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NEW dig.
The Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce has moved to 33411 Grand River, just west of Farmington Road, across from the Masonic Temple, in downtown Farmington. The phone number remains the same: 477-3440.

SAFETY lauded.
Farmington was one of three Oakland County cities to receive an American Automobile Association award for outstanding pedestrian safety. Its 1988 pedestrian injury and death rates were better than comparably sized cities and its casualty rate showed significant improvement over the previous year, AAA reported.

Memory lane

• Closer cooperation and better understanding of each other's problems are the objectives of a group of teachers that met at Farmington High.
• Stating that litigation started recently by apple growers, including several from the Farmington district, may endanger the apple crop, Michigan State Apple Commission members are asking support of the Apple Advertising Act.

— Farmington Enterprise, Dec. 7, 1989

This week

TUESDAY is Student Government Day in Farmington Hills. Senior high students will spend the day with city officials to learn the ropes around city hall. A mock city council will begin at 2 p.m.

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Cops investigate motel stabbing

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

A Redford Township man stabbed in a murder attempt at a Farmington Hills motel Thursday night refused to cooperate with detectives trying to pursue his attacker, police said Friday.

"He's refusing to identify or describe the perpetrator and he's refusing to prosecute or testify in court," Sgt. Charles Nebus said.

"We're waiting to see if he changes his mind and assists us. But it doesn't appear that he's going to."

On Saturday, the 38-year-old man was listed in stable condition at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, recovering from stab

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— Sgt. Charles Nebus
Farmington Hills police

wounds to both hands and to the upper left back, police said.

The man was divorced and worked as a cab driver but police released nothing else about his background. They are withholding his name.

Called to Botsford's emergency

investigation, "there were no eyewitnesses, no one else claiming to be a victim or no one refusing his version," Nebus said.

"It's a mystery," detective Brian DeGrande said.

Police went to the man's temporary home of a week at the Rainbow Park Motel, 30691 Grand River. There, they found blood stains in the parking lot and by some bushes, where a struggle apparently took place, Nebus said.

Fearing someone was in danger inside the man's room, police opened the door, slightly ajar. No one was inside but the room was disheveled. The phone was covered with blood and blood stained the carpet and bedspread.

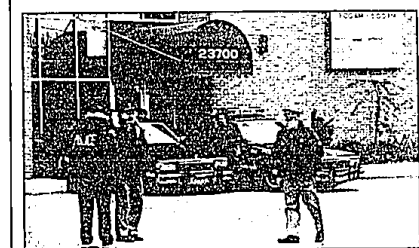
Police later learned the man had taken a cab to the motel from a nearby bar late Thursday.

The cab driver told police the man was in good spirits until he saw a black Ford Bronco, occupied by a man and a woman, in the motel parking lot.

The cab driver told police that as he left, he saw his fare enter a room and the passenger door of the Bronco open.

Police would not say whether their investigation revealed any connection between the Bronco and the attack. "We've got nothing concrete yet to connect them," DeGrande said.

After he was stabbed, the man took a cab to Botsford, police said.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Marked patrol cars blocked the front and rear entrances to the Women's Center to prevent pro-life activists from blocking them.

Abortion: at issue at rally

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

Stop Operation Oppress-Us!
Go home anti-choice!

The battle lines were drawn, but about 350 pro-life and pro-choice activists picketed peacefully outside a Farmington Hills abortion clinic Saturday.

Dr. Jacob Kalo's clinic was open for the morning and pro-choice forces were prepared to provide escorts, but he never arrived and no abortions were done. Up to a dozen abortions were rescheduled or moved elsewhere, pro-choice leaders said.

"Praise God, the mill is closed, none of our people were arrested and no babies died," said Livonia resident Lynn Mills, spokeswoman for Operation Rescue, a national pro-life coalition. "It's an all-around victory. I couldn't be happier."

Police, who had the building perimeter secured before the picketers arrived at 6:20 a.m., limited picketing to the sidewalk ringing the Western Women's Center, in a

medical complex at 23700 Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile.

On Friday, it was announced that the picketers would gather at 6 a.m. Saturday at Madonna College in Livonia to find out where the pro-life rally would be that morning.

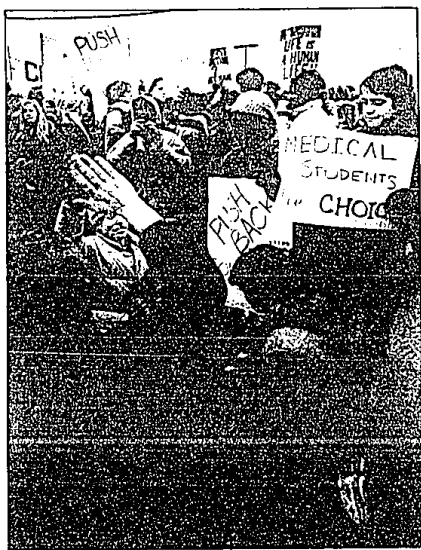
Marked patrol cars blocked both entrances to the clinic as well as the parking lot entrances. Pro-lifers made no attempt to rush the building.

"I was prepared to be arrested, but I guess it won't come to that," said Auxiliary Bishop Austin Vaughn of the Archdiocese of New York, who flew in Friday in support of Operation Rescue. He spoke at a rally Friday at the Knights of Columbus-St. Francis Council Hall in Farmington Hills.

A VETERAN of 10 pro-life protests in the past 18 months, Vaughn, pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Newburgh, N.Y., has been arrested six times.

"I believe the work of rescue is very important," said Vaughn, 62, bundled up on a cold, gray morning amid other pro-lifers — some car-

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Pro-choice activists (background) counterdemonstrate as pro-life activists kneel and chant outside the Women's Center.

'More than 1.5 million babies are being killed in the United States every year.'

— Austin Vaughn,
auxiliary bishop



Left-turn bans rile office workers

City officials react, 6A

By Joanne Malleszewski
staff writer

Richard Van Loan believes his employees in the Arborcort Office Park on 12 Mile are at risk because they can't make left turns from an access road onto Drake.

Clifford Rolls doesn't understand why the access road, on Drake just north of I-696, was built to allow Arborcort occupants another way out of the office park — on 12 Mile, east of Drake — if it restricts traffic.

"From what I hear, most people are making left turns anyway," said Katy Hughes, an employee of CSC Comtec. An island junction north at Drake and the access road is sup-

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— Clifford Rolls
Auto Haulaway co-owner

posed to prevent left turns.

Van Loan, Rolls and Hughes are among employees of many businesses in the office complex waging a letter-writing campaign and petitioning effort to urge Farmington Hills officials to remove the ban, on

left turns and allow employees to directly travel south from the access road.

"We're not talking about putting another hundred cars on Drake. We thought we had a way to get out, but it puts us right out in the heavy traf-

fic again," said Rolls, co-owner of Auto Haulaway Inc.

Van Loan, of the U.S. Treasury Department Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau office in the Arborcort Office Park, agrees.

"PEOPLE ARE going south anyway. They're going up north and turning around in another company's parking lot (on the southwest corner of Drake and 12 Mile) and turning around back down Drake or if no police are around, they make the left turn anyway," Van Loan said.

But it's doubtful residents on and near Drake would be willing to see the left-turn ban lifted on the two-lane residential road. The posted speed limit on Drake, south of 12 Mile, is 25 mph.

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20 waive exams in cocaine case

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Twenty suburban people indicted on cocaine and conspiracy charges last month have waived their rights to preliminary examination in Farmington's 47th District Court.

Some are expected to plead guilty to lesser felony charges.

Their cases have all been assigned to Oakland County Circuit Judge Steven Andrews. Circuit court arraignments are slated for this week and next, according to prosecutors.

Many are from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area, including the communities of Birmingham, Farmington Hills, Southfield, West Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Township, Rochester, Redford Township, Livonia and Plymouth.

Two other defendants have requested preliminary examinations in district court, which will determine whether there is probable cause to send them to trial. According to District Judge Fred Harris, a court date of Jan. 5 has been set for Greg Chappi, no age given, of Kalamazoo and Donald Simmons, 29, of Orionville.

Twenty-two people, including business owners, lawyers, homemakers, auto workers and a part-time college professor, were charged in November in connection with what police say is a mid-level, \$16-million cocaine distribution ring, believed to

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Hills eyes funds for blight fight

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Farmington City Council will petition Oakland County to reallocate community development block grant money to a new program designed to identify and combat early stages of blight in commercial districts outside of downtown.

This would make \$3,825 available for organization work in commercial districts. That money is derived from unspent minor home repair funds of \$2,899 in 1985 and \$5,925 in 1986.

"The city has not as yet qualified any specific area in need of commercial revitalization," said Robert Schultz, assistant city manager.

"Minor home repairs are essentially emergency items, things relating to health and safety, and are not large enough to apply for a regular home loan," Schultz said.

"The city doesn't receive many applications. To be perfectly honest with you, we have had very few inquiries. Many are ineligible. Persons must meet certain income restric-

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