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A POLOGY offered. Farmington Hills city councilman Ben Marks apologized to the Farmington school board Tuesday for a lack of communication between the city and the schools on a major sewer project involving property near Dunckel Middle School on 12 Mile.

Several school board members publicly voiced anger over the lack of communication. Marks assured trustees a joint meeting was being planned for early 1989 so more joint issues could be addressed.

OUR Dec. 8 story on Tommy McIntyre's book about the decade-old Oakland County child killer investigation prompted at least one telephone tip.

McIntyre, who lives in Southfield, said he was called at 11:30 the night the story was written by a man who had a bit of information.

McIntyre passed the tip on to the Michigan State Police.

Memory lane

50 years ago:

Though Farmington Justice John Schulte Jr. declined the offer of Oakland County prosecutor Charles Wilson to become his chief assistant, for one day this week he served as the honorary chief assistant.

Two more homes were robbed Sunday night, raising the number of homes robbed within the past month to six.

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Happy Holidays

Bosch worker misses Flight 103

Ex-employee dies in crash

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Robert Bosch Corp. employees were both relieved and saddened at learning that a Pan Am Boeing 747 jumbo jet had crashed Wednesday in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 256 people aboard and at least 22 on the ground.

John Blewett, a sales engineer for seven months in the Farmington Hills group sales and engineering center, was originally booked and scheduled to return on Pan Am Flight 103.

But Blewett, 24, a single Farmington Hills resident, rescheduled his flight when he didn't complete his business in Stuttgart, West Germany, where Bosch has its world headquarters and where he began his career as an intern.

"I was pushing to take the Pan Am flight but fortunately I wasn't able to," Blewett said. "I didn't hear about the plane crash until the next morning when I came into work. Everybody was looking at me kind of strangely. We had a Christmas party the night before and I thought maybe I had embarrassed myself or something."

"I asked them, 'What's wrong?'"

"You were going to take that flight," they said. "The plane went down and everyone aboard is dead. 'My stomach went to my feet,'" Blewett said.

BLEWETT ARRIVED safely home Thursday night. Friday morning, the Bosch office on Hills Tech Drive was a place of cheer. His office cubicle was decorated with balloons and a banner that said, "Welcome Home, John."

Blewett is a native New Yorker who holds an undergraduate degree in international relations and history from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., and a master's degree in international business from the University of South Carolina.

But the joy shared by Bosch employees is bittersweet.



John Blewett

He missed Flight 103 but his family worries

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

Jackie LeGere and her 18-year-old son, Trevor, "lived through a living hell" for more than two hours Wednesday, not knowing if another family member was aboard ill-fated Pan Am Flight 103.

"I found out what flight he was on (Pan Am Flight 55) when he drove up in a van about 20 after six Wednesday night," said LeGere, talking about her son, Todd, who

celebrated his 24th birthday Thursday.

Todd was returning from a five-week pleasure and business trip to London.

A Western Union saleswoman, Jackie was driving home from a business appointment



Todd LeGere

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Safe roads

Cops, taverns step up efforts to keep holiday drivers sober

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Police are gearing up for their annual close encounters of the worst kind during the holiday season: drunk drivers.

The season ushers in a sense of dread for both Farmington and Farmington Hills police.

The period between Christmas and New Year's is one of the two highest periods for drunk drivers, said Gary Goss, Farmington Department of Public Safety deputy director. The other is around St. Patrick's Day.

"The officers refer to them as amateur nights," Goss said.

Neither Farmington nor Farmington Hills officers are planning any extra patrols. But they will continue their already stepped-up crackdown on drunk driving, officers said.

Drunk driving arrests are up this year in Farmington. Since September, police have arrested 170 drunk drivers compared to 110 drunk drivers for the same period last year.

In Farmington Hills, year-to-date "operating under the influence of liquor" arrests are up 58.1 percent, from 238 in 1987 to 373 in 1988, Lt. Richard Murphy said.

TAVERNS ARE playing their part in discouraging overusers of alcohol, too.

At Dunleavy's Pub and Grub on Grand River in Farmington, Jack Dunleavy sees a "trend overall" toward non-alcoholic drinks, which are frequently called virgin drinks.

"Some people like virgin Daiquiris, virgin Bloody Marys and virgin Tom Collins," he said. "One thing I've noticed is that people aren't having as many drinks as they used to. Maybe they will have one or two. People have cut back in general. They're a lot wiser and more in tune. They are also concerned about calories."

Tavern owners say almost any drink can be made non-alcoholic by simply eliminating the alcoholic portion.

A "None For the Road" policy is in effect all year at O'Sheehan's Tavern and Eatery on Grand River in Farmington Hills. The person doing the driving can have free non-alcoholic drinks. Many of these drinks are available: New York Seltzers, ice cream and frozen slush drinks, and non-alcoholic beers like Kaliber by Guinness and Moussey by Cardinal-Friebourg.

"We cut people off before they have too much to drink," said Elena Sgroia, O'Sheehan's manager.

"Usually, that means not more than two drinks an hour depending on how much the person weighs and whether or not they have had anything to eat. People are drinking less. It says so in all the restaurant magazines."

O'Sheehan's also plans to close at 10 p.m. New Year's Eve.

MOTHERS AGAINST Drunk Driving (MADD) and 7-Eleven Food Stores are urging the public to "Tie One On For Safety" during their Project Red Ribbon Campaign this holiday season.

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Jack Dunleavy, owner of Dunleavy's Pub & Grub, pours a mug of non-alcoholic Kaliber beer. The glass next to the beer bottle is a virgin version of a strawberry Daiquiri.

Hills bends, orders driveway moved

By Casey Hans
staff writer

After pressure from residents, the Farmington Hills City Council did an about-face last week and required a condominium developer to move his driveway 100 feet from the nearest property line.

But it may cost the city time and money to help the Meadowridge Condominium developer, who has already spent more than \$21,000 in materials, engineering and time on the drive, which was approved this fall.

"We're satisfied with it in this location; it's also acceptable to move it north," public services director Thomas Bissell told the council.

"But you should know the contractor has done his grading already . . . in accordance with his plan — the one that was approved."

The site plan for the project was approved this fall. It will be on the west side of Middlebelt south of the I-696 freeway.

Planning commissioners and the city administration had originally recommended the 100-foot distance, but, after discussion, the city council approved a site plan that placed the driveway only 30 feet from the property line of resident Ann Carlin.

AT THAT time, council members were con-

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Ex-football player guilty of shooting

By Casey Hans
staff writer

A 20-year-old Livonia man who is a former Stevenson High School football captain pleaded guilty to attempted murder last week. He will serve one year in jail for shooting a security guard at a Farmington Hills arcade in 1985.

On Dec. 20, Oakland County Circuit Judge James Thorburn sentenced Paul Dober to five years' probation, with the first year to be served in the Oakland County Jail, for the rifle shooting of Terrence Metzler. The victim is a Detroit man

who had just gotten out of the service and was working as a security guard at the Putt-Putt Golf & Games on Grand River.

The case had taken on racial overtones over two years, which included a trial at an appeal on a legal technicality and numerous postponements. The defendant is white and the victim is black.

While in jail, Dober will be allowed to participate in a work release program. He can go to work during the day, but he must report back to jail at night and on weekends.

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Roger Walker former councilman

Roger Walker: 'greatest dad'

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Roger Walker was especially happy after getting a hole-in-one on the golf course this year and welcoming his grandson into the world just one month ago.

The 67-year-old former Farmington city councilman, local businessman, community activist and longtime Farmington resident died last week in Sinai Hospital in Detroit after a heart attack. He was an associate real estate broker of

Thompson-Brown Realty of Farmington Hills.

His two daughters remember their father as generous, kind and giving.

"He was the greatest dad anyone could ask for," said his oldest daughter, Lis Garnett of Walled Lake. "He would have just given anyone the shirt off his back."

Leslie Walker, who lived with her father in Farmington, called him "generous and very loving. He

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