

FARMINGTON NOTES

Any holiday events?

Attention, members of nonprofit community groups planning a holiday event between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. The Farmington Observer would like to hear from you. The paper would like to know about the event so editors can consider including it in the Observer's Gift Guide community calendar.

- Send a note that includes:
- The name of the event.
 - The name of sponsoring group and the town where it's based.
 - The date, time and place of the event.
 - Ticket and admission information.
 - Where proceeds go.
 - A brief description of the event.

Include a daytime contact name and phone number. The address is: Gift Guide Calendar, Special Sections Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The deadline to submit this material is Oct. 1.

Haggerty Connector

Work will begin early this fall on the first leg of the new Haggerty Connector (Michigan Highway 5) to link the I-275, I-696 and I-96 expressways with Pontiac Trail in Oakland county, the Michigan Department of Transportation said recently.

The Haggerty Connector would start in Novi, just west of the Farmington Hills city line. C.A. Hull Co. of Walled Lake is the apparent low bidder at \$16,411,842 to build a six-lane divided highway from the existing expressway interchange of I-696 and I-275 north for a half mile to 12 Mile Road. The project also includes ramps, drainage structures, noise walls and a bicycle path. Completion is scheduled for August of 1994.

The low bid must be approved by the state Transportation Commission and the Administrative Board before the contract can be awarded, M-DOF said.

He's account exec

Richard Lichtman of Farmington Hills has joined Contract Interiors, Inc., a Southfield-based furniture dealer, as an account executive. He is responsible for developing new business. Lichtman, a graduate of Temple University, had been an account executive for Business Resources and Singer Furniture.

Portfolios to offer students direction

BY CASEY HANS STAFF WRITER

Members of the Class of 1996 in Farmington will have something none of their predecessors had: a portfolio of accomplishments which offers them a vision for the future.

Academic achievements, community service, work-related experiences and other activities which show the well-rounded student will be included in the

portfolio, which will carry over to each year and be given to the student upon graduation or if the student transfers out of the district.

The portfolio program is designed to help students develop their own interests and direction. It may be used to help them get a job or get accepted into college.

"This is a movement in education that isn't just a fad," Farmington

school Superintendent Michael Flanagan said the board of education during a Sept. 1 presentation on the subject.

"This is leading edge work in education right now. I think you'll find we're ready to enter an exciting year."

Students, parents and teachers will have access to the portfolios, which will be kept in a central area of each school building. The program will be introduced to them through a ninth grade

career unit this fall, as students take part in interest inventories.

The portfolio program is mandated by state law as part of Section 104 of the Michigan State Aid Act. The act requires districts to begin a portfolio program for ninth graders this school year then, by 1994-95, carry the program into the eighth grade as well.

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Lucy lookalikes



SHARON LE MEURE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Conga line: A woman identified only as "Lucy from Hollywood" (left) judged a Lucy Lookalike contest during "I Love Lucy" Day at the Farmington Hills Senior Center recently. Hills residents Eleanor Bullock and Ruth Sherlock finished first and second, respectively.

Teachers go back to class

BY BUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

Teachers and students at Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills were back in school yesterday after teachers unanimously approved a tentative agreement Tuesday.

"The vote was unanimous," said Daphna Feldman, a teacher who was

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head of the negotiating team. "Next time, I'd like to see negotiations take place earlier in the year. I'd like to see them (negotiations) end at the end of the school year."

Hillel teachers had been walking the picket line last week, striking over what they said was an unfair wage offer by the school's board.

But teachers negotiated a three-year pact which gives a 4.5-percent raise the first year, a 5-percent raise the second year and 6 percent the third, said Feldman.

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Week highlights abilities instead of disabilities

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, is seeking employers who have hired handicappers and the developmentally disabled for special recognition during Investing in Ability Week, Oct. 11-17.

"Investing in Ability Week focuses on

the abilities — not the perceived disabilities — of handicappers," Dolan said. "In that vein, I want to honor employers who have given handicappers a chance by judging them on their capabilities, not their appearance."

Employers who have handicapped

workers can obtain informational forms from Dolan by calling 1-517-373-1793, or by writing to her c/o State Capitol Building, Lansing 48913.

The recognition will be in the Farmington Hills City Council Chambers at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 12, which is Em-

ployment Day.

"Handicappers and the developmentally disabled are reliable workers who take pride in their jobs and I commend enlightened employers who hire them for their good business sense and good public policy," Dolan said.

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