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**CHANGING hats.** The U.S. Justice Department has appointed Allen Wolf of Farmington Hills to assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Detroit.

For the past six years, he has been an assistant Oakland County prosecutor. Most recently, he was an Oakland County Prosecutor's Office Executive Division senior trial attorney, handling special proceedings.

Wolf, 38, earned a law degree from the Wayne State University Law School in 1980.

He spent eight years as a broadcast journalist at several Detroit-area radio stations while attending college and law school.

U.S. Attorney Roy Hayes recommended Wolf for the justice department appointment. Wolf will be sworn in Feb. 8 at the Federal Court House in Detroit.

**VOTERS**, take note. Farmington Public Schools voters will consider renewing 4 mills for operations in a special election Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Applications for absentee ballots are available by contacting the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 32560 Shawwassee, Farmington. The telephone number is 477-1300. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The office also will accept applications between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Ballots are due by the time the polls close — 8 p.m. on election day. In emergency cases, voters who will be out of town on election day can vote in person Monday, Feb. 9, during regular office hours.

**COMING aboard.** Farmington Hills City Council approved Mayor Ben Marks' appointments of Marion McCoy to a four-year term on the board of canvassers and Paul Bilzman to a three-year term on the planning commission. Both will fill vacancies.

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**FOOTNOTES:** One year ago this week — Extensive growth in the western part of the Farmington school district has prompted committee action — and reaction from — elementary parents re: possible elementary school boundary changes.

## Home day care debate mounts

**'I'm wondering whether I will wake up tomorrow and find a McDonald's in my neighborhood. Where does it stop?'**

— Carol Hearrell, Minglewood resident

Minglewood residents cite traffic concerns related to home day care, 10A.

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

As Farmington Hills officials work closer to making a decision on whether in-home child day care should be legally allowed in residential areas, controversy and disagreement mount.

Opponents — many of whom feel they have not been given equal time to express their views — fear their neighborhoods will become commercial strips if city officials allow in-home day care, which they consider a profitable business.

Day care proponents — led in Farmington Hills by resident Darlene Feldman, who thrust herself into the limelight to publicize the need for child care — disagree. The controversy surfaced in De-

cember after Feldman, armed with a violation notice from the zoning department, was denied a variance by the city's board of zoning appeals. Feldman's neighbors on Minglewood and surrounding streets in the Glenbrook subdivision have since complained that her child care service creates a nuisance primarily because of traffic problems.

**BUT THE** core of the controversy — and a determination that city offi-

cials will be forced to make — is whether in-home child care is a business and whether it should be allowed in a residential area.

"This woman (Feldman) is running a business," said Minglewood resident Carol Hearrell. "I'm wondering whether I will wake up tomorrow and find a McDonald's in my neighborhood. Where does it stop? This is

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Lisa Kostrzewska of Botsford Township — a nurse in obstetrics at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

## Husband-wife nursing team planning to return to military

By Arlene Funko special writer

Steven and Lisa Kostrzewska of Botsford Township thrive on togetherness.

The couple met and married while both were in the Air Force, then attended nursing school together at Mercy College in Detroit. Both received degrees last month, and now they're planning to rejoin the military — this time the Army.

"Deep down in our hearts, we knew we wanted to go back in the service," said Steve, 29, a former Westland resident and 1975 gradu-

### people

ate of Livonia Franklin High School. "We miss the camaraderie with the other people and the educational benefits."

Lisa, 32, grew up in Virginia Beach, Va., daughter of a now-retired naval officer.

"Our decision to join the military now is in pursuit of a master's de-

gree, particularly for Steve," Lisa said. LISA IS a nurse in obstetrics at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, where she has been employed for six years. Steve works in the emergency room at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit.

The pair, who have two small children, met at an Air Force base in Dover, Del. Lisa, already a nurse, was a captain. Steve, an enlisted man, was a sergeant trained as a medical corpsman.

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## Forum theme: neighborhood improvements

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

If all goes as planned, Farmington Hills will get more federal money this year than last to benefit low- and moderate-income residents and neighborhoods.

The city is expected to receive \$272,000 — more than the city received in 1986-87 — in federal Community Development Block Grant money. The city also has a chance of receiving an additional \$38,000 if Congress succeeds in vetoing President Ronald Reagan's proposal to defer some of the grant money to other programs, community development manager Richard Lampi said.

City officials also expect to put about \$36,000 — from repayment of low-interest loans awarded through the federally funded housing rehabilitation program — toward the city's total grant block program for 1987-88.

If Congress successfully vetoes Reagan's deferral program, the city would receive an estimated maximum \$346,000, including loan repayments, for the block grant, including loan repayments. If Congress loses its bid, the city expects to receive a total estimated minimum of \$308,000.

A PUBLIC hearing to receive residents' comments on how the federal money, plus loan repayments, should be spent is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, in the city council chambers, 31555 11 Mile.

HUD establishes guidelines and requirements for cities' use of CDBG

money, which must be used predominantly to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

As in past years, total CDBG money is expected to be distributed between capital improvements, the housing rehabilitation program and administrative costs. Last year's distribution included 43.3 percent for

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## Injured woman is rescued

By Bob Sklar staff writer

Lady Luck helped save a life for the second time in a week at Farmington Mobile Home Park in Farmington Hills Wednesday.

About 2:25 p.m., Station 3 firefighter Dennis Hughes found a 91-year-old woman lying on a patch of ice in her storage shed. She had slipped two hours earlier after taking out the trash.

"She couldn't move," Fire Marshal Stephen Hume said.

Besides her regular clothing, Gladys Stone was wearing only a fur shawl around her shoulders.

On Friday, she was reported in

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## Racism alleged

### Son did not shoot guard, father testifies

By Casey Hans staff writer

An altercation with a group of black men at a Canton Township nightclub in 1985 upset Livonia resident Paul Dober, his father testified in court Thursday.

But Peter Dober said he did not believe that incident — or any alleged racist sentiments — motivated his son, who is white, to take a high-powered hunting rifle and shoot at a black security guard at Putt 'N' Games in Farmington Hills later that year.

Terrence Metzler, 25, of Detroit, a guard employed by a Southfield security firm who was assigned to the miniature golf course on Grand River, was shot and wounded at 9:10 p.m. Sept. 3, 1985. He was hospitalized after a bullet traveled through his hand and forearm and lodged in his abdomen, where it was recovered for evidence.

Paul Dober, 17 at the time of the incident and charged with the shooting, is standing trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on charges of assault with intent to commit murder and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

penalty, upon conviction, of life in prison.

A FORMER defensive captain and first-string varsity starting lineman for the Livonia Stevenson High School football team, Dober had a promising future in football before he was charged with the shooting, according to testimony.

Following several days of testi-

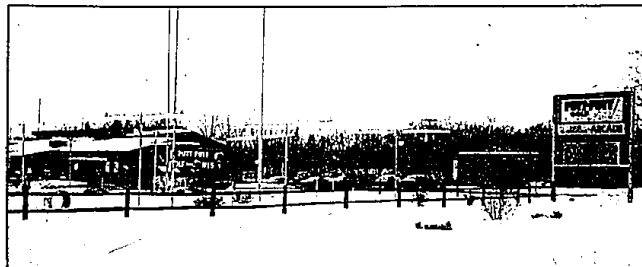
mony, Circuit Judge James Thorburn Thursday adjourned the trial due to a scheduling conflict. The trial is expected to resume this week.

Yet to testify for the prosecution are police officials — including a sergeant from the Michigan State Police crime lab in Northville. Information from the police lab is expected to center on a .38-caliber rifle taken from the Dober house in Liv-

onia several days after the shooting incident.

Police investigations led to Paul Dober because of a verbal confrontation and physical fight the youth had with a different black security guard at Putt 'N' Games two days before the shooting, according to testimony. The Sept. 1 fight started when Dober

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Putt-Putt — a favorite recreational area in the summer — is on Grand River, east of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills.

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