

1989's 2nd half as lively as first

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ages 12-17, makes headlines with a new assessment program that aggravates neighbors, who are afraid that repeat offenders will live at the facility. Battle lines are drawn between the facility and Farmington Hills officials over land use issues.

Boys Republic says Farmington Hills for \$3,700 for each day renovation work is halted by the city council's stop work order, which it issued as it investigates the new assessment program on campus. The stop work order is lifted by Oakland County Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper, allowing the social agency to continue renovations.

In the nick of time, three employee groups and Farmington school administrators bargain almost around the clock to avert a strike on the first day of the new school year.

SEPTEMBER

An arm of the Dearborn Heights-based National Socialist Party says it will counter-demonstrate a planned peace march downtown Farmington.

Farmington Hills attorney John Donohue, city attorney for Farmington, is asked to be Farmington Hills' primary legal counsel in its legal battle against Boys Republic.

Farmington Hills is under a temporary moratorium on new industrial-research-office relocations. A new ad hoc committee on toxic/hazardous materials is forming with volunteers, led by then-councilman Philip Arnold. Residents are concerned about toxic materials used in companies in IRO areas.

• OCTOBER

Members of the International Committee Against Racism and the revolutionary Communist Progressive Labor Party say they will counter-protest an October peace march in Farmington.

The improved I-696, widened from four to eight lanes, between I-275 and Franklin Road in Southfield, opens to the delight of at least 80,000 motorists.

Picketing members of a plumbers local at the site of the new 600-student Hillside Elementary aren't slowing work on the building, scheduled to open in fall 1990.

Farmington resident Derwin Success led his long-planned march for peace and racial harmony along Grand River Ave. in Farmington, minus American Nazi Party members.

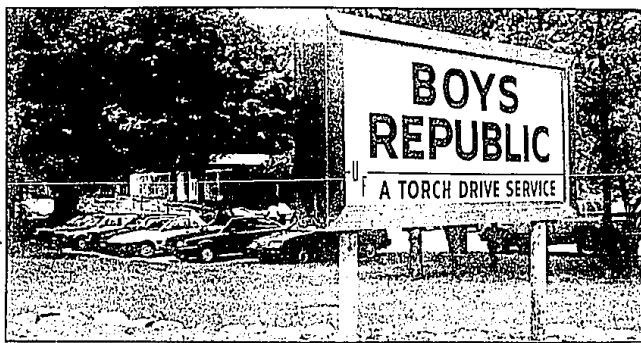
Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Robert Tempin rules that genetic tests will be admissible in the county's court cases, such as the case against Steven Szeman, the man accused of being the Oakland County rapist.

• NOVEMBER

In the heated Farmington Hills city council race, IRO foes endorse five of 13 candidates.

As election day ends, Farmington Hills incumbent Aldo Vagnozzi leads the way in top votes, followed by challenger Jonathan Grant, incumbent Ben Marks and challenger Lichtman. In the special race, Nancy Bates trounces incumbent Paul Sowerby.

For the first time in Farmington history, two women, incumbent Shir-



FILE PHOTO

Controversy over Boys Republic, a temporary home for delinquent boys ages 12-17, on Nine

Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt, dominant much of the summer in Farmington Hills.

ley Richardson and newcomer JoAnne McShane, take seats on the city council. McShane forces incumbent Arnold Campbell off the council. Incumbent Richard Tupper also wins.

Farmington-area voters handily defeat a library operating tax proposal, while defeating a \$14.5 million bond issue by only a 215-vote margin for a new main library.

Farmington officials move ahead with plans for a \$9.6 million sewer system upgrade, expected to be the most expensive project in the city's history.

Farmington Hills mayor pro tem Jean Fox is elected mayor. Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi takes over the number two post. Farmington councilwoman Shirley Richardson is elected council mayor and Ralph Yoder as mayor pro tem.

Farmington Hills planning commissioners recommend that Bestak Building Co. is given its request to rezone the Muirwood Square shopping center, at Drake and Grand River.

Farmington Hills planning commissioners surprise many and ban the use of speakers and microphones at the Farmington Community Center's popular outdoor concerts. Nearby residents complain about noise from the concerts.

The Michigan Department of Transportation recommends building a boulevard west of Haggerty with a jog near 14 Mile to avoid a wetlands area.

• DECEMBER

Lines are drawn as 350 pro-life and pro-choice activists picket peacefully outside the Western Women's Clinic in a medical complex on Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile.

Urged by staff and community members, the Farmington school

board taps acting superintendent Michael Flanagan as the new superintendent and call off a national search for a new school chief.

The Farmington Hills city council doesn't follow planning commissioners' recommendation and denies a rezoning request to Bestak Building Co. to expand the Muirwood Square shopping center.

Just three days before Christmas, a fire at Botsford Place Terrace Apartments leaves four families homeless.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Robert Tempin sets Friday, Feb. 16 as the start of Steven Szeman's trial. Szeman is the man accused of being the Oakland County rapist.

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Ex-prince welcomes overthrow

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"My father had 15 first names because they felt it important to include all the relatives. When I was born, he said, 'It's going to get only one first name.'"

At the age of 42, Princess Ileana, newly-arrived in America and divorced from her husband, learned how to go grocery shopping, make beds, cook and do laundry for the first time. She sold her tiara to buy a house in Newton, Massachusetts and pay tuition for her children.

Habsburg met his wife, Jerrine, at a dance while attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a former president of the Farmington Artists Club. The couple has five children: Christopher, 32, a San Francisco carpenter and fine wood worker; Ileana Snyder, 31, of Lathrup, a Creative Universal executive; Peter, 30, an engineer who resides in West Bloomfield; Tanti Matheson, 29, of Walled Lake and a student at U-M; and Anton, 25, a California electrician.

In 1959, Habsburg contracted viral encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain which destroyed his retentive memory. "It put me on the sidelines in the 1960's," Habsburg said. "It had a lot of nasty consequences. It put an end to everything. It took a long, long time for my memory to come back to a normal level."

He enrolled in a masters degree program in Wayne State and took eight years to finish.

Habsburg had to prove that he could do it again.

"That was an achievement for me personally," he said.

Habsburg worked at the GM Building in the New Center Building and later worked at the GM Tech Center in Warren.

In 1978, Habsburg received from the Society of Automotive Engineers the award for excellence in oral presentation on the topic of "Are Cars Getting Smaller While People Are Getting Bigger?"

"It was a real boost to my struggling ego," Habsburg said.

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Board decides against vote

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Without a bond issue in the immediate future to build a new library, officials said they are concerned that space at the existing Hills branch, 32737 12 Mile, will become tighter as collections and patron usage continue to increase.

"Space is already tight. There already are long lines to check out books. We'll have to make decisions about adding shelving and seating," Yavorski said. "Maybe we'll have to

take books off the shelves to make room. It's going to be uncomfortable without space. But it already is."

THE DECISION to delay going to the polls means the 12 Mile branch will have to be re-evaluated to determine how library officials can accommodate the growing number of patrons using the facility as well as the growing collection, Yavorski said.

The bond issue also would have helped pay for improvements at the

downtown Farmington branch, 23550 Liberty.

"The problems we had before the election we still have and it will only get worse," Papal said.

Despite the delay in seeking voter approval, library officials don't expect to make resounding changes in earlier decisions about building a new library.

"They (trustees) have reaffirmed the need for a new building at a new site," Papal said. "Our options are limited."

obituaries

• JOHN BANNON DONOVAN

Mr. Donovan, 66, of Farmington Hills died December 25 in his home.

Born in Ludlow, Mass., Mr. Donovan was a certified public accountant for Manufacturing Co. Survivors include his wife, Helen; son, Joseph; daughters, Eileen, Melyna and Nancy; one sister and four grandchildren.

Services were December 29 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Norbert Kordierski of St. Fabian Church presiding. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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