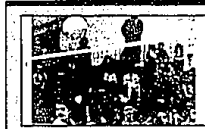


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ON display. Student artwork that tells the story of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah is on display in two Sinai Hospital of Detroit lobbies.

About 300 students from Hittell Day School in Farmington Hills created the artwork, which will remain on display through Jan. 7.

This marks the fifth year that Hittell students have sent artwork to provide a cheerful display for hospital patients, employees and visitors.

CROWING older. Did you know Farmington Hills turns 17 this year and the city of Farmington turns 64? Farmington was settled in 1824 by the Arthur Power family of Farmington, N.Y. Observer owner Phillip Power is a descendent of Arthur.

Memory lane

50 years ago:

• More stamps were sold at the Farmington post office in 1939, \$14,000 worth, than any previous year, postmaster Norman Leo reported.

• Four Farmington High students who lack tuition have been able to keep up with their studies thanks to National Youth Administration assistance.

• Dickerson Hardware and Cook & Co. were among the Grand River advertisers. — Farmington Enterprise, Jan. 4, 1940

This week

SCHOOL bells will ring again this week as winter break ends for Farmington-area students. Classes resume Jan. 2 in Farmington, Jan. 3 in Clarenceville and Walled Lake and Jan. 5 at Oakland Community College.

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About face: no library funding vote in '90

By Joanna Maliszewski staff writer

Farmington-area voters won't be asked in 1990 to support a bond issue for a larger, main library or operating taxes for the two-branch district library system.

Farmington Community Library trustees' recent decision not to go back to the polls in 1990 with financing requests is an about-face in light of preliminary plans — following the unsuccessful Nov. 7 election — to seek voter approval at a special April election.

"It's not that far to April. As we started to re-evaluate a 1990 election, it looked like it would not be a good move," library board president Charlotte Yawerski said.

Library officials cited lack of time between now and April to raise contributions and mount a successful campaign as a reason for not going to the polls in 1990. Officials said they are concerned voters will be irritated if asked for money again so soon after they defeated the library's November requests.

TRUSTEES' DECISION also came less than a week after library board officers and director Beverly Pappal met privately Dec. 8 with Farmington city manager Robert Deadman, Farmington Hills city manager William Costick, and the mayor and mayor pro tems from the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils.

The meeting was closed to the public be-

cause the two city councils, which finance the district library system, did not have quorums. A press release was issued later that said no decisions were made.

City and library officials would not discuss what, if anything, occurred at the meeting to prompt library trustees to change their preliminary plans.

FARMINGTON AND Farmington Hills voters Nov. 7 defeated a \$14.5 million bond issue to build a new 80,000-square-foot main library to replace the 35,000-square-foot Hills branch, 32737 12 Mile. Voters also defeated a request for a maximum 1.5-mill operating tax, which would have allowed the system to be financially independent of the two cities.

In addition to putting off a 1990 special election, trustees also decided not to exercise purchase options they had on property on the north side of 12 Mile, east of Halsted, for the proposed new library. Maintaining the options for another six months was too expensive, Pappal said.

Concerned that voters didn't like the west-side site chosen by the Nov. 7 election, trustees now want to find a location for a new library that's in the heart of Farmington Hills. Library officials said that probably wouldn't have been possible to accomplish by April.

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SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Stefan Habsburg, a former prince of Romania and now a resident of Farmington Hills, holds a picture of his grandmother.

Former prince calls overthrow good for Romania

By Susan Buck staff writer

Amid news of the changes in Romania, ex-prince Stefan Habsburg recalled Wednesday what his life might have been, but expressed appreciation for what it has become.

Habsburg, 57, a retired chief designer at GM, has lived in Farmington Hills for 30 years. He is the eldest son of Princess Ileana and the grandson of Queen Marie and King Ferdinand of Romania.

"With all that I saw happen when the Russians took over, with the antagonism between East and West, I never thought I would see the day when Romania would again be allowed to determine its own future," Habsburg said. "The overthrow of the dictatorship is a good sign." Added wife, Jerline:

"Nicola Ceausescu had his whole family entrenched in all positions of power. The chief of police was his cousin. His son was the next in command. One good thing is that there is no foreign debt but it was bought on the backs of the Romanian people. They live in abject poverty. There's rationing of electricity during certain hours of the day. The rest of the day they sit in the dark."

According to Stefan Habsburg, the country has some of the largest oil resources in the world.

HABSBURG, WHO is related to many of Europe's royals, is easy-going and down-to-earth. He's a man who once was asked by a delegation to run for King of Spain.

"I said definitely not. I made my career here."

Although all of Habsburg's five siblings attended school in the United States, he is the only one who has not returned to live in Europe.

The Habsburg family was forced to emigrate during World War II when the Russians gave Habsburg's cousin, King Michael, head of the Romanian government, the choice of abdication or execution. The family became refugees in Switzerland and later Argentina.

"It was a progressive destruction of all civil liberties (in Romania), Habsburg said. "These guys came in with military uniforms in trucks, commanding at gunpoint everything from food to females. There was rape and plunder," Habsburg was just 14.

When Habsburg's father, Anton, returned to the castle years later he found that the Russians had cut wires, pulled out window frames and demolished everything. He never came to America.

"The Russians behaved like barbarians," Habsburg said. In a castle with five bathrooms, the Russians chose a separate room to leave their feces.

While in Argentina, Habsburg received a scholarship to Melvern Prep School in Pennsylvania.

HABSBURG IS the oldest of six children, all born during a 10-year period from 1922-42. The other children are Marie Ileana, who died in a Rio de Janeiro plane crash; Alexandra (Sandi); Dominic (Nick); Marie Magdalena (Magi) and Elizabeth.

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Recycling center debuts kicked off '89's 2nd half

This is the second of a two-part review of news and personalities that shaped 1989 in the Farmington area.

By Joanna Maliszewski staff writer

The second half of 1989 was not unlike the first half with endless news, events and personalities sharing the spotlight.

Here is a glimpse of some of the events and personalities that dominated the latter half of 1989:

• **JULY** Farmington and Farmington Hills

begins the summer with the debut of free-of-charge refuse recycling centers for residents in each city.

Farmington school trustees begin their national hunt for a new district superintendent, on the heels of former superintendent Graham Lewis' June resignation.

Farmington quadriplegic David Rivlin gets his wish: death with dignity. As he requested, Rivlin is removed from the ventilator that kept him breathing for two years.

The land use term, industrial-research-office, makes its public debut as residents protest rezoning of acre-

age south of Hillside Estates and north of Indolplex Circle in the Drake-Grand River area.

Farmington resident Derwin Success, a member of a biracial family victimized by racial slurs in his neighborhood, plants the public seed for a peace march promoting racial and ethnic harmony through the theme, Love Force United.

• **AUGUST** Controversy over Boys Republic, a temporary home for delinquent boys

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FILE PHOTO

Incumbent Aldo Vagnozzi (center) was the top vote-getter in the Farmington Hills City Council race. He's pictured with resident Richard Frankel and granddaughter Michelle Pantaleo at an election party.



JOHN BISHMAN/staff photographer

Defense attorney Lawrence Kaluzny is a familiar face at trials in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Lawyer makes name at noted trials

By Helen Niemiec staff writer

Lawrence Kaluzny isn't a household word, but he's becoming one with people who follow Oakland County Circuit Court.

The defense attorney has gained a degree of media attention recently by representing clients like the man accused of being the Oakland County rapist and one of two teens accused of killing the Tarr family of Rochester Hills.

Two suspects under arrest in those cases had little in the way of financial means. Center Lawrence Kaluzny, court appointed defense counsel.

The "L.A. Law" version would show an aggressive, brash attorney who chomps at the bit at the high publicity trials and commands top dollar for representation.

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Instead, Kaluzny is low-key. Conservatively dressed and situated in a Bingham Farms office done in beige and tan, the Farmington Hills resident speaks softly but adamantly that the name of the game is the American legal system and not garnering win-loss statistics.

"I DON'T do anything differently if I'm being paid \$180 (the court-appointed fee) or \$5,000. It's very rare that you get a court appointed attorney who sees their client that first day or night. If I'm tied up, it might be 8 or 9 o'clock before I get to the

jail, but I get there — and they're amazed that I'm there for them.

"You don't get paid as much (as court-appointed counsel) but you don't look at it that way — it's unethical," he said.

He accepts court-appointed cases because of his belief that "everyone deserves their day in court," not because he has late hours to fill.

He and his law partner, Stuart Young, have had a general practice together since 1977 when both left the Oakland County prosecutor's office. Last year Kaluzny handled civil matters plus 26 felony cases, with 26 of those carrying life in prison maximum sentences.

The responsibility of overseeing a defense that may result in clients spending

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