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**OUR TOWNS**

## Former dentist pleads to lesser charges

BY PAUL R. PACE  
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In an effort to avoid deeper public scrutiny of an estranged love affair that drew ugly allegations from one woman, former Farmington Hills dentist Donald Quinn agreed to plea to lesser charges Friday in Oakland County Circuit Court. He was originally charged with 12 felony counts, including eight counts of

rape involving a 27-year-old Farmington Hills woman, a former patient.

Quinn, 44, will serve no more than one year in jail under the deal that is expected to be finalized by Judge Deborah Tyner at Quinn's Aug. 12 sentencing.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Matthew Martin said the deal, that levels five felony charges against Quinn, was offered in the best interest of the

victim, who, along with her psychiatrist, agreed a public court trial would be psychologically damaging.

In January, the woman called Farmington Hills police threatening suicide from a Farmington Hills motel.

Police were able to talk her out of using a shotgun on herself.

Quinn's attorney, Robyn Frankel, said after the hearing the deal "saves everybody from public humiliation" of

a trial. She said Quinn believes the deal is the most reasonable resolution.

Frankel said Quinn would not be allowed to practice dentistry again.

Quinn agreed to plead guilty to two criminal sexual conduct level II charges, delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

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### Leadership

Aubrey Laverly of Farmington Hills was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference, held July 22-Aug. 1 in Washington, D.C. The NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Laverly will be among 350 outstanding students from around the country to attend the conference.

The theme of the NYLC is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout the 11-day conference, Laverly will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the international community.

"It's wonderful to see high school students like Aubrey Laverly seeking out the National Leaders Conference as an effort to learn and take on leadership roles in communities throughout our country," said Michael Lassby, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the NYLC. "The events of Sept.

It prompted the urgent need to understand and exercise effective leadership. Those who participate in this program not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Laverly will also meet with senators and a representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings, Laverly will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one role-play activity known as I1 Were President, students act as the president and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in a judicial simulation, called Testing the Constitution, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The NYLC culminates with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation. Laverly will be a senior at Farmington High School. She has been an honors student since freshman year, maintaining a 3.90 GPA. She was vice president of her class her junior year and

participate in this program not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."



ELIZABETH CARMICHAEL/OBSERVER

Master Sergeant Kenneth Krefl displays his Navy and Marine Corps Medal. Krefl of Farmington Hills was awarded the medal for risking his life to save a pilot whose plane crashed one mile offshore of Kotzebue, Alaska.

## Retired Hills Marine gets overdue honor

Six years after the rescue, a retired Farmington Hills Marine is honored at Selfridge Air Force base for lifesaving bravery in Alaska, the highest award possible during peace time.

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

While others around him left the experienced 27-year-old bush pilot for dead, a Farmington Hills man saw life and hope as he rescued the man whose plane crashed in Alaska six years ago.

"It really wasn't that much," Kenneth Krefl said. "It didn't take that long."

Those 45, lifesaving minutes would make Krefl a hero and give Jonathan Nelson, a pilot for Yute Airlines, a second chance at life.

Alerted to a crash of a Cessna 207, which occurred a mile offshore on the snow-packed ice, Krefl, now 48, immediately rushed to the crash site.

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## Gov. veto outrages local officials

BY SUE BUCK AND CHRISTINE BRODA  
STAFF WRITERS

Farmington/Farmington Hills officials reacted in outrage to Gov. John Engler's veto Thursday of \$845 million that the Legislature had appropriated for local revenue sharing in the 2002-2003 budget.

Engler said in news reports that because of the potential impact of three proposals that voters will decide on in November, his veto was necessary.

One proposal would shift money received from tobacco companies from college scholarships to health care. A second proposal would require binding arbitration for some state employees. A third proposal would reduce penalties for first-time drug offenders.

"It's shocking to us," said Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff. "This could mean a loss of

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## School officials urge candidates to keep promise

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

Three Farmington Public School representatives sent questionnaires to state representative and senate candidates last week asking them to "Keep the Promise to Michigan's Children."

The statewide campaign asks candidates, if elected, to reject legislation that doesn't directly fund special education mandates in addition to general education funding as required by the Headlee Amendment to the constitution.

The state owes Michigan schools nearly \$1.3 billion for the past three years for special education alone. As a result,

every school in Michigan has been forced to use general education money to pay for special education and other unfunded state mandates.

Volunteers who are heading up this initiative locally are Frank Reid, a Farmington Public School board trustee who is the board's legislative liaison, Michael Bridges, legislative liaison for the Farmington-area PTA Council and Lori Stofflett, Farmington representative to the Oakland Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. Stofflett has a blind son, Jared, who attends North Farmington High School.

"We join other parents, elected school board members and school employees in

saying that we will not support candidates who are unwilling to agree to this pledge," they said.

Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield, who sits on the state-wide Durant liaison committee, which meets on an as-needed basis, solicited volunteers, Reid said.

Durant refers to Durant vs. State of Michigan, a class action lawsuit filed in 1980 by various Michigan districts claiming under funding of programs and violation of Section 29 of the state constitution known as the Headlee Amendment. This amendment required

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## Retiring officers Brantley, Duffey honored

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

Starting out at almost the same time nearly 30 years ago as police cadets, Farmington Hills Police officers Glenn Brantley and William Duffey retired last week and were honored at a ceremony at the Hills City Council Chambers.

"Both have done an outstanding job," said Police Chief William Dwyer. "They're hard working, dedicated and have integrity."

The chief gave both men retirement badges, citations and proclamations outlining their different roles in the department over the years.

Also honoring the officers were State Rep. Andrew

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DALE BRISLEY/OBSERVER

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer introduces retiring veterans, William Duffey (at left) and Glenn Brantley at a recent ceremony.

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