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TAKE note, says the non-profit Michigan Head Injury Alliance (MHIA). Alliance member Kathy McEvilly will hand out literature from a booth at the Founders Festival in downtown Farmington July 14-16. Each year, there are up to 20,000 new cases of closed head injury in Michigan, mostly to males between ages 15-25. Most require lifelong rehabilitation. There is no cure for a closed head injury. Practice prevention by wearing seat belts, using helmets and following safety habits, McEvilly said.

TALKING about the Founders Fest, Don Kaump is the winner of a brand-new Corvette, courtesy of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. Kaump was the grand prize winner in the chamber's Founders Day Fantasy Car Raffle, in which tickets sold for \$100.

Kaump, manager at the Elks Lodge of Farmington Hills, called his \$100 investment rewarding.

"I was shocked when I heard I won it," said Kaump. "But I was very happy." Kaump's ownership of the 1988 red Corvette, which retails for \$30,000-plus, will be short-lived. He's 6-3 so is too tall to sit in it.

"I'm trying to sell the car and make the best deal I can for myself," he said. Ironically, he bought the winning ticket from fellow Elk Jake Jenkins, owner of Greene's Hamburgers in Farmington, who won a red Corvette in last year's raffle.

Nine shopping spree prizes, from \$100 to \$1,000, also were presented at a reception for ticket buyers May 28 at the Farmington Community Center.

Nearly 500 tickets were sold. All proceeds beyond the cost of the prizes will be earmarked for the 1988 Founders Festival July 14-16.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Rescuing the Rouge

Farmington Hills Mayor Jody Soronen (foreground), Steve Lay (with cap), 13, of Commerce Township, Marge Whittemore (far rear) of Farmington Hills and Farmington Hills assessor Dean Babb (partially hidden by

Soronen) toss tree limbs from the river onto the shore during Rouge Rescue '88 Saturday morning in Farmington Hills. For the story, please see Page 3A.

School unions won't endorse in board races

By Casey Hans
staff writer

For the first time in its history, a political action committee representing four Farmington school unions will not support any of the three candidates for the June election.

Committee members came to their decision because the district's support personnel have not reached a contract settlement with the district, according to a recent letter.

That issue and others were raised Wednesday, when the trio of candidates, including incumbents James Abernethy and Helen Prutow and newcomer Bruce Jacob, appeared at a Candidates Night sponsored by the American Association of University Women-Farmington Branch.

Decision-making skills, technological advances, a new elementary

school and enrichment programs represent a few other issues on the candidates' political platforms in this year's race for the two Farmington school board seats.

But as the Monday, June 13, election draws nearer, employees of the district have taken a solidarity stance, adding the one issue they feel is important this year.

Wednesday was the last time the three will meet in public to debate the issues before the election. Questions covered not only the negotiating issues, but curriculum, administration, policy changes in the district, substance abuse programs and seat belt use on school buses.

THE PROGRAM was not taped for later cablecast, as in previous years.

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Police capture assault suspect

A 24-year-old Farmington Hills woman was assaulted and raped in her house near Nine Mile and Middlebelt at 4:10 p.m. Thursday.

The victim, who did not know her assailant, was treated at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and released, police said.

Patrol officers arrested a suspect, a 17-year-old Southfield man, after a short foot chase that ended near Eton and Grayfield.

"The incident is not connected to the Oakland County serial rapist," Farmington Hills police Lt. Richard Murphy said Friday.

Murphy was referring to 11 unsolved rapes or attempted rapes committed by a ski-masked, knife-wielding man since April 1987.

Arrested Friday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Ronald Steven Nelson stood mute to one count of criminal sexual conduct (first degree (penetration by force)). An innocent plea was entered.

Nelson was remanded to the Oakland County Jail, Pontiac, in lieu of a \$100,000 cash or surety bond. A pre-arrest conference was scheduled for Wednesday in 47th District Court, Farmington. The defendant faces up to life in prison if convicted.

A check to determine if the suspect has previous felony convictions was pending Friday.

Murphy would not say whether the rapist broke into the woman's house nor would he discuss a motive. No more details about the incident were released because of the continuing investigation, he said.

Traffic, growth spur new Hills speed limits

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Heavy traffic and the need for increased safety has prompted a change in speed limits on some Farmington Hills roads.

Roads under the city's jurisdiction will boast new speed limit signs shortly. Others under Oakland County jurisdiction are awaiting approval from the Oakland County Road Commission, said assistant city manager David Call.

"As development has occurred, the roads are more traveled, there is more access into residential and shopping areas and driveways. And as development has occurred, the city has lowered speeds to improve safety and to make them more realistic," Call said.

The new speeds will take effect when signs are posted on city-controlled roads sometime within the next week.

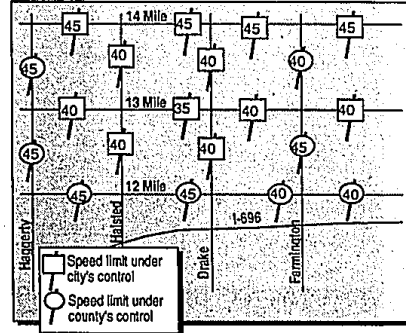
It's uncertain how long it will take the county to consider the city's requests for speed changes, Call said.

BASED ON a traffic study, the city council has changed speeds on the following city-controlled roads:

- 13 Mile, Halsted to Drake, 35 mph from existing 30 mph.
- 13 Mile, Haggerty to Halsted, 40 mph from existing 35 mph.
- 13 Mile, Drake to Farmington, 40 mph from existing 45 mph.
- 13 Mile, Farmington to Orchard Lake, 40 mph from existing 45 mph.
- Drake, 13 to 14 Mile, 40 mph from existing 35 mph.
- Drake, 12 to 13 Mile, will remain the same at 40 mph.
- 14 Mile, from Haggerty to Orchard Lake, will remain the same at 45 mph.

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New speed limits in Farmington Hills



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Deborah Macon listens at a meeting of the West Bloomfield Community Education Central Advisory Council.

LWV chief stays busy

By Carolyn DeMarco
staff writer

It doesn't take Deborah Macon long to establish roots. She sort of brings her clippings with her.

Transplanted from New Jersey four years ago, the West Bloomfield resident is outgoing president of the Bloomfield Hills School District's PTO Council and new president of the League of Women Voters West Bloomfield-Farmington.

She's also heavily involved in the Community Education Central Advisory Council and a member of the Pontiac chapter of Alpha Kappa Al-

people

pha, a service sorority composed of professional black women.

Macon's husband, Ken, was transferred by Allied Signal to Southfield, where he is the director of health, safety and environmental affairs.

"I WAS most interested in a place

with good schools, a colonial (home) and a diverse community, which this clearly is in just about anything you pick," Macon said.

While she worked as a professional accountant in New Jersey after receiving a master's in business administration at Rutgers, she's hasn't worked in Michigan.

"I've had jobs I've loved," she said, "but I'm not planning to work full-time in the near future. I will eventually get back into the job market."

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