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APRIL 26 to May 6 has
been designated
internationally and in
Farmington Hills as
the Days of Remembrance of
the Victims of the Nazi
Holocaust.

Mayor Ben Marks' proclamation points to the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust as part of the systematic program of genocide and the millions of others who died as victims of Nazism from 1933 to 1945.

Marks called on residents to "rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people" and "to remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish."

EXCESSIVE road mud caused by construction work won't be tolerated in Farmington Hills.

Contractors, subcontractors and suppliers are required to remove mud or debris deposited on streets within 24 hours.

Failure to comply may result in a stop work order, withholding of inspections and a misdemeanor ticket. Report excessive road mud to the building department at 473-9517 weekdays.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Tiger stars Lance Parrish and Alan Trammell were in Farmington Hills to kick off the 1986 edition of the 65 Roses Club, which benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in cooperation with the Detroit Tigers.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Observer All-Stars

Fourteen high school students have been selected to the third annual Observer Newspapers Academic All-Star team. The all-stars and their schools are (from top of the stairs, left) Paul Fontana of Stevenson, Gregory Balse of Redford Union, Michael J. Bloomfield of John Glenn, Gregory Shomo of Franklin, Brian Tobin of Farmington (right, from top), Heather Burrows of Churchill, Mark Schlofsky of North Farmington, Annette DiIworth of Stevenson, Jody Payne of

John Glenn (seated from left), Mark Rearick of Plymouth-Salem, Todd Roshak of North Farmington, Todd Wright of Lutheran North-west, Michael Chiang of Detroit Catholic Central and Philip Brosnan (not pictured) of Thurston. The all-stars were selected based on high school grade point average in academic subjects combined with national test scores. Look for their pictures and story in Thursday's Suburban Life section.

Community center role may change

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Change might be the Farmington Community Center's one avenue of financial salvation.

"I think your direction is going to be completely different than it started out to be," Farmington Hills Mayor Ben Marks told center board president Nancy Finley.

Mayor Marks "I think you have to go into a completely brand new horizon. Instead of finding what's old, discover what's new," Marks added.

Finley documented the center's ailing financial health before a joint meeting of the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils Wednesday.

Her presentation was not entirely a tale of woe.

She also came armed with a plan of action — not a request for financial help from the cities as some council members anticipated — to help turn the center's financial tide.

The first move will be an attempt to release \$165,000 in the center's Angel trust fund that the board of directors had previously restricted for capital improvements, Finley said.

BEFORE CENTER board members release the money, they want some assurances. "However, I don't think the board wants to do that (release money) unless community support for the center is shown," said Richard Wells, center treasurer.

The money would be used to hire additional staff and an interim director (executive director Betty Paine is resigning June 1). With four full-time employees, lack of adequate staff has been blamed for the center's failure to expand and add revenue-producing activities.

Trust money will pay for a study to determine what the center's role should be and whether the center would do better offering other types of programs. The study is expected

to explore ways of improving contributions and new financial sources.

"There is increased competition in the community. We are really in competition with a lot of other people," Finley said.

The center competes in offering classes and activities with the Farmington YMCA, Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation and particularly, the Farmington Community Library.

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Center support sought

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Nancy Finley made her intentions quite clear.

Farmington Community Center officials do not want give up the financially ailing center. And no, center officials are not looking to the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills to bail out the 19-year-old center.

"I have not asked for any money tonight. My intention is not to ask for money," said Finley, center board president, Wednesday in addressing the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils.

Finley's response was prompted by a lengthy commentary from Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Joan Dudley, who apparently assumed Finley would ask the cities for money.

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It's no lark she's involved in cable TV

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

It must be her name. It's different enough to be easily recognizable. And it has helped draw

necessary attention throughout the cable television industry to Lark Samouelian and the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) she represents.

In a few short years, Samouelian's

name has become synonymous with the cable industry and, in particular, with quality community access.

There's a speaking suspicion that even if she had a simple name, Samouelian would still be drawing kudos and respect throughout the cable industry.

The reason is simple. She loves what she's doing and she loves encouraging others to give the often-hidden creative flair a try.

"I guess I create some kind of foundation for other people," said Samouelian, who represents Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills in their cable agreement with MetroVision of Oakland County.

"I SEE characters in other people that can help them grow to their potential and I can help them realize

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Lark Samouelian, executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, is unabashed by the technical side of commu-

ty access programming. Here she shows how to use the special effects monitor at MetroVision of Oakland County.

Search is ruled unconstitutional

By Casey Hans
staff writer

The 1979 strip search of a Farmington Hills police employee suspected of stealing a co-worker's wallet was unconstitutional, the Michigan Court of Appeals in Lansing ruled Tuesday.

The appellate court ruled the search violated Gayna Lynn Willing's Fourth Amendment right to protection against unreasonable search and seizure.

The search was conducted by the Hills police department, culminating in a lawsuit against the police department after Willing, then a 20-year-old employee and Farmington resident, was acquitted of the felony theft charge.

Reversing an Oakland County Circuit Court decision, the appellate court ordered Judge Steven Andrews to determine whether Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols and other defendants who were previously dismissed are liable for involvement in the case.

Nichols, Farmington Hills police chief at the time of the 1979 search, did not comment on the case. Farmington Hills City Attorney Paul Bibeau did not return telephone calls to speak for the city about the case. Current administration, including City Manager William Costick and Police Chief William Dwyer, were not employed by the city when the alleged civil rights violation occurred.

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