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ALL of Famer.
Fair, Angelo Hills resident Dennis Harvill, voted of the Detroit Tigers and a member of Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame, was inducted into the National Sports Writers and Sportswriters Hall of Fame last week in Salisbury, N.C.
He has broadcast sports for 42 years.

HE'S honored.
Dr. Gerald Timmins of Farmington Hills will be honored as a distinguished alumnus at the Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association medical alumni dinner dance May 12. He graduated in 1955.

WINNING photo.
Mary Doremson of Farmington Hills took one of 19 honorable mentions in the Michigan Humane Society annual photo contest to benefit the emergency rescue program.
The three top photos plus all of the honorable mentions must be featured in a Be Kind to Animals Week display April 27 through May 14 in the Fisher Building in Detroit.
Almost 400 entries were received.

Memory lane

50 years ago:

Deputy Joseph DeVriendt has issued a warning against use of air rifles in Farmington. He said if boys are caught using them, the guns will be confiscated immediately.

Since January, seven new homes have been started in Farmington's city limits — a larger number than ever before in a corresponding four-month period.

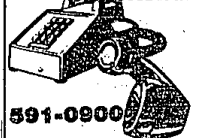
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Pro-lifers: 'We will stop this murder'



An anti-abortion protester sings hymns at the start of a demonstration held at the doors of the Women Center clinic in Farmington Hills Saturday. About 475 anti-abortion and 175 pro-choice protesters spent 3 1/2 hours there.

'It's a conscience thing. We don't try to tell people what to do. We're just trying to be peaceful.'

— pro-lifer Bob Hoey

□ Livonia protest brings arrests, SA

By Casey Hans staff writer

Red cloth signs on their chests silently proclaimed the name "Jesus," as approximately 475 anti-abortion protesters picketed, prayed, sang and blocked the doors to a Farmington Hills clinic Saturday.

"We will stop this murder — this holocaust," said one pro-life protester, who stood at the clinic entrance at the start of what turned out to be a peaceful demonstration.

Their protest eventually closed

the doors to the Women Center clinic on Orchard Lake Road, just south of 10 Mile, and caused one woman who arrived for an abortion appointment to leave, leaders said.

The pro-life forces were countered by an estimated 175 pro-choice advocates, many members of the National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood, chanting their own slogans during the 3 1/2-hour protest, which began shortly before 6:30 a.m.

"It's really a people's movement," said Bob Hoey, a Troy resident and apparent pro-life organizer and a spokesman of Saturday's rally, which he said was to "rescue babies from murder."

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Pro-choicers tell their perspective

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Their numbers may have been fewer, but their voices were louder and their signs struck to the heart of the issue: "No Compulsory Pregnancy," "Husbands and Fathers, Pro Choice."

Led by Molly Yard, president of the National Organization of Women, 175 pro-choice advocates lined the parking lot as 475 pro-life supporters picketed at the Women Center, 2370 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Saturday morning.

"What they are going to do is en-

slave women. And we're not going to tolerate it," Yard said.

The controversial and outspoken feminist leader flew from Washington Friday to rally support among pro-choice groups counter-protesting the Pro-Life Action Network protest Saturday — the National Day of Rescue.

Saturday's counter-protests drew representatives from NOW, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Abortion Rights Action League, Planned Parenthood and the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.

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Voter group's chairman quits

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

David Haron is concerned about Farmington Hills. But after trying to work with the city council, he's had enough.

Haron's resignation as chairman of the revived Committee to Increase Voter Participation was accepted with little discussion Monday by the city council.

"I am not disillusioned because my initial involvement came in a negative fashion," Haron wrote in his resignation letter.

"I am disappointed, however, because I still have hope that active citizen involvement could make a difference in a city such as Farmington Hills, if only the elected officials would stop being so confrontational and start communicating."

Haron's two-page resignation letter lists his reasons for resignation, particularly the council's lack of concern about the committee and its work and the council's behavior and lack of communication.

"I ran out of steam. We revitalized the committee. But we are the minor leagues. No one cares," Haron said Thursday.

A MAJOR thorn was a planned survey of voters and their attitudes that the committee was hoping to conduct in order to develop ways to interest voters in the city and its elections.

But last August, the council thought the \$18,000 bid for the survey from Market Opinion Research of Detroit was too expensive. They suggested the voters survey should be combined with the upcoming Year 2000 survey. Haron said he thought that meant the committee would get its survey completed by Market Opinion Research.

Now only two questions on the Year 2000 survey will be about voter participation. And the survey, not to be conducted by Market Opinion Research, will be a mass mailing, considered unacceptable by companies contacted by the voter participation committee.

"It is obvious that the communication between the council and our committee is non-existent and that the council's memory or intentions are different than ours," Haron wrote.

Mayor Terry Sever acknowledged Haron's frustration. "What I perceived happened was that he made a presentation and the council basically accepted the report. It's not unusual for a body to seek knowledge work without accepting the recommendation," Sever said.

That also annoys Haron is the apparent perception that the voters committee is not one of the important council-appointed committees. Obviously, Haron said, the committee's work has not been considered important.

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New school plans on hold pending zoning appeal

By Casey Hans staff writer

Plans for a new elementary school in western Farmington Hills are on hold as the school district appeals to the city for a necessary zoning variance.

School officials cannot say if the appeal process will jeopardize the planned opening of the school for the fall of 1990, but the project has already been pushed back two weeks, according to deputy superintendent Michael Flanagan.

Officials are still working toward the planned opening date.

"We may not make the 1990 timeline. I'm not sure," said Flanagan. "We were on a tight timeline. We hope the driveway and setback situations are alleviated."

Time became crucial last fall after the failure of a bond issue, which included money for the new school. Money for the \$7.3-million facility was approved by voters in January. The school site is on the south side of 11 Mile, just east of Halted.

THE FARMINGTON HILLS Zoning Board of Appeals will hear the district's request Tuesday to allow a

bus loop to be built within a 40-foot setback area, as required by city ordinance.

At an earlier meeting, the ZBA approved a three-foot height variance for the multi-level, 85,000-square-foot elementary, but sent the bus loop variance request and review of traffic flow patterns back to the planning commission for consideration.

Planning commissioners approved the project's site plan, contingent on the ZBA variance approval, said Hills city planner Ed Gardiner.

"We thought this was a reasonable request," added assistant superintendent Lynn Nutter. "We're working on such a tight schedule, hopefully the zoning board will look with favor on the variance."

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Pair steal fur at gunpoint

Two men took a \$7,000 fur coat at gunpoint from a Farmington Hills man walking to his car outside an office building at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road shortly before noon Friday, police said.

The 45-year-old man was returning to his car, parked in the west lot of the Hunters Square office building, when he was confronted by a man who produced a gun and demanded the full-length ranch mink from the trunk. The victim also noticed that a car had parked just behind him.

The robbers, thought to be in their late teens, apparently spotted the coat, on a plastic hanger in a clear

plastic bag, when the victim opened his trunk a short time before to get his wallet from a gym bag to pay for a purchase at the Mobil station at Northwestern Highway and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township.

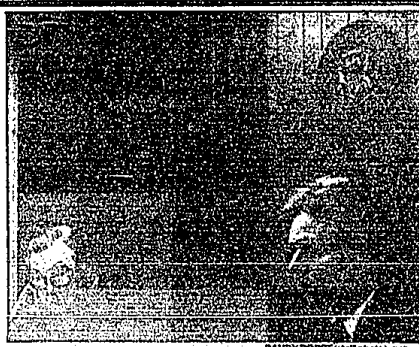
After taking the coat, the robbers headed east through the Hunters Square office building lot in a 1980 rusty-red Ford Escort.

The victim was taking the coat to a furrier to store for the summer, said Farmington Hills detective David Lee.

Loes urges anyone who may have seen the getaway car to call police at 474-6101.

Stepping down

It was work as usual for veteran District Judge Michael Hand (left) of Farmington Friday, his last day on the bench. After 20 years on the district court bench, Hand, 70, decided to retire while he still is in good health. Above, Hand presides at a preliminary examination, involving a concealed weapons charge, where Farmington Hills police officer Robert Waddington is testifying. Farmington Hills attorney Fred Harris, 63, will complete Hand's term by serving as interim district judge through 1990.



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