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DISTRICT JUDGE Fred Harris was involved in a scene at a mall recently — and it had to do with the movie "Scenes from a Mall."

The Cinemas at Livonia Mall was the setting of a mass renewal of wedding vows Feb. 19 prior to a preview screening of the new comedy "Scenes from a Mall." Harris, of the 47th District Court in Farmington, conducted the ceremony.

The couples were treated to a reception of wedding cake and champagne after the screening and were showered with popcorn (instead of rice) after the ceremony.

The couples were recruited by radio station WJMC and the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak, said Cathy Sullivan of Robert Solomon Advertising, which arranged the event. Wedding gifts included Comedy Castle guest passes, she added.

"Scenes from a Mall," a contemporary comedy, stars Woody Allen and Bette Midler as a married couple celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary. They spend the day at a mall examining their complicated relationship.

"Scenes," which shows a torrid love scene in a mall theater, opened Friday at many Detroit-area movie houses, including the AMC Old Orchard in Farmington Hills.

SMILE, DRIVERS, as you creep along in Farmington traffic slowed by the storm sewer work on Orchard Lake Road. The construction work may end sooner than expected.

The contractor was given permission to work during off hours to finish the project early, according to Farmington City Manager Robert Deauman. That section of Orchard Lake from Grand River to 10 Mile will be widened this year.

(A photo of the construction work is on page 8A.)

STUDENTS at the End Zone, the student store at Farmington High School, are looking for Falcon graduates who are serving in the Persian Gulf war.

The students, under the supervision of teacher Nancy Eizen, want to show their support to the local fighting men and women by sending them a Farmington High shirt.

They also plan to sell shirts in the store and use the proceeds to send packages overseas for the troops. Students also may consider sponsoring a military unit, Eizen said.

Eizen said she got the idea from Plymouth Canton High School, where students are conducting a similar project.

"We don't want to narrow this thing down," she added. "We want to send as many shirts as possible."

People with names and addresses of Persian Gulf locals should call Eizen at the End Zone, 489-3451.

MEMORY LANE — From the March 1, 1991 Farmington Enterprise: Gov. G. Mennen Williams has delayed signing the proposed Farmington city charter and has returned it to the city for reworking, according to City Clerk Harry Moore. A number of changes were suggested by the state Attorney General's office.

Family of murdered teacher testifies

By Casey Hans
staff writer

The murder trial for two men accused of slaying an O.E. Dunckel Middle School teacher began in Detroit this week, with family members and friends testifying about the cold early morning hours last November when Andre Poux died.

"In his voice, I could hear he was confronting somebody," said 21-year-old Katie Poux, the victim's daughter, who was the first to summon enough courage to go downstairs. There, she said, she found her father with a gunshot wound through his heart. "I ran outside, calling for help."

Detroiters James Lee Johnson, 18, and Eugene Posey, 24, are each

charged with one count of first-degree felony murder and with one additional count of using a firearm in the commission of a felony. The charge is felony murder because of the break-in of an occupied dwelling. The two face mandatory life prison sentences if convicted.

The murder trial began Monday before Recorder's Court Judge Michael Labat.

"When we heard the gunshots, we began screaming," said a tearful Sally Poux, testifying about the morning her husband died. "I called 9-1-1. They kept saying, 'calm down, calm down.'"

"I never had the sense anyone was being dispatched to help us."

ANDRE POUX, 58, was shot at his

North Rosedale Park home in Detroit Nov. 25, as he confronted burglars in the family home shortly before 6 a.m., according to testimony in this week in Detroit Recorder's Court. His wife, daughter, and one of his daughter's friends stood terrified behind a closed bedroom door after hearing shattering glass and two gunshots, according to testimony.

One neighbor, a dentist, testified he found no signs of life when checking Poux as he lay on his living room floor. Poux was taken to Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital from the scene, where he was pronounced dead.

Reggie Maxwell was the first neighbor to arrive at the scene, and immediately sought help. "The thing that hit me most was the smell of gunpowder," he said. "It just

permeated the whole house."

Poux had taught math in the Farmington Public Schools since 1973 and was an activist in his Detroit neighborhood where he had lived for 14 years with his family of four. He had taught at Warner Middle School then at Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington high schools before going to Dunckel in 1984. There, he taught mostly seventh and eighth graders.

The cases against Posey and Johnson are being tried as one, before two separate juries, in Talbot's court. Each man is represented by his own attorney.

In separate opening remarks to the juries Monday afternoon, Wayne County assistant prosecutor Doug Baker said the state will attempt to

prove Poux was killed with a .38 caliber gun found in the front yard of the murder scene, after the botched break-in. A fingerprint of Posey's was found on an electrical power strip in the Poux home, and Johnson's print found on a battery inside a flashlight also found in the home, Baker said. The bullet which killed Poux was found in the furnace's heating ducts.

Defense attorneys contended Posey did not willingly offer a statement to police and Johnson, a high school senior who was described as a "fair-weather not a lawyer," was alleged to be a lookout for a friend who planned a break-in.

Testimony in the case is expected to conclude and go to the jury early this week.



River accident

Just after 4 p.m. Monday, a 64-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident found herself in the Rouge River east of Farmington Road, near Oakland Drive on the Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Hills. Firefighters, Community Emergency Services Ambulance Co. and campus public safety officers responded to the scene. When firefighters arrived they found the woman seated in her car, which had gone off the road and down the banks of the river. Just to be on the safe side, emergency personnel put the woman on a backboard and transported her to the Boltsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Parks official contacts Headlee

Officials urged to get vote out, 7A

By Joanne Meliszewski
staff writer

Donna Fitzgerald wasn't going to wait for renewed tax cutter Richard Headlee and economist Patrick Anderson to take issue with Farmington Hills' tax renewal request for parks and recreation May 7.

"I figured we have nothing to lose," the parks and recreation commissioner chairman said in an interview with the paper of Alexander Headlee for the Michigan State Co. of America.

Fitzgerald, a state legislator, the chairperson of the Hills and Anderson's association at Farmington Hills, says she will continue to lobby for the tax renewal. She says she will request that the Hills School Board request that the

District awaits payment

By Casey Hans
staff writer

A plan to begin a special bond issue to fund a \$10-million renovation of the Pershing School building and other projects in the district is being considered by the Board of Education.

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Eagle aids deer

Perseverance pays for area scout

By Joanne Meliszewski
staff writer

Perseverance is one of the lessons 15-year-old Andrew Buchard learned while completing his Eagle Scout project in Farmington Hills' Heritage Park.

"I learned that you should fight for what you believe in and follow through with something you have started," said the Farmington High School student and member of Boy Scout Troop 110 at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Buchard found that there are four deer in Heritage Park and they

months-long effort are in Heritage Park. Two deer feeding stations dot the 211-acre park. Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile. Minimal or salt blocks accompany the feeders.

Buchard chose the deer feeders as a project "to provide a healthy habitat for the deer," he said. Buchard didn't build the feeders though. He supervised his fellow scouts in that endeavor. After conducting research, including where in the park to put them.

Buchard found that there are four deer in Heritage Park and they

know your neighbor

eat carrots, sugar beets, shred apples and whole corn. The cooler feeders, and branches off the ground.

ONE OF THE feeding stations is at the south-central end of the park.

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