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SPRUCING up Grand River, gracefully. Two buildings on the north side of Grand River will be spruced up with the help of an Oakland County loan subsidy program, offered to fix up building facades. The two are Grace Agency, 33304 Grand River, and the Farmington Bakery, next door. Each will be improved on the front and side.

According to business neighbor and Downtown Development Authority member Ron Oglesby, the Graces also plan to fix up the rear portion of both buildings.

PCB update. Michigan Flanagan, Farmington Public Schools deputy superintendent, said it's probable that all older light ballasts containing polychlorinated biphenyl, a potential health hazard in large and extended doses, will be replaced before the end of next summer.

The district has lumped buildings into smaller groups and will attack the problem "regionally," he said.

QUOTE of the week

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— Democrat John Dolan, unsuccessful candidate for the 69th state House district seat (see story this page).

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Jan Dolan headed to Lansing

□ Town-by-town breakdown, 3A

By Casey Hans and Joanne Maliszewski staff writers

Longtime Farmington Hills city councilwoman Jan C. Dolan will increase her political influence in January, filling an opening seat in the state House representing Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield Township.

She was elected to the 69th District post by a more than 20,000-vote margin Tuesday, garnering 73 percent of the vote. She will replace incumbent Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton, R-Farmington who retires Dec. 31 after 14 years in office.

"I feel great, I really do," the 61-year-old community activist said Wednesday. "I'm really looking forward to it."

News reports about the candidate falsifying her age during the campaign, and court action between her and opponent John E. Dolan because they have the same last names did not seem to affect voting results; she won handily in the heavily Republican district.

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Farmington Hills zoning board member Masse Kurzeja (left) and friends join Jan Dolan at her victory party Tuesday night. Also congratulating the state representative-elect is Oakland County commissioner Jack McDonald and his wife, Sharon.

Ballot questions

Nov. 8, 1988

	Overall		Farmington	Farmington Hills
	yes	no	yes	no
STATE				

Proposal A 54% 46% 3,015 2,288 18,326 16,658
(restrict use of tax funds for abortions for persons receiving public assistance)

Proposal B 80% 20% 4,193 896 26,899 5,059
(proposal to include crime victims' rights in the Constitution)

Proposal C 75% 25% 4,096 1,008 25,646 6,386
(proposal to authorize bonds for environmental protection programs)

Proposal D 66% 34% 3,288 1,749 20,111 11,457
(proposal to authorize bonds for state and local recreation projects)

COUNTY

\$25 motor vehicle registration fee 20% 80% 1,016 3,971 7,813 23,908

unofficial vote tallies

New 9-1-1 system to go on line Monday

Hills police to check for abuse

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

The new 9-1-1 telephone system, which takes effect Monday, is for emergencies only. Farmington Hills police will immediately begin monitoring all telephone calls received to determine if the system is being abused.

"The biggest concern we have is people trying to use 9-1-1 with other calls," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said. Dwyer is trying to avoid the problems encountered by other agencies, such as the Detroit police, in which non-emergency calls were tying up the 9-1-1 line. "They always had a recording on," he said. "Then they had to re-educate the public that 9-1-1 was only for emergencies."



Farmington Hills police dispatcher Margaret McParlane is one of the dispatchers who will interpret incoming data from the 9-1-1 system. The small monitor screen in the upper right will display the information from the calls received on the system.

For example, if a resident calls to report a malicious destruction of property incident, Farmington Hills dispatchers will ask the caller to dial the department's business phone number. "They will not take that

City managers mulling future of road projects

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

The Farmington and Farmington Hills city managers say it's back to the legislative drawing board in light of the overwhelming defeat of Oakland County's proposed \$25 vehicle registration fee.

Unofficially, 80 percent of Oakland County's voters defeated the

county rejects road tax, 3A
state proposals pass, 5A

controversial vehicle registration fee. Farmington and Farmington Hills voters followed suit. The proposal was defeated 3,971-1,016 in Farmington and 23,908-7,813 in Farmington Hills.

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Good samaritan falls from bridge

By Bob Sklar staff writer

A 24-year-old Farmington Hills man who tried to help victims in a multi-car freeway smashup suffered a head injury after falling more than 40 feet from an icy overpass Sunday night.

Seventeen people were hurt and 18 cars were involved in three separate chain-reaction accidents on the ramp between westbound I-696 and southbound I-275 about 8 p.m. during the first snowfall of the season.

Brian Gregory Joseph was listed

in stable condition Monday in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, police said. No update was available later in the week, a hospital spokeswoman said. "We're not exactly sure what happened with Mr. Joseph," said Sgt. David Beech of the Michigan State Police-Northville Post. "There's no indication he was struck by another car and knocked over the barrier wall."

"It appears he was trying to be a good samaritan," said Trooper Dan

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Ad blitz slated for 9-1-1

By Casey Hans staff writer

Watch for an advertising blitz in the next few weeks that will offer information about a new, county-wide system where residents will simply dial "9-1-1" in an emergency.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 14, the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, plus other Oakland County communities, will implement the new system. "Anything that the person believes is life-threatening, should call '9-1-1,'" explained Farmington public safety director Frank Lauboff.

In the city of Farmington, plans are well under way, just days before the system goes on line. Dispatchers

If the proposal had passed, Farmington would have received an estimated \$166,913 and Farmington Hills \$1.2 million annually for 10 years.

Farmington city manager Robert Deadman wasn't surprised by the proposal's defeat. "I think practically all political observers expected it

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Area backs GOP

The Republican party swept the Farmington area Tuesday, as voters went for president-elect George Bush, unsuccessful U.S. Senate candidate Jim Dunn and incumbent U.S. William Broomfield.

Only in Farmington Hills did Dunn lose to incumbent Democrat Donald Riegle and only by 145 votes. Dunn won by a 577-vote margin in Farmington.

With Farmington-area voters over Bush took 68 percent of the vote over Democrat Michael Dukakis and Dunn just over 50 percent. Broomfield took 75 percent of the vote over Democrat Gary Kohut.

Democratic activist George Roberts gave his views on this year's national election, especially the race for the White House: "I have been active in presidential elections since the Truman era," the Farmington Hills man said. "This is the worst election campaign I have ever seen."

Of all the national races, perhaps the one for U.S. representatives touches local communities the most.

Incumbent Broomfield breezed to his 17th consecutive term in Congress by soundly defeating Troy attorney Gary Kohut, a Democrat, for the second time in



George Roberts

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