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PRO-LIFE forces rallied in front of Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, in the sleet and snow Saturday afternoon.

Farmington Hills police, who backed up hospital security personnel, said 200 demonstrators, some toting graphic signs, picketed peacefully for about an hour in front of the main entrance before holding a brief prayer vigil and dispersing.

The protesters came from a similar rally at an abortion clinic in Detroit.

The rally, the first such protest at Botsford, came two days before the 17th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling, which prevented states from banning abortion in the first trimester of pregnancy.

"While I defend everybody's right to free speech and peaceful assembly, and I am respectful of their position, I can't condone the messages they give with their signage," said Gerson Cooper, Botsford president.

While Botsford physicians are allowed to do outpatient abortions, they "by no means are a major portion of our activities here and the volume has gone down markedly over the course of the last three, four years," Cooper said.

Quote of the week

9 They are going to be judge and jury. If you have an employee who gets mad and serves anyone, you can lose your (liquor) license.

— Robert Matley, Marmaduke's Tavern owner. In reaction to the Farmington Hills City Council's crackdown on liquor law enforcement.

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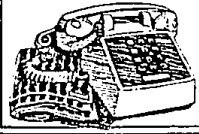
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Boundaries set, task force OK'd

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By Casey Hans
staff writer

Attendance areas for the new Hillside Elementary School were adopted Tuesday. Meanwhile, a districtwide task force was formed to study building usage at all levels.

Both measures were approved unanimously

Tuesday by the Farmington school board. Superintendent Michael Flanagan emphasized that the boundary measure is a "conservative approach," meant to carry the district through the 1990-91 school year until the task force can study more long-term options.

"This (the boundary plan) affects only the kids attending Hillside," he said.

He said the task force would be charged with having "firm plans in mind before the beginning of the next school year."

The board adopted a boundary plan proposed two weeks ago by Flanagan, with two

revisions. A total of 553 students from Flanagan, Forest, Beechview and Longacre elementary schools will attend the new westside elementary this fall, putting the building at 85 percent of its 650-student capacity.

REVISIONS APPROVED by the board include:

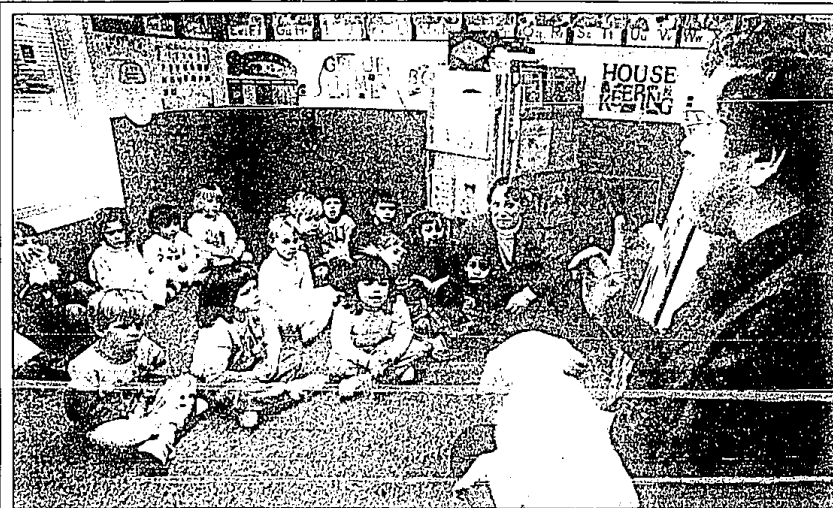
• Current fourth graders, of which there are 76, can opt to stay at their current school next fall. Families would have to provide their own transportation.

• Part of the plan that would have shifted a group of Beechview students in Section 13 to

Wood Creek Elementary was not approved. Those students will remain at Beechview this fall.

The 16-member Facilities Task Force will have representation from parents, teachers and school administrators representation and will be chaired by Don Cowan, director of buildings and student services. Three of the six parents would, ideally, be from the recent committee that studied boundaries, Flanagan said.

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Children gather around Ronald Blauet, Michigan Humane Society education director, as he explains how to care for puppies.



Darren Guffey, 3, holds one of the puppies at the pet care presentation.

Puppy love

Children learn to care for pets

The Michigan Humane Society brought a puppy and a kitten to Botsford General Hospital's Child Care Center in Farmington Hills Monday for children to play with and learn about.

Ron Blauet, Michigan Humane Society-Detroit chapter education director, spoke to the youngsters about proper pet care and the handling of animals.

"We've been teaching the children about pets and how to properly care for them," said Sue Hedemark, a teacher at the center.

"The Humane Society is bringing out their pets to actually show the children how to care for them."

The child care center, available

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— Sue Hedemark
teacher, Botsford Child Care Center

only to Botsford employees, opened in 1985.
Serving children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years, the center cares for about 40 children a day from 6:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Booze proposal draws criticism

Proposed weapons in liquor crackdown, 12A
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By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Marmaduke's Tavern owner Robert Matley is riled by the Farmington Hills City Council's proposal to revoke liquor licenses from restaurant, bar and party store owners who repeatedly sell alcoholic beverages to minors.

They are going to be judge and jury. If you have an employee who gets mad and serves anyone, you can lose your license," Matley said.

"Your employees can put you out of business. They have nothing to lose. They (city council) are saying I may as well make all my employees a partner in my business so they have something to lose too by serving anyone," Matley continued.

Ed Wagner, manager of D. Dennison's Seafood Tavern, believes the burden should be shared. "I understand what the problem is and what they (city officials) want to do. But there needs to be an equal burden shared by the youthful offender."

Their concern stems from a Farmington Hills City Council proposal that puts in writing the council's authority to revoke licenses based on licensees' violation records.

THE PROPOSED ordinance does not give the city council any more authority than it already has. Based on precedent set by other communities, such as Farmington, which successfully closed Bootlegger's bar in the mid-1980s, city councils can legally revoke liquor licenses, said Ronald Aho, Farmington Hills special counsel.

The proposed ordinance, to be introduced Monday, Feb. 12, is part of an effort to crack down on the sale of alcohol to minors.

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Environment, downtown top concerns for '90s

The 1980s, a decade of growth and redevelopment for both Farmington and Farmington Hills, have given way to the '90s, a decade that will set the stage for life in the next millennium.

What's in store for local residents?

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As always, we appreciate your feedback. Write to our "Reader's forum" column.

— Bob Sklar,
editor

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Keeping a vibrant downtown, expensive infrastructure changes and a movement toward recycling will all be major issues facing residents of the city of Farmington in the 1990s. The new decade will also see a

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continuation of the high-tech revolution and will create an environmentally aware community.

"Recycling, environmental issues, will be the buzzword for the 1990s," said city manager Robert Deadman, who headed a regional committee in the past few years, looking at such issues. But, he said, the older city will also face major repairs to its underpinnings.

"The infrastructure is just so important to the community because, if it doesn't work, it's not a very pleasant place to live," he said.

IN THE past decade, city officials have seen several major projects

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Wendy Strip Sittsamer, Downtown Development Authority executive director, stands in front of the Farmington City Hall.