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**Residents' concerns stall rezoning plan**

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Residents concerned about a proposed housing development along the northern side of Freedom Road, west of Gill Road in Farmington Hills got their wish Monday to stall a

rezoning request. Despite dealing with a reputable developer, neighbors said they were worried the mostly wooded property near their homes could sprout apartments with multiple levels if the zoning was changed. Developer Isam Yaldo said he

is proposing to build detached condominium units by tying the two narrow lots together, making 4.7 acres. Currently, each lot has one house surrounded by woods. Residents along Beechwood and Gill Road appeared before the City Council Monday to

voice their concerns during the public hearing portion of the request. Yaldo said he would like the two properties rezoned from RC-1, one-family residential, to RC-1, multiple family residential, because the current zoning restricts the number of units he

could build. Residents said they understood the property will likely be developed, but asked the land not be rezoned to RC-1 for fear something could go wrong with Yaldo's proposal.

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**Court ruling won't affect libraries**

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

What some might say is another blow against individual rights was delivered by the U.S. Supreme Court this week.

In a 6-3 ruling, the high court said the government can force libraries to put filters on their Internet connections if they want to receive federal funding.

For the Farmington Community Library, the effects of the ruling remain to be seen, Executive Director Bev Papai said.

Currently, the Farmington and Farmington Hills libraries don't rely on federal funds or grants to operate, Papai said.

Only the children's area and young adult area computers with Internet connections are equipped with filters to weed out adult content. Computers in the adult area, where teenagers may log onto the Internet, are not, Papai said.

The ruling, however, may have ripple effects that could lead to state laws limiting Internet content available to library patrons, she said.

Already, Papai said, she has read about a Michigan conservative group's effort to put filters on all library Internet connections regardless of funding sources. "We can look forward to increased attempts (to filter)

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**Potter power**

Craig Mayo and his 9-year-old son, Brad, from Farmington Hills enjoyed a little role playing during the Harry Potter party at the Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Hundreds of children attended the pre-release party for the best seller, which went on sale at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, June 21.

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**Barnett makes mayoral bid official**

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Vicki Barnett this week filed her signed petitions to run for mayor in this year's council election.

So far, no one else has even pulled petitions to challenge Barnett for the two-year term that will replace Mayor Nancy Bates, whose term will expire in November.

Bates said she will not run for election to the council. In a statement, Barnett declared that she wants to continue the city's proud tradition of efficiently providing quality municipal services effectively and at the lowest possible cost.

"Even in an era of declining revenue-sharing funds from the state, we have managed to balance our city budget without raising tax rates or cutting services," she said.

Barnett said as mayor, she would remain a passionate advocate for the city and its citizens. "I will continue to promote the city's interests in Lansing, Pontiac and with our representatives in Congress."

The councilwoman, who holds a master's degree in business administration, is a financial consultant. She represents the city as alternate delegate to the Southwestern Michigan Council of Governments

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**Family Buggy hosts benefit for employee**

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

The Family Buggy Restaurant really is like family among its dozens of employees.

So when someone gets sick, a family attitude just naturally kicks in, said Don Payne. He along with his wife Peggy own the three Family Buggy restaurants, including the Farmington

Hills location on Orchard Lake and 13 Mile.

Peggy said when Don was battling cancer years ago, the employees didn't hesitate to lend a hand while the Paynes concentrated on getting Don back on his feet.

"They stepped in and took care of things so that our family could focus on Don's recovery," Peggy said.

So when one of the Buggy's longtime employees, waitress Joann Griffin, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, the Paynes knew they had to help.

Peggy offered to work Joann's shift and turned over tips she earned. Regular customers concerned about Joann's progress have left

**Longacre House seeks new members**

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

The Longacre House in Farmington Hills is seeking new members.

Volunteers will join the folks involved in the

Farmington Historical Society's History Booth, which will be set up at the Founders Festival in downtown Farmington July 17-19.

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**National scholar**

Sara Elizabeth Verdura of Farmington Hills accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Michigan State University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is a non-profit and highly selective honors organization that recognizes first- and second-year undergraduate students who excel academically.

**Tyndale VP**

William Tyndale College Provost Gary Oster announced that Fred A. Schebor was appointed to the position of vice president for enrollment management and assumed duties June 16 at the college located in Farmington Hills.

Schebor, a resident of Farmington Hills who has more than 25 years experience in college recruiting, will oversee admissions, financial aid, student retention efforts and alumni affairs.

Prior to accepting this position, Schebor was dean of admissions at Marygrove College in Detroit.

**Make a difference**

In conjunction with the fifth annual Arby's Charity Tour, local residents are encouraged to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of metro Detroit by purchasing a "Make-A-Difference" pin-up in area Arby's restaurants from July 19 to Aug. 8.

The pin-ups are sold for \$1 each and provide customers an opportunity to make a donation and, in return, have their names displayed in the restaurant.

The net proceeds from the pin-ups support Big Brothers Big Sisters of metro Detroit.

Since its inception in 1996, the nationwide Arby's Charity Tour has raised more than \$9 million for youth mentoring organizations.

The second phase of the Arby's Charity Tour fund-raising in Detroit will include a premier golf tournament and auction.

For information, visit www.act4our.com

**Heritage concerts**

Brazilian Love Affair will perform as part of the Stars in the Park concert series at 7:30 p.m. tonight, June 26, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

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