



FILE PHOTO

Simple everyday tasks became extremely difficult after severe flooding in June. Heavy rains and poor drainage made a trek to the mailbox

difficult for Monroe Trumbley, a Kendallwood subdivision resident.

In the local area, 1989 was a year of change

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for Kristina Marie Prachia is murdered. Her boyfriend, Anthony Joseph Bonelli, 18, of Farmington Hills, is arrested for the drowning death.

Farmington school trustees uphold their sibling priority policy for high-meadow Common Campus, an alternative elementary.

Farmington Hills resident Jon Vermeulen, 41, is found guilty in Oakland County Circuit Court in the shooting death of his second wife, Urline "Renae" Lewis Vermeulen, 24. He is sentenced to life in prison.

The Farmington school board overrules district administrators, waives attorney-client privileges and grants general release of a legal report relating to bond issues. The report had been requested by economists with Farmington Hills-based Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America.

APRIL

The accused Oakland County rapist, Seeman, is arraigned in 47th District Court on 17 charges of sexual assault and armed robbery of three Farmington Hills women in November 1987 and March 1988. Not-guilty pleas are entered on his behalf. He also is arraigned on similar charges in other sexual assaults in Bloomfield Township and Birmingham.

About 175 pro-choice advocates meet about 475 anti-abortion protesters in front of the doors of the Women Center clinic on Orchard Lake Road. The peaceful protest eventually closed the doors to the clinic for the day.

Six communities, including Farmington and Farmington Hills, seek a grant of up to \$5 million to help finance a \$25 million recycling facility to dispose of the area's garbage.

A citizens panel is created in Farmington to review traffic patterns and recommend changes.

The Farmington Hills council adopts a controversial art ordinance

to regulate structures or sculptures in non-residential front yards.

Farmington Hills attorney Fred Harris is appointed as the new 47th District Court judge to replace veteran Judge Michael Hand, who retires May 1.

Farmington school trustees introduce a new policy allowing high school students a choice of which school they wish to attend.

MAY

Eighteen-year Farmington quadriplegic David Rivlin petitions Oakland County Circuit Court to be removed from the ventilator that has kept him breathing for the last two years.

Seeman, the man accused of being the Oakland County rapist, is ordered to undergo psychiatric exams.

The 1989-90 Farmington Public Schools budget increases an estimated \$10 million, increasing the operating budget to \$85 million. Trustees levy the maximum allowable millage under the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment.

St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center began reviewing policies following charges that a 12-year-old boy raped a 12-year-old girl in the woods there.

JUNE

The second round of streetcapes

improvements in downtown Farmington begins.

Controversy mounts as the city of Farmington Hills becomes a co-signer for golf pro Al Marnion's loan to renovate the clubhouse and add a restaurant at the city-owned San Marino Golf Course.

The Farmington Community Library becomes independent with its new state-allowed taxing authority.

Incumbents Helen Ditzhazy and Jack Cotton outdistance opponents Robert Ranney and John Akouri for four-year terms on the Farmington Board of Education.

A Farmington Hills party store owner is charged with selling hardcore pornographic magazines to a minor as part of an undercover police crackdown on pornography.

Floods wreak havoc in Farmington Hills, putting a good portion of Kendallwood subdivision under water. Complaints are taken to the Farmington Hills City Council, where residents demand quick action.

Farmington Public Schools superintendent Graham Lewis resigns half-way through a two-year contract. Deputy superintendent Michael Flanagan is appointed acting superintendent.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

• weapon seized

A 39-year-old Detroit man faces a concealed weapons charge. A switchblade knife was found in his pocket during a traffic stop at Grand River and Middlebelt Saturday, Farmington Hills police said.

• reckless driving

A patron bounced from the bar at Mr. Sports One of a Kind, 3080 Orchard Lake Road, put his vehicle in reverse and sent the doorman and 15 patrons scattering for safety about 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

No one was hurt, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• brick thrown

Damage was estimated at \$500 when a brick was thrown through a window of a house and garage on Slaman Circle Friday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• armed robbery

An employee at the Mobil Gas Station, 35355 Grand River, Farmington, was robbed of \$275 late on the evening of Dec. 23. A police report said that the robber, about 20, with a beard, mustache, jeans and a trench coat, approached the counter and asked the employee for money. No other customers were in the area. The subject held his right hand in his pocket in a threatening manner and left on foot, west toward Drake Road.

• thefts reported

A personal computer valued at \$7,500 was reported stolen from Douglas & Lomax, 37720 Interchange Court, Farmington Hills, Dec. 19-22.

A TV, golf equipment, jewelry, a VCR, a personal computer, stereo equipment and camera equipment valued at \$8,800 were reported

stolen from a house on Springlane, Farmington Hills, Dec. 22.

• truck fire

A truck fire caused about \$3,000 damage to a GMC dump truck parked in the city of Farmington public works truck yard on Nine Mile Road. The cause of fire was listed as electrical ignition.

His parents felt it was time he had a place of his own. After all, he was 15.



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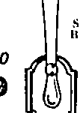
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