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**A**FTER councilman Aldo Vagnozzi's unanimous election as mayor pro tem last week, Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Sever asked him if he wanted "to make a couple comments."  
"No," Vagnozzi said in an uncharacteristically terse reply.  
"That's the first agenda item tonight that he didn't respond to so we better move on quickly," Sever quipped.

**PUBLIC** safety department representatives spent part of Thanksgiving Day delivering turkey dinners to 11 elderly residents of Farmington.

Former dispatcher Colleen Lane (now a state trooper), secretary Carole Lukas and officers Dan Dellar and Dan Potter delivered the dinners, prepared by Botsford General Hospital as part of the arcwilde Holiday Meals on Wheels.

In Farmington Hills, volunteers delivered 47 dinners to seniors who otherwise wouldn't have had a holiday meal, said Mary DiMatteo, Senior Adult Division nutrition services coordinator.  
Division staffers prepared fruit baskets for all 58 seniors.

### QUOTE of the week

6 We have to be open-minded to the idea that there are some things right in front of us that are going to literally revolutionize education.

— Acting Superintendent Michael Flanagan, on technology in the classroom: 1A.

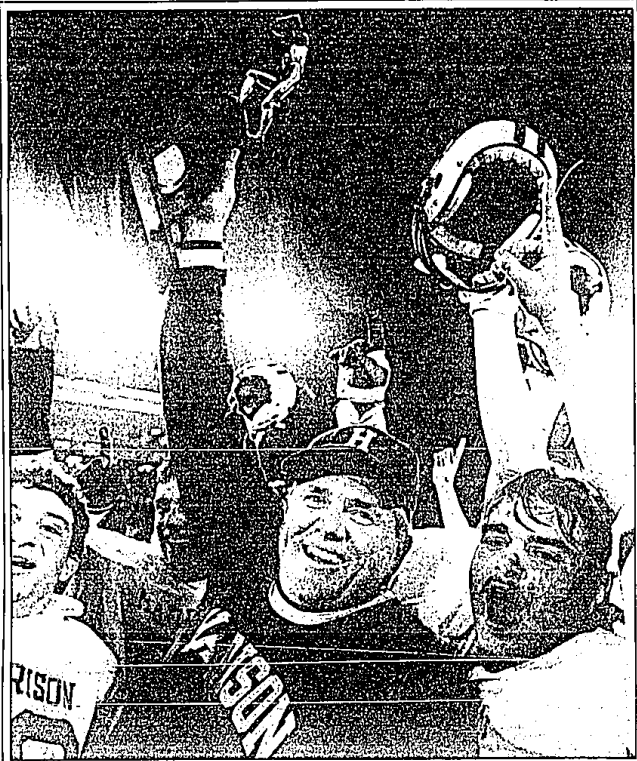
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### Crowning moment

Surrounded by his players, John Herrington, Farmington Hills Harrison High head football coach, raises the trophy signifying the Class B state high school football championship Saturday night in the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Hawks beat DeWitt 28-27, thanks to a clutch 67-yard drive as the clock wound down. For a review of the Hawks' perfect season, see Page 1D.

## Hills residents sound off on outdoor noise

By Joanne Malczewski staff writer

Farmington Hills resident William Shortt won't drop a disturbing the peace complaint against the Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Center, despite a new ban on the use of speakers and microphones at outdoor concerts.

"It's a violation of a city ordinance. Yes, we are definitely going to pursue it," said Shortt, a neighbor of the center on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile.

The Aug. 23 complaint was issued against Dorothy Pfaff, center executive director. The city ordinance violation is a misdemeanor that upon conviction carries a maximum \$500 fine and 90 days in jail.

A trial date in 47th District Court in Farmington has not yet been scheduled. A not-guilty plea has been entered, said John Demhouse, center board member and attorney.

Shortt is among a group of residents who have long been angry with

*'It wasn't that this concert was necessarily any louder than any other concert. But you have to insist that a complaint is filed.'*

— Donald Stolberg

the "highly amplified" performances at the center's outdoor theater.

Residents also are upset because court hearings on the ordinance violation have been delayed, pending the planning commission's Nov. 16 decision on a special use approval to have the outdoor theater in a residential zoning district.

PROMPTED BY residents' concerns, the planning commission Nov.

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## Local classes going high tech

Computers coming to Forest, 6A

By Noroon Flack and Casey Hans staff writers

High technology is the new focus in the Farmington Public Schools.

Five programs totaling \$1.2 million were introduced in the district this month to encourage use of computers and other advanced technology in Farmington classrooms.

In addition to program introduction, 100 teachers were selected to receive computers for use in the classroom and at home.

The money was awarded to schools that applied for the programs on a grant basis. The programs will affect every school and are expected to begin as quickly as teachers can be trained, say school officials.

"IT ISN'T just having a computer in the room. The computer in the

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## Republican looks to challenge Faxon

By Dave Varga staff writer

Beverly Hills Village Council President Michael Bouchard is expected to announce he'll run for the Republican nomination to unseat longtime Democratic state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, in the 15th District next fall.

"I'm very, very interested," Bouchard said last week.

While saying he hasn't completely decided, Bouchard said he has political support.

"I've gotten a lot of encourage-

*'I would very much love to serve in a different capacity and that would be in the Legislature.'*

— Michael Bouchard  
Beverly Hills Village Council President

ment from all over the county especially from the Farmington and Southfield areas."

Word in Lansing is that Bouchard was recruited to run as a Repu-

can, conservative alternative to the more liberal Democrat Faxon.

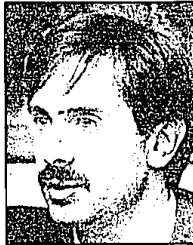
"They want him to, badly," said state Rep. David Honigman of West Bloomfield.

LIVING IN Beverly Hills, Bouchard is in the 17th District. The Republican primary in that district will pit Honigman against current state Sen. Richard Fessler.

"I'm staying away from that race," Bouchard said. "That's going to be a full house and an expensive race too."

To run there, Bouchard would need to move into the 15th District, covering the Southfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Berkley or Novi areas, at least 30 days before the pri-

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Michael Bouchard Republican hopeful

## 1 man trapped as car flips onto top

Neither occupant was seriously hurt when a car missed a curve on Freedom Road, near Grand River, left the pavement and flipped onto its top Tuesday afternoon, Farmington Hills police said.

Both the driver, Michael Henry Glnski, 24, of Farmington Hills, and the passenger, Erich Schneider, 19, of Novi, were examined at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, but neither was admitted.

Glnski was eastbound on Freedom, near Digger's Restaurant, at 1:40 p.m. when he apparently lost control of his 1985 Dodge Daytona on a curve just west of Grand River. The car crossed the center line of the two-lane road and caught the edge of the north-side ditch.

"The front of the car then dug into the soft dirt and flipped over," said Sgt. Ray Cranston, Farmington Hills Police Department Traffic Section supervisor.

The car sheared a 45 mph speed limit sign before landing in brush.

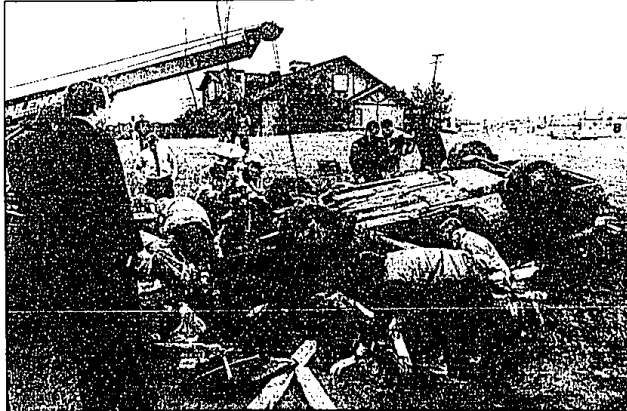
Glnski crawled from the car, but Schneider was trapped under the hood. Farmington Hills firefighters and Hadley's Towing workers used timbers and a boom to free him.

"They gradually lifted the car with the boom, shoring the car with timbers with each lift," Cranston said.

When safe, Community EMS paramedics moved in to treat Schneider and take him to Botsford, where he was treated for bruises. Police drove Glnski to the hospital, Cranston said.

The car was heavily damaged. Police could not confirm that seat belts were being worn, Cranston said.

The accident continues to be investigated, he said. The Farmington Department of Public Safety assisted at the scene.



Emergency personnel work to extricate the passenger of this 1985 Dodge Daytonas. At left is Farmington Hills Fire Chief Rich Marinucci.

The driver of the car is in the background, between a firefighter and a police officer.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer