

# The year in review

## Saks' flags came down; festival fireworks went up

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the last of two articles listing the newsworthy events of 1984.

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It was neither the best of times nor the worst of times. Overall, the 1984 probably was somewhere in the middle for most Farmington-area residents.

Here are some of the events to which we turned our attention during the past year.

### MAY

• Dr. Lawrence Zachary, a Farmington Hills physician who works at Detroit's Harper Hospital, was part of a team which reattached the severed thumb of a 42-year-old Detroit. Zachary put in some extra effort in the case when he raced to the man's east side home to look for — and find — the thumb, which had been cut off in a power saw accident.

• Recently-appointed Farmington Hills Councilman Robert Anzlovar sued

the city and Oakland Community College over an February incident in which his wife, Sara, was knocked down by a basketball player at the OCC gymnasium. In one of the two counts, Sara Anzlovar alleged that OCC and the city were negligent because the gymnasium's design forced her to walk near a basketball court to leave the building. While walking near the court an unidentified player knocked her down, the complaint said.

• About 8,000 Detroit Edison customers in Farmington Hills were without power after winds clocked at 90 miles per hour devastated the area on April 30. Many homes in the Quaker Valley and Bramble Hills subdivisions were powerless from about 10:15 a.m. on Monday until 10:32 p.m. the following Thursday.

• A helicopter carried Angela Guimmo, 16-month-old quadriplegic, from a Toledo hospital to Farmington's Oak Hill Nursing Home, where she was to participate in a program which attempted to treat the old and the young in the same setting.

• A six-year capital-improvements program was unveiled at a Farmington Hills City Council meeting. Many positive comments from the audience about the program were heard during the meeting.

• Farmington's Board of Education voted 6-1 to adopt a millage increase of 1.2 mills to raise \$1.36 million for the 1984-85 school year.

• Farmington Hills City Manager Larry Savage resigned effective June 30. Council named William Costick, who had been Savage's assistant, to fill the post beginning July 1.

### JUNE

• Five candidates were vying for three seats on the Farmington Hills Board of Education. They were incumbents Michael Manore and Richard Wood, and challengers Linda Abner, George Roberts and Daniel Bibik.

• Ben Marks and Terry Sever filed to run against Robert Anzlovar for the Farmington Hills City Council seat in the August primary, which narrowed the field to two candidates.

• Farmington Hills Mayor Charles Williams met a barrage of opposition in his attempt to reduce the recom-

mended budget for the city library during a public hearing on the matter.

• James Abernethy, a newcomer to elective politics, led the field in the Farmington school election and won a four-year term on the board of education. Incumbent Helen Fritow, the second-best vote getter, gained a four-year term.

• In the Clarenceville school election, Michael Manore and Richard Wood were re-elected to four-year terms. Linda Abner was elected to fill a year left on the term of a resigned trustee.

• Farmington Hills auto dealers planned strategy to fight city-imposed restrictions on the American flags some of them display. Bob Saks Oldsmobile on Grand River, known for its gigantic American flag, was forced by the city zoning enforcement department to take down the rest of its smaller flags.

• Chances are pretty good that, when a crime is committed, the criminal will walk away free, Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson told a chamber of commerce meeting at the Botaford Inn. "We're losing the war," he said. "The bad guys are ahead."

• A two-year contract, featuring a \$22,000 annual salary, was awarded to William Costick, Farmington Hills' new city manager.

### JULY

• The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) moved its Field Operations Bureau from downtown Detroit to 24897 Hathaway in Farmington Hills.

• Farmington Hills City Council planned to place a charter amendment on the ballot which would raise the millage limit from 10 mills to 11.5 for 20 years. The additional 1.5 mills would be to pay for capital improvements.

• Mary Christine Fortier was named the 1984 Farmington Founders' Festival Scholarship Pageant winner. The new Miss Farmington, a 5-foot-4 brunette, beat out eight other contestants.

• Lewis Schulman, the 64-year-old superintendent of the Farmington Schools, underwent triple-bypass heart surgery at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital.

• Jon Grant, president of the 20th annual Farmington Founders' Festival, called the event "a smashing success." Grant estimated that 250,000 people attended the five-day festival.

• Planning commissioner Tom Duke lashed out at city council criticism of his voting record, saying he was being victimized by election-seeking politicians. Duke, a real estate broker, was accused of being ineffective by Councilman Robert Anzlovar, who was standing for re-election.

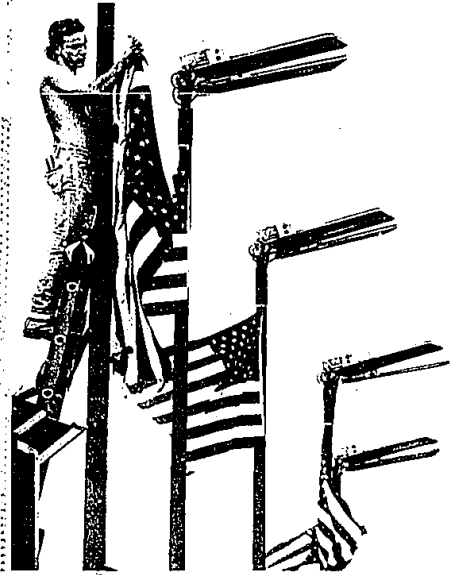
### AUGUST

• A police investigation into a break-in at a Farmington Hills fire sta-

tion led to the arrest of Lawrence Karon, the city's former fire chief, on an unrelated charge of embezzlement of \$100 or less, a misdemeanor. Karon, who resigned shortly before the charge was handed down, stood mute at his arraignment before 47th District Judge Margaret Shafer.

• Ben Marks and Terry Sever were the top vote getters in the Aug. 7 primary, bumping Councilman Robert Anzlovar out of the running for a seat on the Farmington Hills City Council. Marks and Sever were to square off in the November election.

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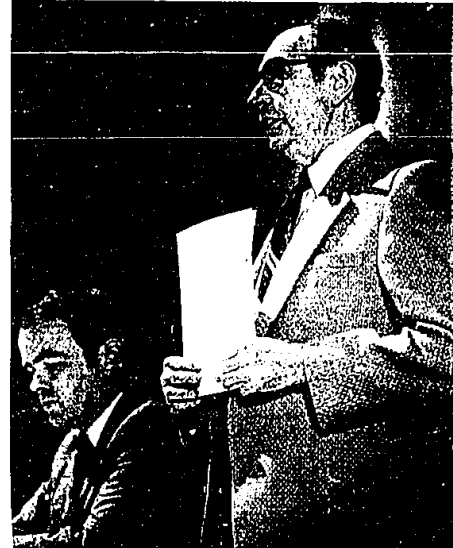


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The American flags in front of Bob Saks Motor Mall on Grand River were taken down in June because they violated a Farmington Hills zoning ordinance.



Fireworks lighted the night skies (left) at the conclusion of the 20th annual Farmington Founders' Festival, called the best ever by an official, in July. Two employees of Bill Hermann Renault pondered the closing of the Farmington Hills auto dealership in September.



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Lewis Schulman, superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools, underwent heart surgery in July.

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