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TUITION set. Farmington Public Schools tuition rates for 1989-90 are \$833 for elementary students and \$1,374 for secondary students.

The figures represent increases of \$33 and \$54, respectively, — a 4.1 percent cost of living increase. Tuition students include children of district employees, people moving to the district and people building a home in the district. They also include senior high students who have completed the Junior year in Farmington Public Schools and whose parents or guardians have moved from the district.

VOTE of confidence. The Farmington school board last week made it official that acting superintendent Michael Flanagan will serve in that role for the 1989-90 school year and until a new superintendent is named.

The board also extended his contract as deputy superintendent for three years, through 1992-93. Terms of the contract remain the same. "I'll do my best," he told the board.

QUOTE of the week

You can't just have tunnel vision; you have to look at the broad picture.

— Farmington Hills councilman Paul Sowerby, who supported soliciting bids to determine the actual cost of cablecasting council meetings. Story: 1A.

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Boys Republic tries to allay fears Security is upgraded

By Noreen Flack
staff writer

Farmington Hills residents fear a new evaluation service with tighter security at Boys Republic will let the state place boys convicted of violent crimes like rape or murder in the Nine Mile facility.



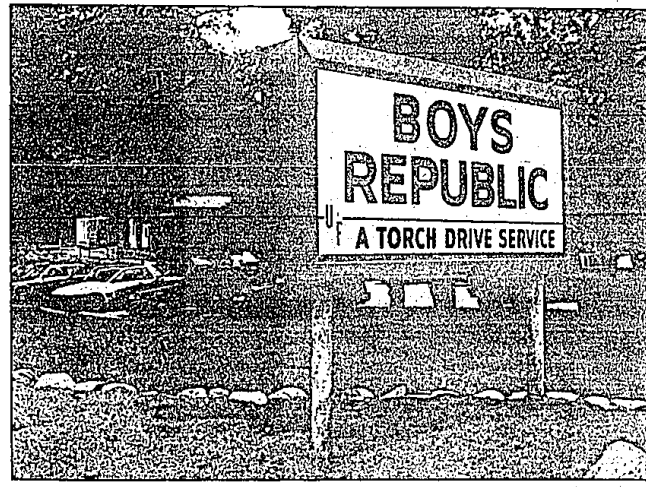
Phyllis Griffin, executive director

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youngsters Boys Republic has historically served over the last 15 years. "With the new service, "we were able to bring security up for all the buildings and make the neighborhood safer," said James Grannan, Boys Republic board president. "When this facility changes its use, this community has a right to know," said Farmington Hills resident Rosa Flum. "We are entitled to know and be a part of negotiations the facility is making." George Roberts, president of the Olde Town Homeowners Association, wants assurances "a mini Jackson Prison is not being introduced into our area of the city." Maslee Kurzeja, Olde Town vice president, called the new service a new land use. "It was never used at Boys Republic before. We cannot leave people unprotected. The community has a right to know." Residents are ready to arm themselves," she added.

BOYS REPUBLIC, a 99-year-old social service program, acts as a temporary home for delinquent boys ages 12 to 17.

The boys are wards of the state who have gone through the juvenile



RANDY BORST, staff photographer

Boys Republic is a private, non-profit organization providing residential care and counseling for wards of the state. It is on the south side of Nine Mile, between Inkster and Middlebell, in Farmington Hills.

Hills orders work stopped on campus

By Noreen Flack
staff writer

The Farmington Hills City Council Monday night ordered Boys Republic to stop renovation work until city officials and police officers could investigate a new service and improved security on the Nine Mile campus for delinquent boys.

"We took action to slow down their process until we can evaluate what is going on there and to find out what they are headed for," Mayor Terry Sever said.

Residents expressed concern at Monday's city council meeting after hearing rumors that renovations will turn Boys Republic into a maximum-security facility housing 12-17-

year-old boys convicted of violent crimes.

BOYS REPUBLIC officials were unsuccessful in assuring residents at a noon Monday meeting that the new service will bring the same kinds of boys housed in the past while providing a better environment and a more secure campus — in turn, making the neighborhood safer.

City officials and police met with Boys Republic executive director Phyllis Griffin in March for an explanation of planned facility changes. But Sever said they may have misinterpreted or may have been misled by facility officials. "We need to determine what is a new program and if the individuals being housed there are placing the

city at risk," Sever said. "We were told the boys will be the same, but maybe we need to get a better explanation."

CITY MANAGER William Costick and police Chief William Dwyer met with Boys Republic officials

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O&E launches a new edition Farmington High Classes will resume on time

Observer & Eccentric readers will have yet even more information at their fingertips as the O&E launches the Lakes Area edition of The Eccentric and a development section featuring new construction.

The Lakes edition, which debuts Sept. 11, will target the developing western section of West Bloomfield Township, as well as the lake communities around it. Reflecting the suburban building boom, the development section begins Monday, Sept. 18. A twice-weekly feature, it will cover new single-family homes, condominiums, apartments and commercial and office buildings. The section will be edited by Marilyn Fitchett, business assistant managing editor. She will be joined by Doug

Funke, a veteran Observer & Eccentric reporter who most recently covered the Plymouth community. In addition to tracing the area's building scene, the section will also offer stories on financing, interior design and building technology.

"THESE ARE fascinating times in our suburbs. And the Observer & Eccentric is excited to tell the story of the greatest building boom in this area's history," said Steve Barnaby, Observer & Eccentric managing editor.

"With the addition of a new masthead and a new section on a subject which holds the fascination of just about everyone, we know

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Seniors eye on-site academic classes, 3A

By Louise Okrutsky
staff writer

Classes for Farmington High students are expected to resume on time in the newly renovated school building the week of Aug. 28.

Windows and rooftop heating and cooling units were expected to be delivered today, said William McCarthy, construction manager for the project.

The optimistic report at Tuesday night's Farmington school board meeting came one week after administrators and students worried that classes would be disrupted if windows didn't arrive by Aug. 15.

At last week's board meeting, it appeared there was a good chance the school's \$3.3 million renovation project wouldn't be completed enough to allow classes in the building. Parents, students and administrators waited to see if a backup plan would be needed if the windows didn't arrive from Wisconsin in time for school to start.

Now it appears that classes will be in progress on time, but students and faculty will use the school's east and west entrances. The school's brick archway entrance will remain under construction. A temporary partition will keep students from the construction area.

WORK in the classrooms had been scheduled to permit the installation of windows as they arrived.

Installation of drywall and painting on the second floor has been completed. "We're going to try to have the crews work through the weekend," McCarthy said.

Work will begin on the north and south sides of the second floor and then move to first-floor classrooms. Windows in the administration area will be put in last. Delivery dates haven't presented the only hitch in opening the school on time. Lightning knocked out the school's electrical transformer right before asbestos was to be removed from the building, McCarthy said. The procedure went off as scheduled because the contractor brought in a generator.

Expansion of the media center, an area that isn't key to the school's opening, continues. About 10 percent of the roof has yet to be completed.

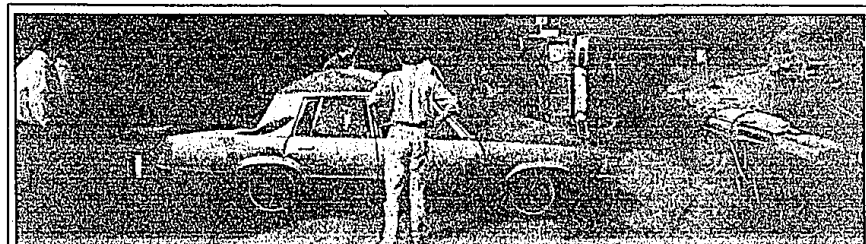
Hills: No meetings on cable

By Louise Okrutsky
staff writer

Plans to cablecast Farmington Hills City Council meetings were scrambled Monday when the council said it preferred to spend the money on new sidewalks or drainage improvements instead of video equipment.

Preparing the city council chambers for its cable debut would cost an estimated \$68,000 in remote-controlled video production equipment

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Motorist hurt

A 17-year-old Farmington motorist was still in guarded condition Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, following a two-vehicle crash Friday at Eight Mile and Haleted in Farmington Hills. At 9:20 a.m. Friday, a westbound dump truck apparently went through a red light and struck the driver's door of

Bradley John Hatfield's southbound car. The car (foreground) spun around while the truck (background) tipped and slid, spilling its uncovered load of broken asphalt. The truck driver, a 34-year-old Monroe man, had minor injuries. Only Hatfield was wearing a seat belt. Charges are pending, police said.