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**FARMINGTON HILLS** issued building permits for 1,905 dwelling units through August — compared with 979 during the entire year of 1984. That's an increase of 95 percent. The breakdown shows 1,414 multiple-family units and 491 single-family houses. "We're having an influx of new attached housing, new commercial development as well as new multiples," said John Waid, Hills building official. "We've been extremely busy."

**FARMINGTON HILLS** resident Margaret Williams recently attended the World Book International Achievement Conference in Chicago. She's a division manager. One of the four-day meeting's highlights, attended by 3,000 people from around the world, was the kickoff of the fourth annual "Coppoly" with a Hills promotion, chaired by TV game show host Peter Marshall. Through the program, World Book donates sets of the World Book encyclopedia to needy families and eligible charitable institutions.

**SOPHOMORE** Marc Mervect of Farmington Hills is a resident assistant at Adrian College, Adrian. The marketing major is a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. RAs, who are paid, aid in programming, discipline, counseling and administration of a particular residence hall. RAs enforce rules, organize meetings, report maintenance problems and assist with student problems.

**ENROLLING** in the 12th grade at the Perkinson School, Pennsburg, Pa., was Lisa Oliviver of Farmington Hills. The 11-year-old coeducational boarding and day school is near Philadelphia.

**NARDIN PARK** United Methodist Church supporters collected \$5,377 points in Bill Knapp Restaurant's community support program. Boosters of the Farmington church exchanged the points for a check, to be used to buy a camera. The program allows non-profit groups to select any item as their goal, collect points when visiting a Bill Knapp's, then redeem those points when the required amount has been accumulated. Nardin Park's new camera will be used by Judith May, the educational director.

**ARTIST** Edna Joppich of Farmington will show a new collection of watercolor collages in Troy Art Gallery and reception. The opening reception will be 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 in Suite 131, 743 W. Big Beaver.

**FOOTNOTES:** In 1929, Timothy Thomas built the first frame dwelling in Farmington on 12 Mile near Mack. Although his house today has a mansard roof, many features are the same as those of the original. After working in an operating mill, Timothy was happy to return home to the land of his own. He had a farm in the West.

## Hills hopeful leaves library board

*'I think it is unfortunate that I can't share (my library board) experience for as long as possible.'*

— Jonathan Grant Hills candidate

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Farmington Hills City Council candidate Jonathan Grant has resigned his position as vice president of the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees. Grant resigned Sept. 26 to comply with a city charter provision prohibiting a city-appointed official from being nominated or elected to the city council. Under the charter provision, a city-

appointed official must resign the appointment to seek election.

"This type of charter provision is valid and constitutional and does not violate any laws, statutes, or constitutional rights of Mr. Grant," said City Attorney Paul Bibeau in a legal opinion requested by Mayor Jan Dolan.

Although an amendment to this provision will be on the Tuesday, Nov. 5 ballot, it doesn't come in time to allow Grant to remain on the library board. One of five proposals on the Farm-

ington Hills ballot, Proposal D, asks voters whether the provision should be changed to allow board and commission members to become candidates for city council without first resigning their positions.

GRANT WAS appointed to the library board in March 1984. He has served as board vice president for six months. His resignation followed the receipt of Bibeau's legal opinion. "Pursuant to Mr. Bibeau's opinion, I

with regret that I tender my resignation as vice president and trustee of the Farmington Community Library," Grant wrote in his resignation letter to Dolan.

As required by charter, Grant filed a request for a legal opinion within 72 hours of filing nominating petitions by the July 23 deadline for council election.

"I filed a request with the mayor for

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MINDY BAUNDERS/staff photographer

### King-sized open house set

Preparations for the Homesaram '88 opening this Thursday reached a frantic pace in the final weeks. In this year's location in Chestnut Run subdivision, Bloomfield Hills, the Bing Construction Co.'s "Chestnut Manor" — shown from the back — was completed while the one next door was still being roofed. Not to worry, they

will all be ready for the opening. About 100,000 people are expected to attend during the 17-day run to tour the 14 completely decorated homes, valued at \$850,000 each and incorporating the latest in luxury living. More on Homesaram '88 in Thursday's Creative Living section.

## Why a sexual attack occurs

By Richard Leach staff writer

The sexual offender attacks children out of his own sense of inadequacy and lack of self-esteem.

The offender may be scared or feel inadequate around members of the opposite sex, psychologists say. But attacking someone who is smaller and less powerful than he is can provide an illusory sense of strength and domination.

"He (the sexual offender) is usually more introverted, shy, feels very inadequate, and has very low self-esteem," said Keith Levick, a psychologist with the Jensen Counseling Clinic in Farmington Hills. "He finds it difficult to relate to other people, except at a very superficial level."

"There's either disgust with, contempt or fear of women," said Gary Stoliak, a psychologist at Michigan State University. "They're either afraid of women or put women on a very high pedestal."

"They take care of the issue by having sex with young boys, especially for the need to dominate."

THE PROBLEM of the violent sexual offender hit tragically close to home recently with the abduction and murder of 13-year-old Shawna Moore of Brighton. Ronald Lloyd Bailey, 26, of Livonia has been charged with the crime.

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## Reorganizing Hills adds the rank of deputy police chief

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Beginning today, the Farmington Hills Police Department will operate under a new organization plan highlighted by the creation of a deputy chief position.

"Since 1978, when the department was reorganized under then-Chief John Nichols, the business and residential community has grown. So in order to stay abreast, there has been a definite need to reorganize the department," Police Chief William Dwyer said.

Dwyer announced the reorganization plan and a series of officer promotions and assignments, including the creation of the deputy chief position, Friday morning. In a special meeting Thursday, the Farmington Hills City Council approved Dwyer's reorganization plan and set the deputy chief's salary at \$43,535.

Miri Spencer, head of the department's operations bureau, has been promoted to deputy chief. A 21-year veteran, Spencer will coordinate and maintain the operations of the records and communication bureau as well as the operations bureau.

When asked by Dwyer, Spencer also will be responsible for the operations of the administrative and investigative bureau. In Dwyer's absence, Spencer will assume the duties and responsibilities of the chief's position.

"MOST POLICE departments employ the deputy chief concept as it provides for the maintenance of a clear line of authority and chain of command at all times," Dwyer said. "There will always exist a continuity of command



RANDY BOERST/staff photographer

Hills Police Chief William Dwyer (center), flanked by new inspector Ernie Miller (left) and new deputy chief Miri Spencer.

in the absence of the chief of police, together with the ability to exercise more effective control of bureaus and divisions within the department."

The reorganization calls for filling Spencer's vacancy by promoting a lieutenant to inspector.

The plan includes promoting three police officers to sergeant and one ser-

geant to lieutenant. It calls for the reassignment of some officers, "which will enhance departmental flexibility, cause professional cross-training, and implement a plan of better service to the community through the enhancement of internal efficiency within the department," City Manager William Costick said.

THE DEPARTMENT reassignments and promotions include: Ernest Miller, promoted from lieutenant to inspector, moving from the detective division to the administrative and investigative bureau.

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