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TOP honors.
Farmington Hills
resident Murray
Feidman took a first
place for individual reporting
in the 1987 UPI Michigan
Broadcast Awards competition.
He's the business editor at
WJBK-TV/Channel 2.

The Southfield-based
television station, winner of 10
awards, was named station of
the year for TV stations with
staffs of 50 or more.

HAPPY anniversary.
The morning drive-time
team of JJ and the Morning
Crew, led by Jim Johnson and
George Baier, marked its 10th
anniversary on the air last
week.

JJ and the Morning Crew can
be heard on Farmington Hills-
based WLLZ-FM weekdays.

COUNCIL liaison.
Fellow Farmington Hills
council members have named
Aldo Vagnozzi their liaison to
two city boards, the
Commission on Aging and the
Library Board of Trustees.

GRANT winner.
The Farmington Hills
Department of Special Services
Senior Adult Division received
a State Commission on Services
to the Aging grant for \$2,475 to
buy three recliner chairs.
Grants were awarded
through competitive bidding.

FOOTNOTES: One year
ago this week — To help fund
the Farmington Founders
Festival, the Farmington/
Farmington Hills Chamber of
Commerce is planning a
drawing where the top prize is
a 1987 Chevrolet Corvette.

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Prosecutor aids sex assault probe

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By Alice Collins
staff writer

Oakland County prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson has assigned an assistant prosecutor to work with police as the investigation into the sexual assaults of nine women focuses on some specific leads.

The series of rapes and attempted rapes in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills began April 8. The most recent victim was a 17-year-

old girl attacked Jan. 26 in her home in Birmingham.

Evidence indicates the attacks could be the work of the same assailant, described as white, about 5 feet 11, with a thin to medium build. He wears a ski mask, carries a knife and police believe he stalks his victims before attacking them.

"I've put senior trial lawyer John Stevin into the investigation to be available to police for legal assistance in such things as drafting search warrants," Patterson said Wednesday.

"We want to make sure that as leads are pursued, the evidence gath-

ered along the way will be protected for use in court.

"Police aren't ready to seek a warrant at this time, but there are leads they're pursuing."

PATTERSON SAID he assigned Stevin after Bloomfield Township police Lt. Jeffrey Werner briefed him on the investigation and requested assistance.

Michigan State Police and the FBI have been asked for assistance in the broad investigation involving police from the Birmingham-Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills departments.

The most recent attack intensified the fear among area residents, initiated a wave of rumors over possible suspects and resulted in community meetings with police.

Police, however, have been reluctant to reveal anything about the direction of the investigation or of possible suspect or suspects for fear of impeding that investigation.

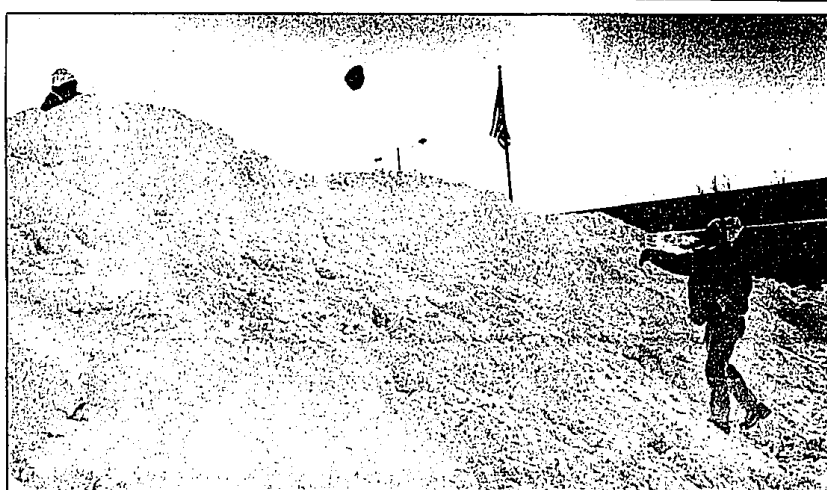
On Tuesday night, the fear and concern of area residents was apparent when hundreds turned out for a free seminar on self-protection against sexual assaults at The Community House in Birmingham. It was the second such clinic sponsored by

The Community House since the attacks began. The first one was held in May.

"I DON'T believe anyone counted the actual number of people," said Community House director Gale Colwell, referring to Tuesday's seminar, "but there were hundreds. The auditorium was full to capacity. There were at least three times as many as were here before."

Colwell said the session was "outstanding" and that more may be scheduled.

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Brian Ratliff (right) and his 4-year-old son, Jonathon, stop to parking lot. The Farmington residents were on their way to play on a huge pile of snow in the Downtown Farmington Center breakfast Friday.

10-inch snow creates work, fun

More storm pictures on Page 3A

By Casey Hane
and Bob Sklar
staff writers

THE YOUNG at heart could be found at sledding hills and in their yards last week, enjoying the best of what Jack Frost and Old Man Winter had to offer.

Others hibernated at home until the worst was over.

Up to 10 inches of the dry and fluffy stuff fell throughout the area Thursday and Friday, making driving slow-going and giving students in all Farmington-area schools a snow day. The sledding hill at Shawwassee and Farmington Road was a popular attraction.

Many residents, including John Jones of Farmington, were kept busy shoveling their driveways in what seemed a sometimes futile

effort to keep them cleared.

But the Farmington resident of 11 years said he didn't mind. "I've been a native of Michigan all my life," he said, "and I like the snow. I've always liked Michigan in February, because the sun's usually out and it makes it more enjoyable."

Jones said he planned to get out the cross-country skis Saturday.

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CBD street work to start

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By Casey Hane
staff writer

A Farmington Hills firm will do the first phase of streetscape improvements slated to begin in downtown Farmington this spring.

The project is the beginning of \$1.4 million in improvements that will be made in the city's central business district during the next five to six years. It is being financed through the Downtown Development Authority, which will take income from increased tax assessments within the development district to pay for improvements.

Concord Cement Co., with offices on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, was low bidder of seven companies at \$273,505. The company will act as general contractor for the project, working with landscape contractors and others throughout the spring and summer months. Concord said the project would take 33 working days to complete, according to their bid.

Other bids ranged as high as \$456,640 with 180 working days quoted for completion, according to information provided by the DDA office.

The DDA board voted unanimously.

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Jackie Green, at work as a dispatch coordinator for the Farmington Hills Police Department.

She stays cool in tough times

By Joanne Mallazewski
staff writer

She's sensitive, yet purposely distant. She's polite and kind. But when the going gets tough, so will she.

"You have to take control of the situation. People are hysterical, understandably so," said Jackie Green, Farmington Hills police dispatch coordinator.

Green is one of the voices you'll hear when making an emergency call to the Farmington Hills police or fire departments. For nine years, she has taken an uncountable number of calls, assuring callers that the officers or firefighters she has dispatched are on their way.

"You can't be hesitant with people on the phone. You're assuring them everything will be OK, that officers are on their way," said Green, 29.

"You don't want to be mean to people. No matter what the incident, it is so important to a person right then and there. You have to remember that. But sometimes, you have to shout at people to get them to calm down."

She describes her job matter-of-

people

factly. It can be tough and stressful, especially when the adrenaline starts raging when an honest-to-goodness emergency comes in.

"When you're typing the log, giving out radio runs, it can get stressful. There's no time to get up and walk around. You are constantly busy. There's a constant flow of phone calls."

SHE'S JUST as matter-of-fact about the good feelings her job brings. Green was the dispatcher who by telephone coached parents Sue and Lee Luttman in reviving their baby, Tony, who had stopped breathing June 1, 1985.

She had just been certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation when she got the call from the Luttmans. She was nervous, but once she heard

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