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MIXING it up.
The Farmington/
Farmington Hills
Chamber of
Commerce will host chamber
members from Livonia, Novi
and Redford Township at a
business after-hours mixer 5-7
p.m. Thursday, June 4, at
Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River,
Farmington Hills.
Cost is \$5 per person. For
reservations, call the chamber:
474-3440.

SAYING thanks.
Teachers at Gill Elementary
in Farmington Hills were
honored the week of May 3 as
part of Teacher Appreciation
Week.
The PTA gave each teacher a
certificate, an appreciation
button and an apple.
Students gave teachers and
other staff members drawings,
notes, flowers and fruit.
Parents wrote personal notes of
encouragement and thanks.

IT'S off.
After months of debate,
Farmington Hills City Council
has decided not to authorize the
paving of Goldsmith, near
Eight Mile and Halsted.
The city council voted to not
act upon any new paving
petitions for one year, until
May 11, 1988. The latest
petitions showed 56 percent of
the property owners opposed to
paving the residential street.
The city administration also
opposed paving.

FOOTNOTES: One year
ago this week — Farmington
Public Schools employees
contributed \$25,210 to the
United Foundation and \$3,430
to the Salvation Army.

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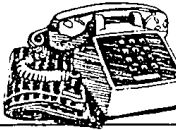
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Parents seek greater voice in the schools

By Casey Hans
staff writer

By October, Farmington school
trustees hope to see a community
council operating that links parents
and residents with school policy-
makers.

Some parents say the process isn't
moving quickly enough.

It also isn't involving all parents
who have concerns, some said last
week at a meeting of the school
board's community relations com-
mittee.

Parents were vocal despite the
sparse turnout. Less than half the
number of parents attending the
first meeting in March were at the
O.E. Dunckel Middle School cafete-
ria Tuesday.

"An essential ingredient is that
parents are elected by other parents
to represent their school," stressed
parent Elizabeth Lurie, who origi-
nally proposed a "community gov-
ernance council."

"If we end up with a group ap-
pointed by administration . . . these
groups will go away."

SINCE THE March meeting,
school administrators have met with
principals, prompting them to form
parent groups at each building. They
also researched and found 250 par-
ents involved with booster clubs or
other parent groups already formed
in the schools. A list of names and

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— Elizabeth Lurie
Farmington Hills

organizations was passed out at the
meeting.

The organizational efforts by ad-
ministrators angered several other
parents, although it appeared school
officials were trying to be helpful.

"Nothing was to be decided until
we met again," said one parent. "It
sounds as if it has been decided. Are
the administrators selecting people
that might lean toward their con-
cerns? Just how were the parents se-
lected?"

Administrators and principals said
they contacted the parents who were
currently active in their schools to
get the process moving. Committee
and board members said they felt
parents had to organize at each
building before some sort of district-
wide council could be formed.

"I think you have to communicate
to everybody in the beginning stages,"
said another parent. "That's

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Feedback sought on widening plan

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

She just wanted to talk about 14
Mile.

Unfortunately, the West Bloom-
field Township resident was at the
wrong Farmington Hills road meet-
ing last week.

But the Pebble Creek Condomi-
niums resident will be happy to know
that Farmington Hills city manager
William Costick is committed to
meeting with residents to discuss the
proposed widening of 14 Mile.

"We have to work with the town-
ship. That's important," Costick said.
But planned discussions with both
West Bloomfield and Farmington

Hills residents who live on or near
the thoroughfare will definitely put a
crimp in widening and financing
plans.

"The time involved in that is going
to put us out of the realm of doing it
this year," Costick said.

The state of federal financing —
available through the Federal Aid to
Urban Highway Systems — may
also serve to crimp the \$1.6 million
construction project.

GRANT MONEY distributed an-
nually to counties for major road im-
provements has remained at the
same level over the last few years

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Up, up and away



National Hospital Week spotlighted

In celebration of National Hospi-
tal Week, Botsford General Hospi-
tal administrators showed their ap-
preciation to employees, volun-
teers and patients.

On May 10, all mothers on the

maternity floor of the Farmington
Hills hospital received a breakfast
buffet. All other patients received
a fresh flower with their break-
fasts.

The next day, employees, volun-
teers and Child Care Center chil-

dren launched tagged balloons.
Balloons will be tracked and a
prize awarded to the person whose
balloon travels the farthest.

Visitors, patients and employees
received theme mugs May 12. A
staff barbecue was held May 14.

His moving message: Don't drink and drive

By Casey Hans
staff writer

HIS SPARKLING blue eyes
opened slowly, to the
stark white of an Ann Ar-
bor hospital room.

Nothing made sense. There was no
time or place or feeling.

What Brian Moore didn't know
was that he had awakened from a 9-
month coma he suffered after sailing
through the windshield of his father's
truck on Memorial Day in 1978.

His brain was severely injured.
Two of the Livonia high school
junior's friends, also in the truck,
walked away to lead normal lives.
Today, the 26-year-old believes if he
had not been drinking in 1978, the
accident would not have happened.
He pleads for others not to take the
same road.

"I was really messed up," he said,
with halting speech that has taken
nine years of therapy to perfect.
"Because of all the hell I went
through, I don't want them to go
through the same thing, or worse."

people

**'When I got better, I
wanted to go out and
speak out against the
stupidity of drinking
and driving.'**

— Brian Moore
accident victim

BRIAN VISITED the Farmington
area recently to tell his story to Har-
rison and Farmington high school
students. His talk to Harrison stu-
dents will be shown today at 3:30 and
9 p.m. on cable Channel 12, the com-
munity access station for the Farm-
ington area.

He is also participating in a cable
show, "Drinking and Driving — A

Bad Combination," produced by
Robert Bolak in cooperation with
Metrovision of Oakland County.

"Brian communicates in a power-
ful way," Bolak said. The program
will attempt to reach what Bolak
calls "militant teenagers" by creat-
ing "fear appeal."

More than 50 percent of automo-
bile fatalities involve drivers with
alcohol in their blood. Of the 72,000
head injuries reported in Michigan
each year, 21,000 are alcohol-related,
according to information from
Ditty, Lynch and Associates, a Bir-
mingham program that helps those
with brain injuries.

Brian lives in one of the compa-
ny's residential facilities in Livonia,
where he is learning skills so he can
live independently.

He walks slowly, aided by a walk-
er.

The brain injury has caused per-
sistent memory problems that hinder
writing ambitions Brian had at
the time of his accident. Despite his

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