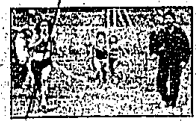


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HAPPY birthday! A surprise birthday celebration is always fun, but when it involves keeping the secret with 474 youngsters, it becomes really special. This schoolwide event happened at Larkshire Elementary on Sept. 23 in recognition of the birthday of principal Al Lanigan. The PTA provided birthday cake for everyone, cards were created and "Happy Birthday" was sung by all students and staff. Lanigan has been principal at Larkshire since it opened in 1955.

TIME to honor. Oct. 16-20 is National Medical Assistants Week and Oct. 18 is Medical Assistants Day in Farmington. The city council made the proclamation to honor "the professional advancement of medical assistants." The special training medical assistants receive enables them "to increase their effectiveness to physicians and their patients," according to the proclamation.

QUOTE of the week

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Pat Newcombe, Farmington Families in Action president, kicking off Substance Abuse Awareness Month. Story: 1A.

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Anti-racists to counter Nazi protest

By Susan Buck staff writer

A self-described revolutionary group that police say has violent tendencies will counter-protest a neo-Nazi group's demonstration during a planned peace march for racial harmony in Farmington on Sunday, Oct. 15. An anonymous person notified Farmington police Sunday that members of the International Committee Against Racism and the Revolutionary Communist Progressive Labor Party were distributing flyers in the downtown center at Farmington Road and Grand River.

Public safety officer Hilton Hyde wrote in his police report that he saw two women distributing handbills in front of Maple Drugs. A man and woman were passing them out in front of the A&F. One Detroit woman agreed to remove handbills she had put on windshields.

Farmington allows distributing handbills on sidewalks to people willing to accept them. But throwing or depositing them is prohibited. "The parties passing them out were very reluctant to give personal information," Hyde wrote in his report.

FRANK LAUHOFF, Farmington's public safety director, described InCAR as "normally violent." Deputy director Gary Goss said the anti-fascist group has "assaultive behavior."

Lauhoff cited an April 1988 disturbance in front of the Ann Arbor Federal Building between the neo-Nazis, formally called the Security Services Action Group, and InCAR. "The violence was not from the Nazis," Lauhoff said.

InCAR's handbill states: "InCAR and the revolutionary Communist Progressive Party have led tens of thousands of workers and youth of

all colors to physically smash Nazi and Klan rallies over the past decade. They are still small, in large part, because of our actions against them. The 'master race' doesn't look so convincing on its back, covered with blood.

"We will stop them again in Farmington on Oct. 15."

"There's no question they will be violent," said Richard Lobenthal, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Southfield. "They are a Trotsky-type group.

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Improved I-696 to open early

Bonus spurs contractor to finish ahead of schedule

Neighbors rally for noise barriers, 8A

By Bob Sklar staff writer

The 80,000 motorists who travel I-696 between I-275 in Farmington Hills and Franklin Road in Southfield can take heart.

The four-lane freeway that opened in 1963 will stretch to eight lanes on Tuesday, Oct. 10, weather permitting — two months ahead of schedule.

"You betcha we're happy we can open the road early," said Paul Garceau, deputy district engineer at the Michigan Department of Transportation's Southfield office.

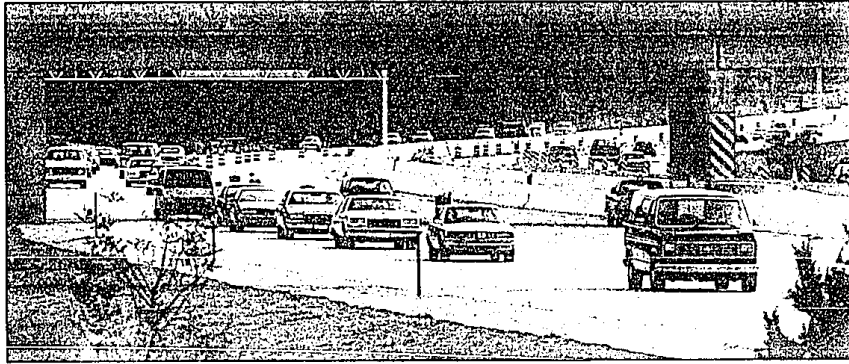
"That road has been pinched down pretty badly," he said. He was referring to the four narrow construction lanes that have tested the nerves of many of the tens of thousands of drivers fighting the stop-and-go conditions.

MDOT has been particularly concerned about safety, for both motorists and workers.

"People aren't slowing down in the construction zone, where there's a 45 mph limit," Garceau said.

"So the sooner that road opens, the safer it'll be and the better off all folks who drive it will be."

THE CONSTRUCTION zone



The view looking east along I-696, just south of the I-275 interchange. The overpass visible is Halsted Road.

RANDY BORGSTAFF photographer

hasn't logged "an inordinate number of accidents," said Lt. Shelby Slater of the Michigan State Police Traffic Services Division. "But it's difficult to respond to accidents there."

Enforcing the 45 mph speed limit has been the biggest problem for troopers.

"There's no place to sit and run radar," Slater said. "Officers patrol the area on a pretty frequent basis but they only seem to affect the traffic immediately around them. Once they get off, speeds creep back up to 60, 65 mph."

In addition to more lanes, the new

road will include a concrete divider and larger shoulders.

Widening of the Orchard Lake overpass to eight lanes is also nearing completion. The overpass includes redesigned entry and exit ramps.

THE PRIMARY contractor, Hol-

loway Construction of Wixom, will receive near the maximum incentive bonus of \$1 million for early completion of the \$21.5 million project. Work began in July 1988.

The bonus "is a heck of a bargain

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Local drug war starts

By Casey Hans staff writer

Some 200 Farmington-area civic leaders were given a mission Wednesday: to launch the most extensive community anti-drug effort yet.

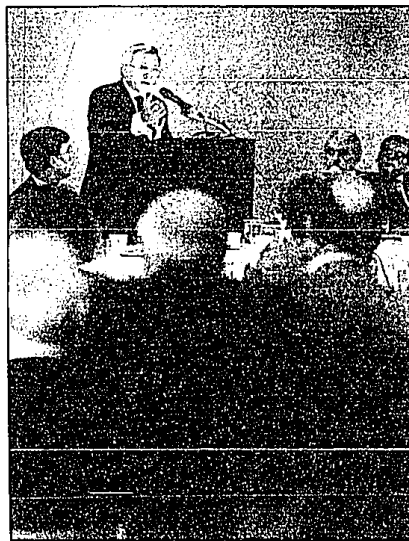
"Go back to your offices, your schools, your business and let's start the war," urged Pat Newcombe, Farmington Families in Action president, whose comments followed a keynote anti-drug speech Wednesday morning by Michigan's drug czar, Donald Reisig.

Volunteers of the PFIA group have spent the past month preparing for launch of National Substance Abuse Awareness Month and the myriad of activities scheduled in October throughout Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Reisig, recently appointed director of the state Office of Drug Affairs, encouraged the local efforts.

"You in Farmington are way ahead in the effort," he told leaders at the kick-off at Mercy Center in Farmington Hills. "I am convinced the answers lie in each one of us. Any comprehensive drug strategy cannot be won on any single front — we must have the concern of every citizen."

"Nor should we delude our-



Donald Reisig, Michigan's drug czar, spoke to a gathering of civic, business and community leaders Wednesday morning at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

RANDY BORGSTAFF photographer

selves," he added. "The fight will not be won overnight."

REISIG OFFERED few details about plans for his statewide drug fight, but said he supported a joint effort involving law enforcement agencies, educators and treatment centers — both financial and human resources.

He said new anti-drug programs "were moving effectively through the Legislature," and said federal efforts by President George Bush and national drug czar William Bennett "have made a great stride forward" in the anti-drug effort.

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Civic leader Allen left mark on city

By Casey Hans and Bob Sklar staff writers

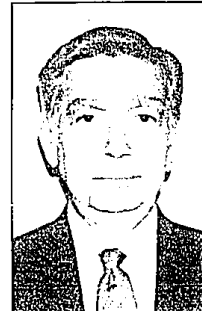
John Allen was remembered this week as an individualist with his own style.

A longtime Farmington civic leader who left his mark on the city with his many architectural designs and years of local political involvement, Allen died Sunday after a long illness. He was 69.

"We've lived in Farmington 35 years, and he really loved Farmington," said his wife, Helen. "He was loyal to his friends, and he stood behind what he believed in."

"He was a definite individual who had his own style."

He opened John A. Allen Architect, Inc. on Liberty Street in 1955 as a private practice specializing in de-



John A. Allen

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Observer honored with 5 MPA awards

The Farmington Observer won five awards in the Michigan Press Association's weekly newspaper competition, including honorable mention for general excellence — the MPA's top honor.

"Good, informative reporting," said the judges. The Observer competed in the category for weekly newspapers with a circulation of over 10,000.

The Observer took first place for its Suburban Life section, edited by

Loraine McClibb. "Very well done — layout, strong photos, ads and editorial content," said the judges.

Observer editor Bob Sklar placed first among all weekly newspaper editors in this state for editorial writing. "Readers know what the position is in each case as well as what the resolution should be," the judges said.

Among Class A weeklies, the Ob-

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