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NO doubt about it. She was embarrassed. "I keep going and going. And I keep coming back for such wonderful recognition," said Betty Paine Monday night. She stepped down June 1 as executive director of the Farmington Community Center after eight years.

DON'T be duped by callers who say they're raising money to benefit Learn Not to Burn and other Farmington Hills Fire Department programs. The department does no telephone soliciting. "Our programs and services are supported by the citizens through tax dollars," said Deputy Chief Peter Baldwin.

THEY care. Farmington Hills Mercy High students Amy Gardiner and Sheila Worden and Farmington High student Jodi Perlan were among 80 students chosen by their schools to attend Project Graduation's kickoff rally to discourage teen drinking and driving during the graduation season.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Edward Hodges III, Botsford General Hospital board of directors chairman, called board member Murray Delos Van Wagener, the former Michigan governor and state highway commissioner who died June 12 (1986) at 80, "a gentle giant."

Caution follows land use ruling

By Joanne Maliszowski
staff writer

Uncertainty and caution. That's the common reaction to a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that landowners must be compensated when government regulations bar use of property.

'It's going to be interesting to see how damages will be determined.'
— Dirk Beckerleg
attorney

Because most have not yet received copies of the high court's decision, news reports have been relied on heavily for an explanation of what could be coming in the way of landowner-municipality relationships.

read it," said Farmington Hills city attorney Paul Bibeau. Michigan Municipal League, an association that represents municipalities, does not yet have an official position or reaction to the ruling. "It's hard to evaluate it without knowing the details of the case," said the league's director, Bill Davis. "I just don't know enough about the case. The facts in this case could be quite unique."

"It's certainly going to change some things if it's got the impact that's been reported in the early reviews (of the ruling)," he said. "I'd hate to comment without reading it."

STILL, DEADMAN believes the high court's ruling will have far greater effect on developing communities plagued with zoning and building disputes.

In a 6-3 vote June 9, the high court ruled that regulations such as zoning

ordinances, which impose new limits on land use, may amount to what is called "a taking." The U.S. Constitution requires "just compensation" for a taking.

The court also ruled that compensation to a landowner from a municipality may be required even if the taking is not permanent.

The decision in the California case is considered a clear victory for landowners and developers and a

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Observer owner is named to U-M board of regents

By Susan Rosiek
staff writer



Philip H. Power
summa cum laude from the U-M in 1960.

Creating a stronger bond between business and higher education will be a primary goal of newly appointed University of Michigan Regent Philip H. Power.

Power, chairman of the board of Suburban Communications Inc., parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, was appointed Wednesday to the U-M Board of Regents by Gov. James Blanchard.

The 49-year-old newspaper publisher will fill the unexpired term of his late wife, Sarah. The obit regents serve eight-year terms. He would have to decide in 1990 whether to seek re-election.

Power's father, Eugene, founder of University Microfilms Inc., served on the board for 10 years.

"I just hope I can be as good a board member as my father and Sarah," said Power, who graduated



Farmington High graduate Ed Sudzina experiences a hypnotic trance induced by Ron Hutchings of Livonia. The one-hour hypnosis demonstration was one of the highlights of the school's all-night graduation party June 11. For the story and more pictures, see Page 3B.

Partnership to promote job training

By Casey Huns
staff writer

The six-week Job Exploration and Training Scholarship program will offer teenage students, mainly those 14-16 years old, a stipend to "study" at a business location. It is sponsored by the Farmington branch of the YMCA.

The \$300 stipend given to each child will be funded through the United Foundation. The YMCA has enough in its budget for 25 students

this summer.

"We want to take kids and put them into a job-shadowing situation," explained Kevin Bush, YMCA executive director. "It's important (for the students) to look, listen and feel" on the job.

About 40 business and school leaders met Friday evening at the local YMCA to hear about the JETS program.

A national YMCA program, JETS complements the Partnerships in Education endorsed earlier this year by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Farmington Board of Education. A 15-member advisory committee has studied the partnership idea and how it can be implemented.

"WE'VE HAD it on our agenda for a number of years," said Earl Dau-

munk, director of vocational and career education for Farmington schools. "You're helping us do a job we think ought to be done anyway."

John Haddley, an executive with Jervis B. Webb Co. and a chamber board member, put the burden of the business/education partnership on local companies.

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Runnerup Miss Farmington places 2nd in state

By Loraine McClellan
staff writer

'I was very happy with my performance. I don't know what I could have done differently to make anything any better. I did my very best.'
— Melanie Churella
Farmington Hills

MELANIE CHURELLA was named first runner-up to the 1987 Miss Michigan Saturday night in Muskegon.

The 24-year-old Miss Farmington left the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant saying, "I was very happy with my performance. I don't know what I could have done differently to make anything any better. I did my very best."

"And to tell the truth, half of me is rather relieved. Now I can get on with my life."

Miss Michigan 1987 is Kaye Lani Rae Rafko, who entered the pageant as Miss Monroe County. She won a \$5,000 scholarship and the right to represent Michigan in the 1988 Miss America Scholarship Pageant.

As first runnerup, Churella won \$2,500 and is committed only to fulfill appearances that for any reason Rafko is unable to make.

"There is a lot of anxiety in



At last year's Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant, outgoing queen Kelly Garver (left) shared the crowning moment with incoming queen Melanie Churella.

Zoning topic of dispute

By Casey Huns
staff writer

Walt Sundquist wants more parking around his downtown Farmington funeral home.

But some of his Oakland Street neighbors oppose the concept.

One called the proposal a "critical issue" and said a parking lot would set a precedent of "creeping asphalt" along the street.

Both sides will have the opportunity to plead their case before the Farmington City Council on July 20, when a public hearing is scheduled to debate the rezoning of the property, just east of the funeral home on Oakland Street.

Originally set for July 6, the date was changed at the request of residents and parking lot opponents, who said they would not have enough time to prepare for the hearing, especially one held over a holiday weekend.

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