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JUST as in neighboring Farmington, the Hills clerk's staff is awash with preparations for the Nov. 8 general election.

Since the Aug. 2 primary, at least 3,000 new voter registrations have been received. The deadline to register for the Nov. 8 general election was Oct. 11. "The last day of registration, they were lined up down the hall," clerk Kathy Dorman said.

"We're getting more registrations in everyday from the Secretary of State and other communities," she said. Dorman must file her voter registration list with the county elections clerk by Wednesday. The clerk's office also is busy with absentee voter ballot requests and with requests about registration status and where to vote.

More than 6,500 AV ballots have been requested so far. In the 1984 presidential election, 7,250 AV ballots were requested and 71 percent of the registered voters voted. This year, the city has more than 45,000 registered voters.

Memory lane

50 years ago:

Farmington's present WPA projects, construction of the Silwassee Street sewer and redecoration of the high school, are shorthanded today because so many men have been called back to work in nearby factories.

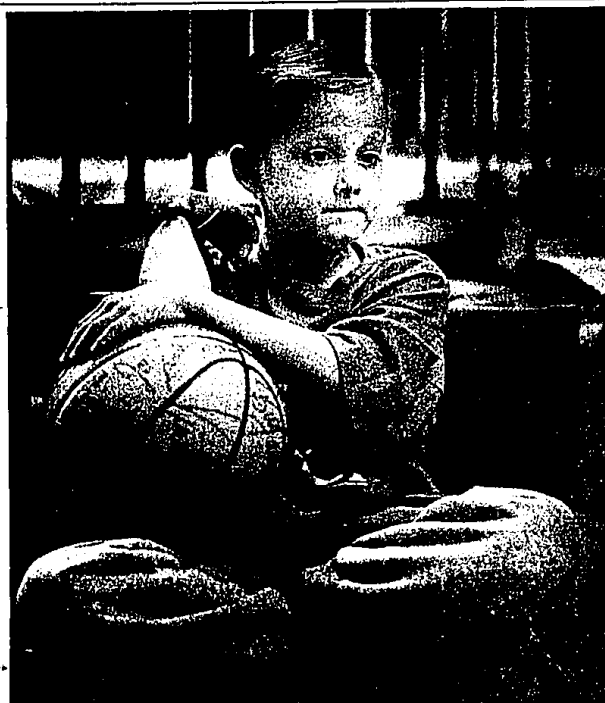
Farmington's "Modernize for Winter" campaign, featured in a full-page ad about merchants and artisans, is receiving statewide notice by the Federal Housing Administration.

A&P was advertising Double sliced pineapple for 10 cents a can. — Farmington Enterprise, Oct. 27, 1938

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DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Aaron "Frankie" Galloway, 7, of Farmington Hills took his basketball signed by the Detroit Pistons with him when he was hospitalized briefly last week. Orchard Lake city officials arranged a special preview of the Pistons for Frankie, who has leukemia.

Pistons brighten day in boy's fight for life

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Aaron "Frankie" Galloway, a tow-headed wispy of a boy who turned 7 on June 3, is wide-eyed and smiling at mention of the Detroit Pistons.

Two weeks ago the Farmington Hills boy enjoyed a special preseason practice performance by the Pistons in Windsor, Canada, promoted by Orchard Lake City councilman Anthony "Tony" Baginski.

For two hours, Frankie, as he is called by family and friends, enjoyed Pistons maneuvering. At the end of the practice, team members autographed a basketball and

presented it to the boy.

"It was the best day of my life," he said with a shy grin.

The following day, however, was "the worst day" of his short life. He was admitted to Children's Hospital in Detroit, in excruciating pain from bone inflammation.

Frankie Galloway has leukemia. He is in a battle for his life after an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant in January.

But mention the Pistons and Frankie lights up.

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Hills planner resigns post

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills planning commissioner Paul Welday has announced his resignation by letter in the wake of a city council request for his resignation because of his poor attendance at the commission's weekly meetings.

"I do not intend for this to become a political football nor do I intend to have my name dragged through the mud without being present to state my case," said Welday, 29, a political consultant.

"I would hope that the city council would understand that my obligations to my business and my family are paramount and that these considerations had to take precedence over a few weekly meetings of the planning commission," Welday wrote in a letter to Mayor Jody Soronen.

Soronen asked Welday by letter to resign from his two-year-old appointment in the wake of concern about his poor attendance and expected absence from Farmington Hills while working on a Congressional campaign in Iowa through the Nov. 8 general election.

Welday was unsuccessful in the August primary for the Republican



Paul Welday
"left to wonder"

nomination in the 69th state House district.

OF 56 meetings since his first as a commissioner in February 1987 through July 1988, Welday was absent 11 times. Since the first meeting in August, Welday has been absent

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Jan Dolan: I'm sorry for goof

Republican state House candidate Jan C. Dolan apologized Friday for falsifying her age during the election campaign.

The 61-year-old Farmington Hills city councilwoman, a candidate for the 69th state House district seat, called the situation a "vanity thing" and said she "goofed."

"I'm hurt, I'll be honest," she said, in response to news coverage. "Right or wrong, I apologize. It was my decision. Anything that happens, I account for."

Dolan, a city councilwoman for the past 14 years, had told the press and the League of Women Voters she was 59. She is really 61. She listed the correct birthdate on her state election affidavit.

Earlier last week, when the Observer queried her about her age, she said she was pressured during her primary bid, where she faced three

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younger men.

ON FRIDAY, she defended herself against implications in an Observer editorial from the previous day that she might be unduly influenced by lobbyists on other issues if elected to the State House.

"I went through hell in this community 10 years ago over a stand I took," she said. "I still take strong stands and I always will."

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Despite burns, he rescues woman

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

A 72-year-old Farmington Hills man was burned when vapors from a flammable liquid he was using to refinish a floor in a neighbors' family room were ignited by a gas-fireplace pilot light Thursday, fire officials said.

John Markert, a retired floor refinisher, Friday was listed in fair condition in the University of Michigan Burn Center Intensive Care Unit, Ann Arbor, with burns over 20 percent of his body. Though burned on his hands, legs and back, Markert managed to carry resident Rosemary Kennedy, who had been napping in the den of her ranch home on West Newell Circle, to the front porch.

"He was really such a hero. He was extremely burned," said Kennedy, the mother of two teenage boys.

AFTER THE fire occurred at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Markert carried the burning container of refinishing liquid outside through the garage. Along the way, flames spread to cabinets in the kitchen. They also scorched a motorcycle in the garage. Heat from the fire melted plastic curtain covers in the family room,

said Farmington Hills deputy fire chief Peter Baldwin.

Markert then went back inside to find Kennedy. "He really didn't know where I was," she said. "He yelled, 'Ma'am, ma'am,' which woke me up. There was heavy black smoke everywhere. He found me by following my voice."

Kennedy said Markert was shaking and in shock from his burns. "I don't know how he managed to get me out of this house," she said.

Firefighters found the burning container of refinishing liquid on the front lawn when they arrived. By then, firefighter Frank Smith had carried Kennedy across the street to the home of Markert, whose wife called the fire department.

MARKERT WAS stabilized at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, before he was transferred to the burn center. Baldwin estimated fire damage at \$10,000.

"Keep flammable liquids away from open flame," he advised. "If you have fire involving such a liquid, don't try to remove it. Doing so just increases the chances of it spilling and the probability of your being injured."



Fire damage included cabinets and flooring in the kitchen of the W. Newell Circle home of Rosemary and Jon Kennedy.

City bans lingerie luncheons

By Casey Hays
staff writer

A new city policy will halt lunchtime lingerie shows at one downtown Farmington establishment, and not allow similar — or more explicit — entertainment at other bars in the city.

Twice-weekly lingerie shows at Page's Food & Spirits will not be allowed under the city council policy, in which no special entertainment permits would be allowed for businesses selling liquor by the glass.

Page's has been hosting such shows for the past 4½ years, but neither the business nor the city realized a special permit was needed in addition to a liquor-by-the-glass license, city officials said.

Page's was involved only because its situation raised an issue for the entire city, city manager Robert Deadman stressed. "Page's has been a very well-run, Class C liquor license establish-

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