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WHAT do local businesses think about their future? What are their attitudes about the community? To help answer these and other questions relating to the industrial community, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, plan to host a business retention and expansion program this fall. Michigan Bell will train a corps of volunteers to go out into the industrial community and survey businesses. Bell then will compile results and present them to the chamber.

HELP fight birth defects. That's the theme of WalkAmerica, a 30-kilometer walk to benefit the March of Dimes. One of the walks will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 27, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. For pledge sheets, call the March of Dimes Southeast Michigan Chapter, Southfield: 423-3232.

OPEN burnings are banned in Farmington Hills. Violators will be ticketed or be issued an ordinance violation. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail. Residents are asked to notify the fire department at 477-0911 if they see anyone openly burning materials, Fire Chief Richard Marinucci said. Says Fire Lt. Peter Baldwin: "We're taking a stricter view in light of a drastic increase in field fires."

TO HELP identify itself, Farmington's new Downtown Development Authority is in the process of developing a logo to appear on stationery and other official letterheads.

HE'S elected. Jon Maddern, grounds and parks maintenance superintendent of Farmington Hills' Department of Special Services, was elected to Michigan State University's Michigan Turfgrass Foundation board of directors. Maddern has been a city employee for seven years.

FARMINGTON Hills City Council awarded a contract to G.V. Cement Contracting Co. in the amount of \$83,772 for the 1985-86 concrete pavement replacement program. Work is expected to be completed by summer.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week... After seven years at the same site on the corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads in Farmington Hills, the Farmington Soccer Club is searching for a new home. The club's search has been prompted by the Farmington Board of Education's decision to sell the 38 acres the club has been using as a base of operations since 1978.

School boundaries changed

By Casey Hans staff writer
Despite months of controversy and parental complaints, the Farmington Board of Education unanimously approved many of the originally recommended proposals for elementary school boundary changes Tuesday. Trustee John Cotton was absent. The changes affect students attending Wood Creek Elementary and

Longacre Elementary, and primarily reflect the substantial growth the district is experiencing on its west side. More than 80 parents from Farmington Square subdivision attended a January board study session to voice their disapproval with moves away from Longacre, and Wood Creek parents from several subdivisions voiced similar concerns at a community meeting and at a March school board session.

Recommendations were made by a seven-member boundary study committee comprised of central office and school administrators, including Lawrence Freedman, Lynn Nutter, Nick Abid, Scott Bacon, Millie Bennett, Al Lanigan and John Summerlee. THE CHANGES, as approved by trustees, are as follows: • Elementary students from all of Section 30, a square mile area

bounded by Haggerty and Halsted and Nine and 10 Mile roads, will move from Longacre Elementary to Flanders in the coming school year. The move will affect an estimated 72 students. • Elementary students from all of Section 7, a square mile area bounded by Haggerty and Halsted and 13 and 12 Mile roads will move from Wood Creek Elementary to Forest Elementary in the coming school year. The approved recom-

mendation suggests that "consideration be given to individual requests from students who wish to remain at Wood Creek Elementary school for their final year." The move will affect an estimated 28 students. • Elementary students from Sections 3C and 3D will move from Wood Creek Elementary to Eagle Elementary for the 1987-88 school year. The move affects students in

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Rehab money 'short'

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer
George Roberts is disappointed with what he considers to be an inequitable distribution of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money between capital improvements and the Farmington Hills housing rehabilitation program.

"If the city council maintains its present conservative stance, this program will suffer even more," said Roberts, a member of the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Board. "There is not enough money available to service the people who could be serviced."

Began four years ago, the housing program is designed to help homeowners — whose eligibility is determined by income — rehabilitate their houses with improvements such as new roofs, heating, plumbing and electrical installations. Although fiscal 1985-86 is not yet at an end, the more than \$130,000 allocated to it last June is completely spent. Ten to 15 residents are on a waiting list and each week, five to 10 applications for home improvements are mailed to inquiring residents, housing officials said. Roberts' anger stems from city council's proposed allocation of a greater percentage of CDBG money to capital improvements — projects he believes the city should have completed years ago with general tax revenue — than to the housing program.

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Angie Guimmo (left), the 3½-year-old quadriplegic who came Hills with respiratory therapist Barbara Hoyeti, Angle practices at Oak Hill Nursing Home two years ago for special treatment, the xylophone. She has started school. Pictured at Fairview Early Education Center

Little Angie goes to school

By Casey Hans staff writer
Angie Guimmo's world blossomed recently as the 3½-year-old quadriplegic child began attending school at Fairview Early Education Center in Farmington Hills. Since arriving at the Oak Hill Nursing Home in Farmington in the spring of 1984 as a 16-month-old victim of an auto accident that killed her mother, Angie has won

the hearts of teachers, therapists and residents who followed her story. She was transported to Oak Hill by helicopter after spending her first year of life in the Toledo hospital, following the accident which occurred when she was 3 weeks old. "We wanted her to be around other kids," said Elizabeth Wieland, teacher for early intervention. "She's a doll — the highlight of my career."

WHEN ANGIE began her schooling at Fairview several months ago, she was surprised to see other children — even a few in wheelchairs. The experience of half a day per week has been a positive one, according to Oak Hill respiratory therapist Barbara Hoyeti, who came to school with Angie one day in April. "At first, she wanted all the attention," she said. "Now she's learning to share."

Her vocabulary has expanded, she plays with other children, and "she's making some decisions on her own now," Hoyeti added. The little girl loves to paint and enjoys playing musical instruments. Pictured above with Hoyeti, she practices her color identification while playing the xylophone. Wieland calls Angie "bright" and said she's eligible to attend school five half days per week.

Striking back Congressional leaders back president

By Teri Banas staff writer
The right response at the right time was the consensus among area congressmen to the U.S. bombing raid against Libya. "I felt the action had to be taken. This was a very carefully designed hit on service centers, barracks and landing fields," said Congressman William Broomfield, R-Birmingham. Broomfield, the top-ranking Republican on the House foreign affairs committee, said the evidence is "irrefutable" that Libya's Col. Moammar Khadafi is responsible for the recent terrorist bombing in a Berlin discotheque. U.S. Army Sgt. Kenneth Ford of Detroit was killed in that incident.

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Reagan briefed in a two-hour meeting on Monday. That meeting ended one hour before the strike was launched from U.S. air bases in England. A bipartisan outpouring of support came from area congressmen. "I hope that more countries will stand up to the effort to fight terrorism," said U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, whose district includes part of Livonia. "It was a response that had to be made," said Pursell, adding that terrorism has to be addressed because, if not, "it spreads like a cancer."

U.S. REP. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, whose district includes Redford Township, agreed. In a prepared statement, Levin said he supported the president's action. "We had no choice," he said, adding that between diplomatic and economic sanctions "neither worked."

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Reaction to attack mixed

Although suburban Congressional representatives stood firmly in President Ronald Reagan's corner, others — including educators, peace activists and spokespersons for Arab-American groups — expressed mixed feelings about the U.S. bombings in Libya. "I didn't think we did enough," Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alkateeb said. "If you want to get rid of a snake, you don't step on its tail, you cut its head off." Alkateeb admitted he was hoping to hear that American troops had fully invaded Libya. The bombings serve only as a warning and more than a warning is needed, he said. "You don't warn maniacs. It (U.S. action) is certainly going to give him

diplomatically and commercially and then get our Allies behind us." MARY CARRY, coordinator of the Peace and National Priorities Center in West Bloomfield, a citizens peace advocacy group with a 1,400-member mailing list, agreed. "This is just not a moral way to deal with terrorism," Carry said. A more appropriate response would be to explore the causes of terrorism and take sanctions and economic boycotts against the perpetrators and "not these surgical strikes that could end up killing civilians," Carry said.

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