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**TODAY**

**Ernie's Day:** Tiger broadcaster Ernie Harwell, a Farmington Hills resident, was on hand to sign autographs at the Uptown shopping center. /3A

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## MC Timz special edition

The Michigan Chronicle, considered the newspaper of record for metro Detroit's African American community, and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, which serves 19 suburban communities in the area, are concurrently running this week's edition of MC Timz.

The Timz is the Chronicle's nationally recognized, award-winning section written by and for high school students. Through corporate sponsors and cooperation with the Detroit Public Schools and the Pontiac Board of Education, the Timz goes out free to more than 60,000 young people in the region.

And now, through the widely circulated Observer & Eccentric papers, the Timz will reach a combined readership of more than 650,000.

Appropriately, suburban and city writers in this week's MC Timz tackle race relations, city-suburb conflict and a variety of related concerns.

# Hills waits on liquor license OK



The Farmington Hills City Council won't pursue a liquor license for the Copper Creek clubhouse until it is sure the development meets the city's conditions. The council actually approved the license last fall, but has yet to send the paperwork to the state.

BY BILL COUTANT  
STAFF WRITER

The Farmington Hills City Council gave unanimous approval to a site plan for the Copper Creek Golf Course clubhouse, but held back on the application for a Class C liquor

license until certain conditions are met.

The city had already approved the liquor license request for the planned residential development on 12 Mile east of Hagerly in October, but had not sent in the paperwork to the state

pending completion of the site plan. Clarence Charest, representing the Copper Creek development, said the license could not be used until the clubhouse was up and running.

The city would have to approve the landscape plan, the fire marshal would have to approve the building plan, and the design would have to be deemed compatible with the surrounding areas before final approval of the project.

"You can approve the liquor license for the location," Charest said. "The building must be complete and ready

to operate before before the city will give final approval."

But city attorney John Donohue cautioned against holding out a liquor license as a carrot to the developer.

"You are not going to be able to hold the liquor license over the developer's head over the design of the building," Donohue said.

Donohue said the city could be vulnerable to a court's interpretation as to what a "compatible" design would

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## An ethnic flavor



Out of Albania: Luigi Lucaj and Shkurta Sabaj, both from Larkshire Elementary, portray parents of a bride in a traditional Albanian wedding during the Celebrity of Our Diversity program at Farmington High. In the middle is the bride, Lisa Ivezaj, of William Grace.

# Students sample the melting pot

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

For one night, Farmington High became its own United Nations. "No squabbling over Bosnia, though. The array of colorful national flags and posters in the school's hallway came under one theme:

unity through diversity. "Celebration of Our Diversity" presented May 6 by the Farmington Public Schools and the Multicultural Community Council, echoed the theme through music, spirit and food.

"It's people who care about each-

other," said Haroun Alameddine, director of bilingual education.

The event featured entertainment provided by a number of bilingual students representing 17 cultures in the Farmington Schools.

A short skit from "Aladdin" was performed. A group of African-

American students sang a cappella while Albanian pupils did a traditional wedding dance.

Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Russian dances were also included in the program.

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# Glazer looks to maintain strengths

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington schools were the neon light that brought Julia Glazer and her family here.

Glazer's not one who believes the bulb needs changing. But she wants to make sure the glow doesn't fade, either.

Her support of the schools reflects that, she said. Glazer worked on the millage campaign in 1991. She's also been a media mother and a room mother at Kenbrook Elementary.

Now Glazer finds herself in the mother of all school elections, where there are nine candidates. The Farmington School Board election Monday, June 14, is her first try for elective office.

"I'm really invigorated by it," said Glazer, 41, who has two children, ages

5½ and 13½. "It makes you realize there's more people than myself and a few others who are interested in (the schools). It shows there's community involvement, which is what we need."

Glazer is not a board basher, unfurling a list of grievances of what the schools are not doing. Her approach is low key.

School handling of finance, student safety, transportation and multicultural issues is likely to draw commen-



See GLAZER, 8A

Julia Glazer

## Vets sell popples

Members of the Groves-Walker American Legion post in Farmington will be out in force offering popples and collecting money in the Farmington area Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15.

## You 'can' aid music program

The Farmington High School Music Patrons ask residents to collect returnable bottles and cans for a Saturday, May 15, drive to benefit the school's instrumental music program.

Students will pick up cans and returnable bottles from porches on that Saturday. Residents also

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may bring the items to the parking lot behind the A&P supermarket in downtown Farmington from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Let the music play

The Mercyaire, the Mercy Dance Company; the Mercy Orchestra and several choral groups will perform in a Spring Concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in the auditorium of Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills.

The program will include Vivaldi's "Gloria," as well as jazz, tap and ballet. "The Battle Hymn of

the Republic" will be sung by all performers. Tickets at \$5 each may be purchased in advance by calling 478-3270.

## Memory Lane

From the May 7, 1953, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

- Parking meters were installed along South Farmington Road and part of State Street, according to Farmington City Manager James Tennant.
- A drive to raise money for new Farmington High band uniforms raised \$1,900.

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