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WARD winner. Keep Michigan Beautiful has named Farmington's Downtown Development Authority one of nine winners of a Large Michigan Plaque to recognize the downtown streetscape improvements-phase one.

Meanwhile, the City of Farmington Beautification Committee has lauded the DDA for upgrading Farmington Road as part of the second phase of the streetscape improvements.

"Your efforts in improvement have helped to make Farmington a more attractive community in which to live, work and shop," the committee told the DDA.

WEEK to salute.

The city council has proclaimed Oct. 15-21 as National Business Women's Week in Farmington.

The council cited the Farmington Business and Professional Women. The group's objectives include elevating the standards for business and professional women and promoting the interests of business and professional women.

QUOTE of the week

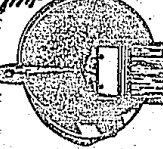
6 I do know that two people can't use the same space together.

— City Manager Robert Deadman, reacting to public safety concerns in light of the American Nazi Party's hope to counterdemonstrate Love Force United's peace march for racial harmony through downtown Farmington in October. Story: 1A.

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SPECIAL SECTION IN TODAY'S ISSUE

Nazis want to counter peace march

By Susan Buck
staff writer

An arm of the Dearborn Heights-based National Socialist Party wants to counterdemonstrate a planned peace march through downtown Farmington to fight "the Communist influence."

The Security Services Action Group, an American political group dedicated to preserving the white race and the U.S. Constitution, has proposed a counterdemonstration to what it called a NAACP-sponsored peace march planned for 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15.

Ten to 50 members of the American Nazi Party will take part, a spokesman said.

The Love Force United Progressive March of 1989, for racial harmony and unity, will be led by Derwin Success, a black Farmington resident in a biracial family victimized by racial slurs for the past two years. The NAACP supports the march but is not a sponsor, according to Love Force United.

The SS Action Group's request for an assembly permit was mailed to Farmington Hills on Friday and Farmington on Tuesday.

"We want to be covered in case

they trail into Farmington Hills," said John Reich, spokesman for the SS Action Group, which five years ago held a small rally outside Farmington City Hall to promote capital punishment.

"We want to head this off," said Reich, 32, a leader of the American Nazi Party in Michigan. "We want an area on the parade route. They (Communists) are corrupt individuals who have to be watched."

REICH'S GROUP wants to assemble and demonstrate with picket signs and a megaphone. "There will be no racial slurs, no obscenities —

nothing put out against another group of people, except perhaps signs that Communism is on the way. This Communist influence is trying to destroy Farmington. We just do not want to see this happen," Reich said.

Reich said he has never met Derwin Success.

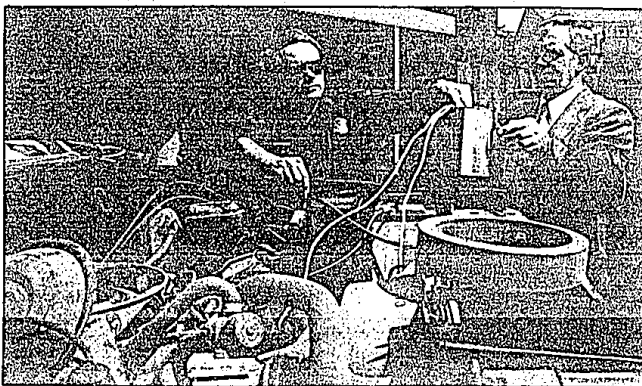
Ted Clay, a neighbor of Success, said it has been "next to impossible" to post \$1 million in liability insurance — required before the city will ask the Michigan Department of Transportation to issue a permit to close Grand River, a state highway, for the march.

The state requires the city to hold it harmless for any liability or claims of damage that might result from the closing of the state highway.

So, Love Force United now plans to walk along the sidewalks on the north side of Grand River from Mooney and head west for more than a mile to the steps of the city hall at Liberty, where it will assemble for a peaceful rally in support of racial harmony.

Love Force United won't comment on the counterdemonstration

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RANDY DORST/Staff photographer

Detective Darnel Krause (right) helps Officer Jim Worthington, an evidence technician, remove a homemade bomb from the engine

compartment of a maintenance truck in the parking lot at Cedarbrooke Apartments Tuesday.

Pop-bottle bomb found in truck

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

A homemade bomb was safely removed from a maintenance truck in the parking lot at Cedarbrooke Apartments on Middlebelt, south of 10 Mile, Tuesday afternoon.

A clear-glass pop bottle, tied to the driver's-side fender wall and propped against the windshield washer reservoir, was filled with a green fluid believed to be gasoline, police said.

The looped end of a piece of cotton rope was stuffed inside the bottle. One end ran into the carburetor. The other ran through a fender-wall bracket and was left to dangle.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Detective Darnel Krause of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

"I don't know what the person who hooked it up expected to happen. By

the way it was hooked up, not much was going to happen."

Police are investigating to determine if an employee fired Friday for a poor work record had anything to do with the incident.

TONY ATKINS, the maintenance supervisor, was headed back to the truck after picking up a work order at the manager's office when the manager noticed the motor oil was leaking Tuesday morning.

With the help of a tenant, Atkins, 29, opened the hood shortly before noon. But instead of finding the source of the oil leak, they found the homemade bomb.

"Without a doubt, I feel fortunate," he said afterward, unsure whether he'd continue to drive the truck around the grounds.

Until Atkins took it on his daily

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Hills hires lawyer for land-use tray

Zoning specialist will continue legal battle with Boys Republic

By Noreen Flack
staff writer

A specialist in zoning and land use will assist Farmington Hills in its legal battle against a temporary home for delinquent boys that city officials believe may have undergone a change in land use.

"We are taking an extra step in getting additional advice to make

sure the concerns of the community are addressed so we can work towards a settlement," Mayor Terry Sever said.

In an executive meeting on Sept. 1, the city council asked John Donohue, city attorney for Farmington and Walled Lake, to be the primary legal counsel for issues arising from Boys Republic's new assessment program.

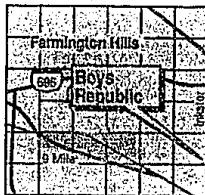
Donohue is from the Farmington Hills law firm of Kohl, Secrest, Ward, Lynch, Clark and Hampton.

As an advisor to Ferndale, Donohue worked on the city's adult entertainment ordinance, which limited adult entertainment to a designated strip along Woodward Avenue.

Donohue is the attorney for the Old Town Homeowners Association, which represents those living

near Boys Republic's wooded, 80-acre campus on Nine Mile, west of Lakster. He has worked with Auburn Hills, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township.

DONOHUE WILL confer with Farmington Hills city attorney Paul Elbeau on the legal aspects of the land-use dispute, said City Manager William Costick.



After Donohue reviewed the Boys Republic case, city officials met

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Breakthrough

Discovery in fight against MD brings hope to family of victim

By Noreen Flack
staff writer

After 24 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethons, a research team supported by the Muscular Dystrophy Association has made an important breakthrough toward a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy and other muscle disorders.

His mother hopes doctors and scientists will develop a cure in time for boys like Eric Meredith, 11, of Farmington Hills, to have a chance at a long life.

"We have waited for this for a long time," said Eric's mother, Sherri. "Even if this isn't the answer, I think we are headed in the right direction."

On Monday, Eric, a sixth grader at Warner Middle School, marked his fourth television appearance on WBK-TV 2 in Southfield for the 24th annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon to benefit the MDA.

Eric was diagnosed with Duchenne dystrophy, one of 40 neuromuscular diseases that progressively weaken and waste voluntary muscles, when he was 4.

One of every 3,500 boys is affected by Duchenne dystrophy. Most do not live longer than 30 years and are dependent on a wheelchair by age 12. Victims have a sex-linked gene,

passed by the mother, that is missing a critical muscle protein called dystrophin.

RECENTLY, A treatment called myoblast transfer has corrected defects of Duchenne dystrophy in experimentation with laboratory mice.

The treatment involves the injection or transplanting of healthy donated myoblasts, immature muscle cells that are fused with cells from boys with Duchenne dystrophy and form normal healthy cells.

Although the therapy is in the preliminary stages and there are concerns about possible side effects, the breakthrough looks promising, Sherri Meredith said.

The Merediths wrote the MDA in New York, volunteering to participate in the research. "If we are to participate in any research, Eric will be a part of that decision. He will have to want to do it," Sherri Meredith said.

A steroid drug called prednisone has been used during research and is known to increase the strength of boys with Duchenne dystrophy.

But Sherri Meredith is concerned with severe side effects, such as hypertension, ulcers and excessive weight gain.

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BRIAN TOIVOLIAN/Staff photographer

During the telethon on Monday, Channel 2 anchorman Bruce Kirk (left) interviews Eric Meredith of Farmington Hills, who sits alongside

his attendant of three years, Ron Witherspoon of Detroit.

Telethon raises over \$42 million

By Noreen Flack
staff writer

Muscular dystrophy supporters raised a record \$42.2 million nationally for "Jerry's kids" during the 24th annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon Sunday and Monday.

"Everything went wonderfully," said Loris Gougoun, district director for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"It was a beautiful day and that

usually tends to hurt us because people are outside doing things and not inside watching TV. But I think it went great."

The 21½-hour telethon, broadcast over 200 TV stations in the United States and Canada, is the major fund-raiser for MDA's research projects, patient services, outpatient clinics, summer camps, educational programs and promotional efforts.

This year, WBK-TV Channel 2 viewers contributed \$2 million —

\$65,000 through the Farmington-Novl Pledge Center at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi.

Last year, the Farmington-Novl Pledge Center raised \$50,000. David Ota, center coordinator, attributed the decline to "good weather." Nonetheless, he said he was "very pleased."

"If you watch an MDA telethon, I don't see how anyone cannot give

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