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Cable show host sues SWOCC



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A Farmington Hills attorney is alleg-ing that his First Amendment rights were violated when the public access television show he produces was yanked from the airways. Todd Levitt, 36, has filed a lawsuit

against the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, and SWOCC's Executive Director Caren Collins, claiming his show was suspended due to content based discrimination – a violation of free speech.

Collins said Thursdny that it was "inappropriate" for her to comment on the lawsuit at this time.



that is done as comedy."
Levitt has been airing his show on Channel 12 since 1999.
Taylor agrees that the content may not suit all tastes.
"You may question the quality of the comedy, but if you don't like what is on the air, change the channel."
Levitt apparently ran a foul of SWOCC when he held a wine tasting on his show.

on his show.

"He was trying to raise money for Haven (a women's shelter)," Taylor said.

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Hills Council: The Farmington Hills City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 31555 Eleven Mile Road.

TUESDAY

Water quality: Residents will have a chance to discuss issues about water quality, including the Rouge River. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., in the council chambers at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile

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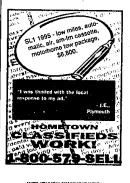
Empty Bowls: Soup will be served for a needy cause from 5:30-to-7:30 p.m. at Farmington High School.

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Heartfelt helpers: The rescuers of a heart attack victim reconvene on a soccer field outside the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, where Wednesday's save took place. From left are Farmington Public Safety Officers Bob Schulz, Jim Madigan and Kyrston Miller, a Commerce Township nurse.

Right place, right time

Nurse, officers act fast to save life

BY ALICE ASHMORE

A strange twist of fate may have saved the life of a 43-year-old West Bloomfield Township man. The man coll npsed Wednesday from an apparent heart attack on the soccer field adjacent to the Farmington Hills lee Arena, where a blood drive for the American Red Cross was taking place. Luckily, help was nearby – in the persons of a police officer and a nurse.

and a nurse.
"Officer Jon 'Skip' Crump was
donating blood at the arena when a
citizen entered the door and said a
man had had a heart attack," and
Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill

Blood drive a success, page A5

Dwyer.
The man was not breathing and had no pulse when Crump arrived at his side and began administering

his side and began administering CPR.
"I was the first link in the chain," Crump said. "I just got the ball rolling."

Kyrston Miller, a Commerce Township resident, was a spectator at her son's soccer game on the next field when she heard a player had collapsed.

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"I just kind of had the feeling that I should go see if I could help." Miller is a neonatal transport nurse at North Oakland Medical Center. She said Officer Crump was per-

forming CPR when she arrived. "I asked if I could help."

"We started two-man CPR. I was doing the breathing part," Miller said. nia. Next on the scene were Farmington ublic Safety officers Bob Schulz and

Next on the scene were Farmington Public Safety officers Bob Schulz and Jim Madigue.

"We got cell phone calls for a cardiac arrest, Schulz said. "We were close and the officer had requested help. We responded to assist."

"We have external defibrillators in our vehicles and bag-valve masks. We knew that would help. You just early pass on something like this," Schulz said.

The defibrillator was used four

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Cities compare budget notes

BY ALICE ASIMORE STAFF WRITER

It was a meeting with no controver-sy and few surprises when Farming-ton and Farmington Hills City Coun-cils met together in Farmington last

week.

The officials met to review the pro-posed budgets of seven jointly funded

posed budgets of the agencies.
Farmington Mayor Bill Hartsock said, "The two city managers get together with agencies beforehand and by the time it gets before us it is almost like an angula review."

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The Ath District Court, the review the farmington Area Commission, Farmington Area Commission on Area Commission on Children, Youth and Families, Farmington Area Counseling Centers and the Farmington Community Library.
For the 2001-2002 fiscal year Farmington Hills will contribute just over \$5.2 million to the organizations while the City of Farmington will spend \$523,055 for the same services.
Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff said the agencies asked, on average, for a 3 to 4 percent increase in their budgets.
The funding formula for all the agencies, except the library and the please, except the library and the Please ase BUDGES. A6

K-9 dogs show friendliness

Many people correctly assume the presence of dogs can be therapeutic for the sick, elderly and lonely. Usually, police dogs aren't connected with that assumption.

But members of the Pet-A-Pet Program Thursday night at the William Costick Activities Center found out

that maybe they were hasty to stereo-type police dogs as vicious and unsocia-ble.

More than 100 volunteers of the pet

More than 100 volunteers of the per therapy program watched Gator, Smokoy, Zoke and Bear show some techniques for obedience, nercotics detection and "aggression control" (when they help subdue a criminal), and Van Buren Township Special



gets to know

Smooch: Pet-a-Pet program

volunteer

SONIC instrumental in bust of drug-smuggling cartel

Farmington Hills officers who help supervise the South Onkland Narcetics Intelligence Consortium together with the Detroit Police Department and other police agencies cooperated in an investigation which resulted in theseiture of a large amount of marijuana and cash this week.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer called it an international marijuans smuggling operation. This is a major cartel with capabilities, he said.

No drugs were found in Farmington Hills, Dwyer said. Marijuana was found in a home on Grand River and Novi Road in Novi.

So far, four men were arrested in the case, two in Chicago.

The Detroit Police Department with SONIC, a consortium of police officers from Farmington Hills, Novi, West Bloomfield Township and the Onkland County Sheriff's Department worked a joint investigation for several weeks, Dwyer said.

Those agencies eventually requested

"Those agencies eventually requested the help of the FBI and the Chicago Police Department," he said. A total of 318 pounds of marijuana.

worth an estimated street value of \$883,000 and \$56,983 in cash was seized as a result of the police infiltra-tion, he said. SONIC and the Detroit Police

Department arrested two men in Detroit May 7 with 10 pounds of marijuana. A search in Novi led to the seizure of 90 more pounds of marijua-

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