

Historic Grand River landmark gets new name

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Get used to it. From now on, the Warner Mansion on Grand River in Farmington is "The Governor Warner Mansion ... home of Farmington history."

City council members last week made official the name that was suggested months ago by the Historical Museum Development Committee.

"It's a small beginning, but we

hope it will be significant," said Jim McGlinchy, committee co-chair with Penny Lehto.

He said the old name was "too confusing" and misleading. The new name will more accurately reflect that the Grand River landmark is "not just a building filled with historical artifacts."

Dick Carvell, of the Farmington Historical Commission and administrative liaison to the committee, said he wasn't overly fond of the suggested new name at first, but that it kind of grew

on him during the past months.

"More people already know of the mansion," Carvell said. "But when you talk about the museum, they don't know what you're talking about. It (the impact of the name) will be a case of better recognition."

The new name, according to an earlier report by the committee, implied "a new and expanded role in the Farmington/Farmington Hills community, rather than the somewhat restrictive use of the word 'museum.'"

Now that the moniker is official, work will soon begin on putting up a new sign in front of the white, Civil War-era mansion, former home to Fred W. Warner, Michigan's governor from 1905 to 1911.

Such a sign, said Councilman James Mitchell, must accurately reflect the home's place as a "centerpiece in the community."

McGlinchy said it would be nice to begin drumming up interest in the facility with a high profile sign installation ceremony.

"We'd like to make it a media event," McGlinchy said. "By the time the sign is installed, we'll have more plans afoot of what we're going to do this year" to upgrade the building and grounds.

In other news

The council approved an ordinance prohibiting parking along the first 50 feet of Leelanau Street west of Orchard Lake Road, near Bol Airo Lanes.

According to Public Safety

Director Gary Goss, a resident wrote the traffic and safety board about the situation. No parking signs will soon be erected for that stretch of Leelanau.

"The complaint was cars were parking too close to Orchard Lake Road," Goss said. As a result, there was no entryway for vehicles in situations where some cars were trying to exit and enter Leelanau at the same time.

Compuware: Move would disappoint Hills and county

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If Compuware deserts Farmington Hills and relocates in Detroit, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said he will be "disappointed, but not devastated."

"I'd rather they stay in Oakland County," he said Friday. "But if the company moves to Detroit, it will strengthen the entire region. I wish them well."

A spokesperson for Farmington Hills, however, said the city would be disappointed if Compuware moves to Detroit.

"We've worked very closely with the company," said Teri Arbenowske, assistant to the city manager in Farmington Hills. "And, we've done everything we can. If Compuware leaves, I'll be disappointed, but there's not much more we could do to keep it here."

Speculation about Compuware — and its jobs — leaving for Detroit has abounded since 1997 when the state legislature, in a late-night session, passed legislation that Patterson said amounted to "incentives" for the company to leave Oakland and relocate in Detroit.

Speculation flared again Friday when a Detroit newspaper published a front page column saying, among other things, Compuware's move to the Motor City was looking more certain — partly because the computer company might use more business with the General Motors Corp.

Compuware Chairman Peter Karmanos Jr. was unavailable for comment Friday. Company spokesperson Cynthia Lambert, however, said, "No decision about relocating has been made."

Arbenowske, however, said she is confident Compuware would

stay. "Nobody's going to second guess Peter Karmanos," she said. "But Oakland County has many advantages over Detroit."

Patterson said the county had offered every inducement available. "We don't have a high tax rate, so we couldn't offer to cut taxes," he said. "But we've got so many other things."

Karmanos is a Detroit native, something Patterson said may have engendered some loyalty or affection for the city. "It will ultimately be a business decision," said the executive. "But even if the company gets more business from GM or the city, it will be a

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Teri Arbenowske
—Assistant to city manager

break-even proposition. Anything the company might make by moving to Detroit will be offset by the cost," Patterson insisted.

Jeffrey A. Kaczmarek, county director of Community and Economic Development, said he too is hopeful Compuware will remain in Oakland. "But if the company leaves, we have to be able to truthfully say we've done everything possible to keep it here. I'm confident we've done that."

Having Compuware as a Detroit neighbor would not be all bad, insists Patterson. "Where ever we go, Oakland has to overcome the negative image of Detroit. So anything the city can do to improve that image will be helpful to Oakland County."

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by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

AT CROSS PURPOSES

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However, she didn't show up at the man's apartment until 13 days later. Police believe she paid someone to smuggle her over the Windsor-Detroit border.

Yasa showed up at the man's apartment with no luggage, police said. After Saturday's encounter, she stayed at Motel 6 on Grand River for two nights before returning to his doorstep Tuesday.

In a 911 phone call, the man is

heard telling a dispatcher he saw a body 100 feet in the woods while driving by.

"I didn't get very close to it. I walked up to maybe 50 feet of it. It looks like someone laying down," he said.

Along with a return airline ticket, Yasa had 270 French francs and \$27 U.S. cash on her. Police also found her passport.

Two Unisom sleeping capsules were found underneath her body.

Police also are reviewing e-mail correspondence between the pair, which is being downloaded from his home computer.

A two-liter Coca Cola bottle was nearby. Two sleeping pills were also found in the apartment's carport area.

On Friday, Hills investigators confirmed she was hospitalized in Windsor. Her luggage was also found there.

A search of the man's apartment turned up Canadian hotel and restaurant receipts and postcards from France written to him from Yasa.

Police also are reviewing e-mail correspondence between the pair, which is being downloaded from his home computer. If he aided, abetted or assisted in her suicide, the man could face charges, Dwyer said.

During police interviews, Dwyer described the man as "nonchalant." Investigators are not certain why he rejected her, either.

"Obviously he knows, but he's not saying," Dwyer said.

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