Her plea was taken under one-year advisement and she was fined \$155. McElvany is believed to have been the spa's janitor.

POLICE BELIEVE the spa to be part of a prostitution ring organized by the so-called Korean Mafia. The ring includes U.S. servicemen who are paid to marry the women and divorce them when they enter the United States, according to police.

The morning raid in February capped a two-week investigation that included undercover police officers who went to the spa posing as customers. The investigation began as part of the department and city's inspections of establishments licensed under the city's massage parlor ordinance.

The raid resulted in the removal of \$30,000 worth of furnishings. An insignificant amount of cash was seized from the spa.



Kathleen Mackle's quest for knowledge about Elvis Presley has sparked an interest in playing the guitar. The Farmington Hills 16-year-old is an Elvis fan extraordinaire.

Educated in Elvis

Teen finds Presley legacy a burning love

By Aileen Wingblad special writer

The legendary Elvis Presley died in 1977, but the King of Rock 'n' Roll lives on to Farmington Hills teenager Kathleen Mackle.

Of course, Mackle isn't one of the ever-hopefuls who insists that Presley is actually still alive. But the 16-year-old is one Elvis fan extraordinaire, and she's thrilled to share her wealth of information and feelings of adulation for Presley.

"He was such a fascinating person... everything about him is just fascinating," says the

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strawberry blonde Mackle, a sophomore honor student at North Farmington High School.

And, apparently, she should know. An avid reader with a sharp memory and an easy-going style, Mackle's authority on the subject of Presley and his trials and tribulations was recently

showcased in a series of leisure classes as part of the Kaleidoscope program at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, where Mackle and her family are members.

Using documentaries, lecture and discussion, she led a group of a dozen or so students including her own parents — through the life of Presley. In doing so, Mackle, thus far is the youngest teacher of their Kaleidoscope series: has had.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, Mackle seemed to get quite a kick out of the whole experience.

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Spot on bench remains empty

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

It's like having a big party but the guest of honor never showed up.

That's pretty much what happened to plans the state Legislature would authorize a long-awaited third judge for 1993 at the 47th District Court in Farmington.

"We have to start on the premise there will be no judge in 1993. Now where do we go from here?" asked Judge Fred Harris.

In anticipation of a third judge, Harris and Judge Margaret Schaeffer already had a committee set up to campaign for a bond proposal to expand the cramped courthouse on 10 Mile — to make room for a third judge as well as to relieve the existing cramped quarters.

"The Governor (John Engler) made it clear because of budget constraints there will be no new judges this year," Harris told the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils Monday night. "That's kind of hard to swallow."

THE JUDGES and city councils are now waiting to hear if the state Senate this week approves additional judges for various district courts, including the 47th, for terms beginning Jan. 1, 1993.

The Farmington area almost had its third judge. It was going along fine and on March 25 a state House bill was making its way through the Senate which authorized the third judge. But on the same day, a substitute bill was introduced in the Senate that eliminated additional judges for various courts, including the 47th for 1993. The substitute bill also moved the addition of judges from 1993 to 1995.

The next day, Judge Harris testified before the Senate Judiciary

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School chief concerned about diploma testing

By Casey Hans staff writer

Elgh, ninth and 10th graders in Farmington have something new to be concerned about — doing well enough on state-mandated skill tests to earn state endorsement for their graduation diploma.

Starting with the graduating class of 1997 — today's seventh graders — students must pass a state-developed proficiency test in order to graduate at all.

The changes come as part of Public Act 188 of 1991, also known as the State School Aid Act. Farmington's superintendent of schools is concerned about the trend and what the future holds for students, saying he's "afraid of the overreaction to testing" although he un-

derstands the importance of it.

Michael Flanagan believes "portfolio" type of learning and testing better prepares children for the real world — not rote memorization and testing of facts. "I really believe the portfolio is the way of the future," he explained. "We'll package their education so the other (skills and knowledge) will come automatically."

BUT UNTIL the district reaches that point, Flanagan said officials must find ways to keep students proficient in all areas so they pass the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, or MEAP, test. That is one of the measures the state allows a local district to use in the diploma endorsement guidelines.

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