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JODY SORONEN is the Farmington Hills City Council's senior member, en route to capping her 12th year. And her longevity sometimes makes it hard for her to pinpoint when the council took a certain action. In discussing a planned sidewalk along Farmington Road, between 12 and 13 Mile, at the Oct. 9 council meeting, she tried to recall when the walkway was first proposed — 3, 4 or 5 years ago. "Time flies when you're having so much fun," she joked.

TAKING the lead. Actress Pam Dawber, a North Farmington High graduate, is working with the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence and pushing for handgun-control legislation following the murder of Rebecca Schaeffer, her co-star in the ABC show, "My Sister Sam." So reports USA Weekend in this week's edition of the Sunday newspaper supplement. Dawber, incidentally, turned 38 Wednesday.

QUOTE of the week

Violence is not the way; violence only turns us back. Hate isn't the way either. The way is love.

— Derwin Success, peace march organizer. Story: 1A.

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Appellate judges uphold zoning

By Casey Hans and Tim Richard staff writers

The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling this week, favoring a Farmington Hills city zoning decision against the challenge of a developer.

In a decision released Tuesday, the three-judge panel called "with-out merit" the claim of Selective

Group Inc. of Farmington Hills that RA-1 (one-family residential district) zoning for property at the northeast corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads was unreasonable.

The city council had denied Selective Group's request to rezone the four- to five-acre parcel from residential to local business.

Appeals judges William R. Beasley, Robert J. Danhof and Roman S. Gribbs upheld the October 1987 deci-

sion of Oakland Circuit Judge Fred Zieman favoring the city.

Neither city officials nor the Farmington Hills developer had heard about or seen the decision when contacted Wednesday.

SELECTIVE GROUP partner David Gans said they would consider several options.

"Our plans are to take a step back, re-evaluate, reassess and perhaps

purge some cluster development," he said. "I'm not saying we'll do that, but it is an option."

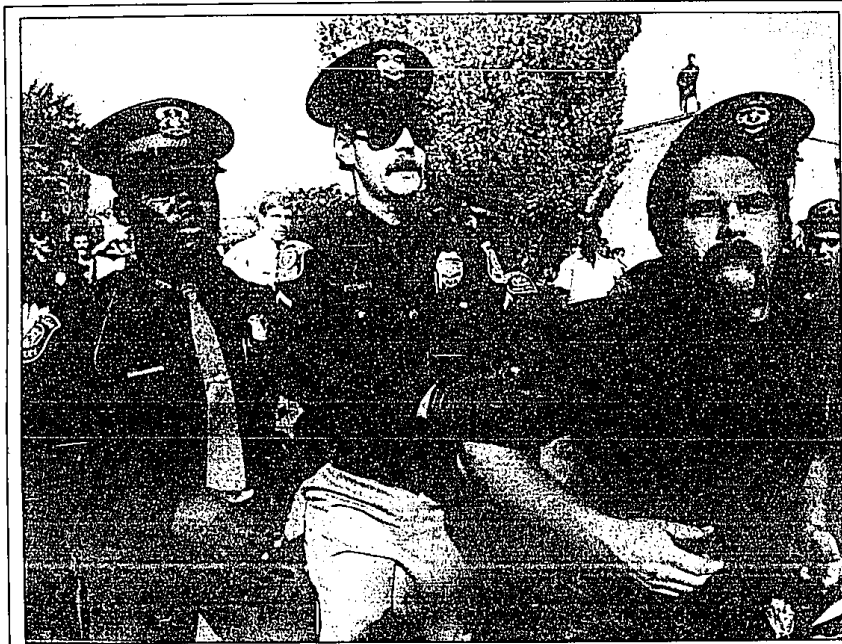
Gans maintained, however, that his company did not believe the site to be a good one for a cluster development and might result in an "inferior product."

He also said the company would "take a close look" at appealing the case to the Supreme Court. Farmington Hills city manager

William Costick appeared pleased with the ruling. He said it supported the city's master land use plan, which keeps the north side of 12 Mile residential in nature. "We want to maintain the sanctity of the zoning," he added.

SELECTIVE GROUP had purchased the property for \$400,000

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Michigan State and Farmington police arrest Joseph Sprader, 30, of Farmington Hills, on a disorderly conduct charge at Sunday's peace rally outside Farmington city hall. His T-shirt

ported a Knights of the KKK insignia. He posted \$75 bond on the misdemeanor charge.

Peace march gets mixed review

Farmington unjustly labeled as racist, some say

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By Noreen Fleck staff writer

Farmington resident Derwin Success, a self-proclaimed minister, marched along Grand River from Mooney to city hall Sunday

with 300 followers to "tear down the walls" of racial injustice.

But some city officials and residents said the Love Force United Progressive March of 1989 for Racial Harmony misrepresented Farmington as a racist community.

Wearing a black robe with a white sash that read "racial harmony," Success, whose biracial family has endured racial slurs since moving to Farmington four years ago, walked from his home

on Shiawassee to meet followers at 3 p.m. at the Uptown Farmington Plaza, Mooney and Grand River. From there, they proceeded for 1.5 miles along the north sidewalk of Grand River to the city hall on Liberty. The number of curious on-lookers grew as the procession neared Farmington Road through the central business district.

Some followers toled signs that read, "Resist Hate," "Standing Together For America" and "God Is

Love." "We aren't here to condemn Farmington. I want to make that perfectly clear," Success said at the "celebration of peace" rally outside city hall that climaxed the 2 1/2-hour call for racial equality.

"Farmington is like any other suburb around America. It's calling out for hope, it's calling for a new vision and it's calling for victory."

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Armed robbery suspect is held

By Bob Sklar staff writer

Investigating four armed robberies since Oct. 11, Farmington Hills have one suspect in custody in connection with two of them and are tracking down leads in the other two cases.

"No one was seriously hurt in any of the incidents," said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

A 29-year-old Detroit man faces armed robbery charges in connection with the theft of purses from two women in parking lots along Orchard Lake Road.

Derrick Allen Scott was arraigned Tuesday before District Judge Fred Harris of Farmington on two counts of armed robbery.

Harris entered an innocent plea in the suspect's behalf and set a corporate surety bond at \$100,000 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court. A pre-exam conference is set for Oct. 25.

Police gave these accounts of the two robberies Scott is charged in:

• In the first incident Oct. 11, a purse was snatched at knife-point from a woman getting into her car at Orchard-14 Shopping Center at Orchard Lake Road and 14 Mile.

A West Bloomfield woman in her 40s was unlocking her car at 12:50 p.m. when a man sitting in a car backed in next to hers reached out the driver's window. He grabbed her purse while flashing a hunting knife in the other hand.

He tried to drive away but she clung to the purse. When he sped up, she let go and he drove off.

The purse contained \$40 in cash.

• In the second incident Monday, a Bloomfield Hills woman in her 40s was unlocking her car door outside Arbor Drugs at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile at 11 a.m., she felt some-



Derrick Scott

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Hills shoots down condo plans by denying rezoning request

By Noreen Fleck staff writer

The Historic Halsted Homeowners Association Monday supported the Farmington Hills City Council's unanimous denial of a rezoning request that would bring condominiums to 10 wooded acres at 13 Mile and Halsted.

The developer wants to build a two-story, 108-unit condominium development on the southeast corner.

Hillia residents are not only concerned about increased density, but also harm to the area's natural beauty. Both 13 Mile and Halsted are designated by the city as natural beauty roads.

"I don't think there is anything natural or beautiful about more mul-

ti-ple (family housing) in the neighborhood," said Kenneth Claes, Hillia vice president. "I don't move to Farmington Hills to live next to multi-family."

Developer Allan Adelson of Union Lake said he would preserve some of the site's natural vegetation to maintain the natural beauty.

"There are some features on the site worth saving," said Robert Layton, an Ann Arbor land planner and landscape architect representing Adelson.

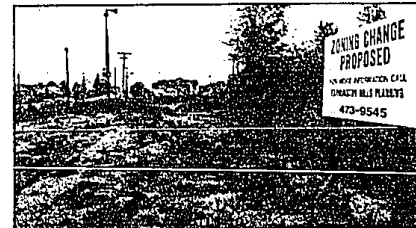
"There are a large group of pine trees and a number of large walnut trees that could be saved with this type of development. Other developments may not permit some of the landscaping to be saved."

ADELSON HAS an option to buy 11.7 acres from the Archdiocese of Detroit contingent on the city rezoning 10.4 acres from RA-1 (one-family residential district) to RC-2 (multiple-family residential district). About 1.3 acres already is zoned RC-2.

The condominium complex would include 108 two-bedroom units, with two cars per unit. There would be two entrances to the complex, one from Halsted and one from 13 Mile.

"We request denial of the proposal and offer single-family housing as a reasonable alternative to apartment buildings," said Joan Scituro, Hillia president. "We don't want apartments to spread like cancer into our neighborhood."

Adelson took exception to the in-



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

The Archdiocese of Detroit is trying to rezone the southeast corner of 13 Mile and Halsted from a one-family residential district to a multiple-family residential district.

situation that people who live in apartments and condominiums aren't worthy neighbors. "They are people like everyone else," he said. "There are different lifestyles that people choose and there is no reason

to downgrade or degrade people that buy condominiums."

The planning commission recommended denying the rezoning re-

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