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GETTING the nod. The Farmington Coordinating Council Political Action Committee, which represents four Farmington Public Schools employee unions, has endorsed challengers Kathleen Webb and Robert Hanney for two seats on the Farmington school board Monday, June 11.

AT Cedar Point. The Farmington Hills Harrison High School Marching Band will entertain guests in Cedar Point Sunday. The 75-member band will perform at various locations along the midway, under the direction of Mark Phillips. High school band performances are a tradition at the Sandusky, Ohio, amusement and theme park.

LEND a hand. Farmington Hills police are looking for volunteers to issue handicap-designated parking space violations. The department will furnish training, uniforms, equipment, ticket books and a car for each pair of volunteers. For more information, call Lt. Richard Murphy: 474-6181.

QUOTE of the week

I felt that God was there.

— North Farmington High senior Todd Wolfe, who took part in a recent two-mile silent march between the sites of two old Holocaust death camps during a visit to Poland. Story: 4A.

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SPECIAL SECTION IN TODAY'S ISSUE

Off-duty cop shoots gun-toting man

Shooting victim charged, 6A

By Casey Hens staff writer

An off-duty Detroit police officer pulled his service revolver and wounded a Gateway Apartments resident who threatened him with a shotgun Tuesday night, according to his statement to Farmington Hills

police. The officer shot the Farmington Hills man, identified as Miguel Vassel, 27, near the complex's gatehouse at about 10:45 p.m. It was determined the officer shot in self-defense, although the shotgun was unloaded, police said.

Vassel was charged with felonious assault and possessing a firearm while committing a felony.

Farmington Hills Police Lt. Richard Murphy said the officer was at

the complex helping a female cousin move from an apartment she shared with Vassel. Police reports indicated the two had lived there together for approximately two weeks.

Vassel was hospitalized in stable condition Wednesday at Boisford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. He suffered wounds to the left forearm and hip, according to police.

NO CHARGES will be sought against the police officer, Robert

Dunlap, 23, who told Farmington Hills police he shot at and wounded a man who took a shotgun from his trunk and threatened him at the gatehouse, which is on 12 Mile just east of Harrison High School.

Farmington Hills police presented the results of their investigation to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review on Wednesday, a standard practice in such shootings.

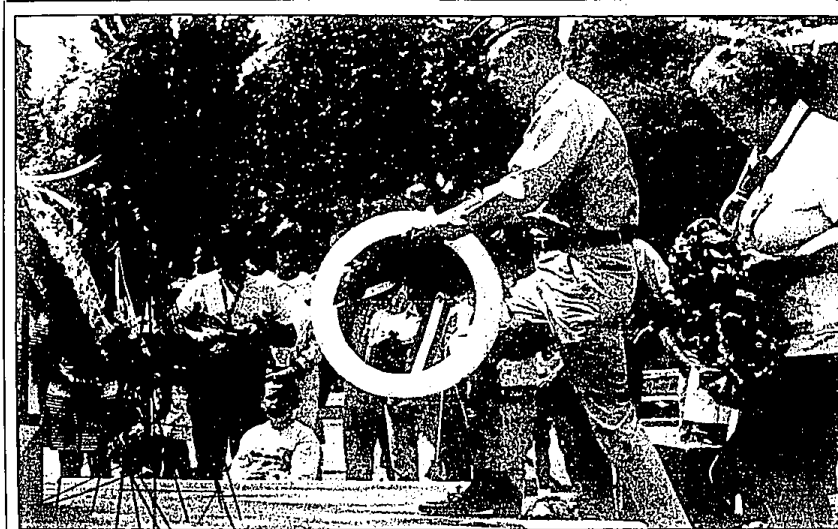
Gateway Apartments property supervisor Sheila Parks said Wednesday

the complex's security system is "excellent" and prevented any problems from going beyond the gatehouse.

"We built that gatehouse to give our residents more security and that's what it did. It didn't get into the apartments," she said. "Sometimes, people just don't act rationally."

ACCORDING TO information from police reports, Dunlap and his

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SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Ed McGregor (left), commander of the American Legion Groves-Walker Post 346 in Farmington, and Janen Keene, president of the post auxiliary, present wreaths at the Veterans Memorial.

Vets recall meaning of freedom

Memorial Day parade: 1B

By Susan Buck staff writer

Praised, glorified, forgotten and criticized.

Since World War I, those are the varying types of welcomes to which American service men and women have returned home.

That's how Lt. Col. John Morgan, commander of the 354th U.S. Air Force Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base near Mount Clemens, characterized inconsistent and unbecoming domestic re-

action to returning G.I's.

Morgan delivered the principal address Monday at the Memorial Day observance at Farmington's Veterans Memorial. The observance followed the annual Memorial Day parade.

As squadron commander, Morgan is responsible for recruiting activities in Michigan. He has been decorated for meritorious service, combat crew readiness and national defense service.

"One of the things that struck me as we were coming along the parade route here, that I think was very important, is that I noticed that there were grandparents, par-

ents and the little ones, all lined up," Morgan said.

"I think that's important. I think we need to pass the word on why we celebrate this day and why you folks are doing this. I think our children need to remember."

Morgan said many changes are taking place across the globe. "Democracy and peace are breaking out all over," Morgan said. "It tells us that everything that we have done for the last 40 years has been worth it."

SINCE THE Civil War, a day in May has been set aside as a day of remembrance, Morgan said. "We remember and honor and pay trib-

ute to our war dead who willingly put their lives on the line, chance it and lost, so that our freedom, the cherished foundation of our heritage, could be preserved.

"Because of their lives, America's freedom remains intact and preserved. Sometimes, we forget the wars and conflicts that have swept them away."

Morgan contrasted the welcome of praise and thanks that veterans met returning home from World War I and II with the reception of veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars received.

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Water cutoff angers towns

Not given enough notice, they say

By Joanne Mallazewski staff writer

Five communities, including Farmington Hills, were notified as soon as possible that water service would be interrupted over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, according to a Detroit Water and Sewerage Department official.

"It wasn't like we knew last Monday (May 21)," said James Heath, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department maintenance and repair superintendent.

Like residents, Farmington Hills officials wished they had more notice that water would be scarce for much of the city, generally north of I-696, Friday night and most of Saturday.

"I was a little upset we didn't get more notification," assistant city manager David Cull said. "I don't know why we didn't get more notification. All we could do was coordinate communication to the public."

WATER SERVICE was interrupted as of 11:30 p.m. Friday. It was supposed to resume within six hours.

Interrupting service was the only way of completing repair of a ruptured Detroit 54-inch water main at 14 Mile and Northwestern Highway. Actual repair became more of a problem and took longer than originally expected, Heath said.

It wasn't until midweek that it be-

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Company sues city to rezone shopping center area land

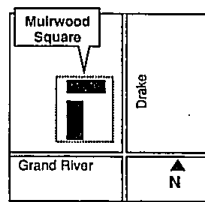
By Joanne Mallazewski staff writer

Survival of Mulwood Square shopping center hinges on a major expansion anchored by a supermarket, according to a lawsuit filed by a Farmington Hills building and development company against the city.

Bextak Building Co. claims it has been deprived of rightful use of its land by the city's refusal to rezone six acres adjacent to Mulwood Square, northwest of Grand River and Drake.

Officials of the Farmington Hills company claim that rezoning six of 12 acres west of the center "is essential to avoid the economic failure of the shopping center. The land is well suited for such development."

Bextak made the claims in a lawsuit filed against the city April 17. The 10-year-old center is about a mile west of downtown Farmington.



The company is seeking more than \$10,000, equal to the value of the property "taken by the city . . ." from the time of the first rezoning request until the existing land use zone is invalidated or the court approves Bextak's rezoning request, according to the complaint.

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Arm severed

Man loses limb in work mishap

By Bob Sklar staff writer

A landscape company worker lost his left arm above the elbow when he reached inside a topsoil shredder near quitting time at a Farmington Hills construction site Tuesday.

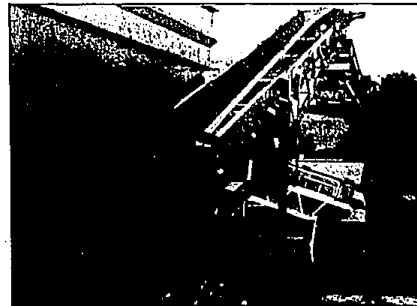
Jeffrey L. Richards, 28, of Holly was listed in good condition Wednesday, but surgeons at University Hospital in Ann Arbor couldn't reattach the severed limb.

"They felt the nerves and blood vessels in the limb were too severely damaged to successfully reattach it," said Toni Shear, a hospital spokeswoman.

Richards had been flown by helicopter from Boisford General Hospital in Farmington Hills Tuesday night.

It's not known why Richards reached inside the moving machine at Country Club Corporate Park, an industrial complex under development on the southeast corner of 12 Mile and Haggerty.

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staff photo by BOB SKLAR

A Holly man lost his left arm above the elbow when he reached inside this topsoil shredder while it was turned on at a Farmington Hills construction site Tuesday.