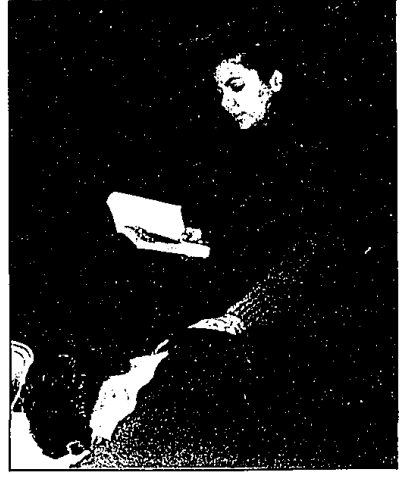


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Count on Dracula: North Farmington students Stefanie White (right) and Jason Leffon rehearse a scene from "Count Dracula" to be staged at the school on 13 Mile Road Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 12-14, at 8 p.m. Seating is reserved and tickets are \$5. Call 489-3535 for more information.

Farmington reports \$100,000 water leak

By CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

Farmington officials believe they have found a "substantial" water system leak which cost the city about \$100,000 last year — something noted in a recent annual financial report given to the city council by Plante & Moran accounting firm.

City Manager Robert Deadman said public service employees found a "substantial break" in the system along Orchard Lake Road which has since been repaired. Nonetheless, they will be monitoring city water lines on a quarterly basis to be sure they have caught the problem. The city sustained a water loss of 24 percent during the 1991-92 fiscal year, more than the 20 percent which would be normal for an older city, auditors said.

"If we have found it, the problem is somewhat over," said City Manager Robert Deadman. "We discovered it (the break) before the auditors found it," the city will review water usage quarterly, because it will allow them to compare it to quarterly water billings.

In spite of the water situation, the city is in excellent financial shape, auditors said. They noted that there was only one journal entry required in the audit, which they called "remarkable" and they noted that the city has been managed well.

According to the audit report for the year ended June 30, 1992, city revenues were at \$4.8 million and expenses totaled \$4.8 million, compared with revenue of \$4.4 million and expenses of \$4.3 million the previous year. As in years past the largest expense, \$1.4 million, is in the city's public safety department which handles police and fire operations for the city.

The city is carrying a \$392,000 surplus, half of which is carrying into the current 1992-93 fiscal year budget.

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ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
Council chambers
91555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9
An Award of Merit from the Historical Society of Michigan will be presented to local historian Jean Fox, a former mayor and city councilwoman.

Also Monday, an audited financial report by Plante and Moran

for the fiscal year ended last June 30 will be presented.

Lincoln Avery will present Keep Michigan Beautiful awards for the 12 Mile Road boulevard and Heritage Park.

Under new business, the council will consider an amendment to delete language in a city ordinance to require motorcycles to be equipped with mufflers.

Council will also consider reassignment of Drake Road and acquiring radar units for the police department.

On the consent agenda, council will consider approval of a bond resolution authorizing of \$1.2 million city and county public improvement special assessment bonds.

Farmington Area Naturalists
Spicer House — Heritage Park
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10
Members will meet to hear Larry Bean of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources talk about "The Geology of the Rocks and Rolls of the Heritage Park Area."



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