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MAYOR Pro Tem Aldo Vagnozzi filled in for Mayor Jean Fox as Farmington Hills' representative at the Farmington Area Jaycees annual prayer breakfast Tuesday at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills.

He said filling in for the mayor is a typical role for the mayor pro tem. Quipped Vagnozzi: "You might say it's like being the Dan Quayle of Farmington Hills."

ON target. Construction for the new Hillside Elementary, on 11 Mile east of Halsted, is on target thanks to good weather, said Farmington school trustee James Abernethy, who heads the board's building and site committee.

Meanwhile, most of the facade work at Farmington High is done and a metal shop at North Farmington High has been converted to classroom use.

Memory lane

Judge Fred S. Lamb, former Farmington resident and Farmington High teacher, received tribute recently on completing 30 years as circuit judge in the 26th judicial circuit.

Principal Max Thompson reported that attendance for the 80-school-day first semester at Farmington High topped 93 percent.

— Farmington Enterprise, Feb. 1, 1940

This week

FARMINGTON High and North Farmington High meet in a cross-town prep basketball game Friday night at Farmington High. North won the first game of the season between the two schools on Jan. 12.

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Bonelli's pal charged as accessory

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

A childhood friend of accused murderer Anthony Bonelli has been charged as an accessory in the case in which Bonelli's girlfriend, Kristina Marie Fracchia, drowned in Orchard Lake.

James Nader, who was 17 when Fracchia died, has been charged as an accessory after the fact and faces up to five years in prison if convicted, said assistant prosecutor Fred Miller.

Nader, who has pleaded not guilty, is scheduled for a preliminary hear-

ing Feb. 27 in 48th District Court. A \$75,000 personal bond has been set for Nader, meaning he will not be jailed pending the outcome of his case as long as he complies with court instructions, such as showing up at his hearing.

BONELLI'S TRIAL on an open murder charge is scheduled to begin March 5. He could face life in prison, although defense lawyers hope to prove he was insane at the time of Fracchia's death.

The charge against Nader came about nine months after he testified during a court hearing that he gave

Nader testified during a court hearing last year that he gave Bonelli a ride from the scene where 17-year-old Fracchia was found dead last March 17.

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Nader's April 18 testimony came after defense attorneys had warned

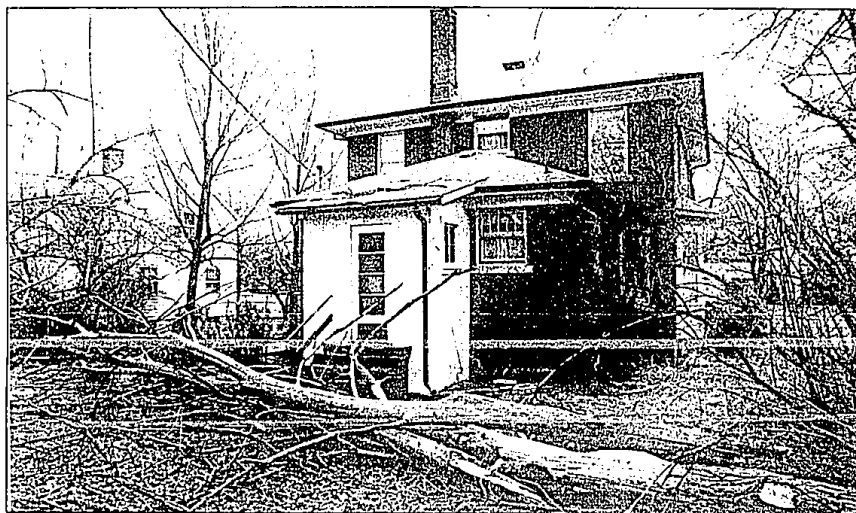
him it could be used against him. Nader testified that Bonelli returned to the scene the day before Fracchia's body was found because he wanted to drive her car there.

The car had been parked in a Farmington Hills subdivision since Fracchia's death March 15, Miller said.

THE EVENING before Fracchia's body was found by Oakland County Drain Commission workers, Nader and Bonelli drove separately to the water pump control station on the north shore of Orchard Lake where Fracchia died, Nader testified.

Nader stayed in his own car, parked by Commerce Road, while Bonelli took Fracchia's car to the scene near where she was drowned, Nader testified.

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Jan Dahlhofer moved to Pickett Street in Farmington from Florida a month ago and got a taste of what Michigan winter can be like when this tree was toppled in her back yard during Thursday's windstorm. The tree caused little damage to the house but took down the power, telephone and cable TV lines.

Huffed and puffed High winds inflict worst damage on trees

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Motorists dialed their way through downed trees, tree limbs and debris as winds of 46 mph and gusts up to 53 mph battered Farmington and Farmington Hills Thursday afternoon and evening.

"Motorists didn't wait for help. They got right on the phone. The cellular telephones really helped. We get as many calls for service from our customers as we do now from law enforcement," said John Joy, Oakland County Road Commission spokesman.

Motorists kept many road crews abreast of

debris and falling trees as the windstorm swept through Oakland County. In many cases, delays were few in clearing up problems because of motorists' help. Joy added.

With such damaging winds, Farmington and Farmington Hills officials considered themselves fortunate the cities escaped serious damage. "We're still cleaning up," said Earl Billing, Farmington Department of Public Services director, Friday morning. "We just had a few trees down — that's all."

Billing said he expected to handle branch pickups today after a weekend of yard cleanups throughout the city.

"With such high winds, I thought we would have

had more problems," said Dan Rooney, Farmington Hills Department of Public Works supervisor.

INCONVENIENCE WAS the biggest problem in Farmington Hills as a result of the high winds. Downed trees and branches over roads, power outages and downed wires, as well as inoperative traffic signals topped the list.

Scattered power outages were reported throughout the Farmington area. Much of Olde Franklin Towne subdivision at 14 Mile and Middlebelt lost power as did the residential area southwest of Gill and Nine Mile.

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Duty as congressional page is an eye opener

By Susan Buck
staff writer

As president of Farmington High's Junior class, Thomas Economy draws upon last summer's experience as a congressional page in the U.S. House of Representatives by compromising.

While his friends vacationed at Cedar Point, Economy was occupied in the U.S. Capitol. Economy, 16, was sponsored as a congressional page by U.S. Rep. Roy Dyson, D-Md., a friend of Economy's father, Stephen, a Democrat who ran unsuccessfully for a state school board seat last November. He is public affairs director for Michigan Bell.

Thomas Economy was one of 75 Democratic congressional pages. He worked from June 9 to July 11.

"I ALWAYS thought Congress was efficient and routine," Economy said. "But there's a lot

people

of debate. It goes in rough, but comes out smooth. They screen and filter everything. They ask questions about everything."

Economy started preparing to be a page in November 1988. "I had to fill out an application and write an essay."

Pages bunk three to a room in dorms within the House Annex building and travel the four miles to the Capitol by subway.

Pages are paid \$200 a month. Their dinners are paid for, but expenses such as breakfast, subway tickets and room and board come out of their earnings. Economy kept \$300, he said.

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Farmington High senior Thomas Economy spent last summer as a congressional page in the U.S. House.

Hills panel under fire

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills city councilman Terry Sever denies he's playing mayor from behind a three-member committee studying major financial issues facing the city.

"I'm absolutely not the mayor. But as an individual of the council, . . . any individual has as much influence as the mayor," said former Mayor Sever, who proposed the study group as well as the members to serve on it.

Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi believes his colleague is undermining Mayor Jean Fox and trying to conduct city business behind closed doors.

"There is a mayor and a city council. But he (Sever) is trying to maintain control with a three-person committee that's not responsible to the public," Vagnozzi said.

Sever also denied that he got majority support for his committee as a payback for supporting councilman Ben Marks and councilwoman Nancy Bates in their successful November election.

"That's a real cheap shot. It's coming from people who can't find a good reason to discredit the validity of a committee," Sever said.

The 1989 mayor also said if support for his committee came as a result of paybacks for political support, council members would have

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Man faces drug charges after raid

A Farmington Hills man faces drug charges stemming from a December raid on his Orchard Lake Road home.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington signed an arrest warrant Wednesday charging Richard Allen Wakefield, 43, with possession with intent to deliver less than 50 grams of heroin, a felony, and possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor.

If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine on the felony count and up to 1 year in jail and a \$1,000 fine on the misdemeanor count.

Arraignment in 47th District Court in Farmington is pending because Wakefield is being held by the U. S. Marshal in Detroit on federal drug and parole violation charges, said detective Patrick Monti, Farmington Hills police narcotics officer.

In 1986, Wakefield was released from federal prison after serving 10 years of a 15-year sentence for a 1974 drug conviction in U.S. District Court in Detroit. The offense was conspiracy to smuggle heroin. Police believe he imported the drug from Thailand, Monti said.

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