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BACK in business. Three former Tally Hall tenants have reopened as neighbors of the F&M health and beauty aids store, which replaced the festival food court at Hunters Square last year.

Two ethnic restaurants — Anita's Mid-East Kitchen, owned by Anita and Pierre Farah, and Tom Gouhar's Honey Tree, featuring a Greek cuisine — have reopened next to F&M.

Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum, an entertainment center with old-time amusement machines and play devices and a snack bar, will reopen soon on the south side of the former Tally Hall building with three times more space.

The Farmington Hills shopping center is at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

Memory lane

25 years ago:

- Farmington Township reached a milestone as the building department issued its 10,000th building permit, for the construction of a new home in Canterbury Commons subdivision, 13 Mile at Orchard Lake Road.
- An enrollment of 1,200 students is expected in Farmington summer school program.

— Farmington Enterprise, June 3, 1965

This week

A state-winning team from Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills will show off their version of Noah's Ark as part of an Odyssey of the Mind creative problem solving demonstration on NBC's "Today Show" this morning.

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Hills declares big dollar war against floods

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Max Simon and his neighbors in Westbrooke Manor and Kendallwood subdivisions admittedly are impatient for improvements with the first anniversary of the big 1989 flood just three weeks away.

"Our homes are still in as great a danger as they were a year ago," said Simon, head of the Westbrooke flood committee. "I remember the city manager say, 'Don't worry. This will never happen in this area again.'"

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Westbrooke spokesman

That's what Simon and Farmington Hills officials are hoping with more than \$18 million of storm drainage improvements.

Farmington Hills' \$18.5 million share of improvements will be paid for with 0.6-mill for 20 years. The improvements will cost 7 cents of each tax dollar spent in the city in 1990-91, City Manager William Costick said.

"We, of course, don't like to see higher taxes, but sometimes it's necessary," Simon said.

In 1990-91, taxpayers will pay 8.87 mills per \$1,000 of state equalized value of property to support the city's proposed \$27.6 million budget. That includes a rolled-back operating tax rate of 8.2 mills plus the 0.6-mill for storm drain improvements.

THIS YEAR'S proposed tax rate represents a 7.3 percent increase over last year's 8.83 mills, finance director Charles Rosch said.

A mill represents \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized value of property. SEV represents 50 percent of what property will sell for on the open market.

Storm drainage improvements are expected to prevent a repeat of last June's flooding, particularly to the Kendallwood and Westbrooke Manor subdivisions in the 13 Mile/Farmington

ton Road area and the Franklin Knolls subdivision in the Middlebelt/14 Mile area.

Heavy rains caused drains to back up and spill storm water and sanitary sewage into hundreds of residents' yards and basements.

The improvement program will begin with construction of the Minnow Pond Drain to relieve flooding in the Kendallwood and Westbrooke Manor subdivisions.

The Pebble Creek Drain project will alleviate flooding in the Franklin Knolls subdivision and the Northwestern Highway/13 Mile area with construction of a water detention basin at Glen Oaks Golf Course.

A 50-acre water detention facility at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile, will control storm water flowing along the upper Rouge River.

"It (the improvement project) is something we cannot do yesterday though it is something we wish we had done yesterday," Mayor Jean Forth told residents Wednesday at the city's required budget and Truth-in-Taxation hearings.

The proposed 8.87 mills and \$27.6 million budget are expected to be adopted Monday, June 11.

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Robby Sands found the going slow as he made his way through the intersection of Old Forge and Brandywine in Kendallwood subdivision during the June 21, 1989, downpour.

Lean budget holds line

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills' proposed 1990-91 \$27.6 million budget is called conservative. And that makes some city officials concerned.

"It is a very lean budget. It's been held tight," councilman Jonathan Grant said, expressing concern that, in the long run, the city may regret holding back expenses as funds, such as capital improvements and roads, become depleted.

But council members agreed that voters want taxes held at bay. And that means making cuts and holding down expenses even though the city's growth has continued to place demands on city services, facilities and staff.

"I think it's wonderful to be a hero," councilwoman Nancy Bates said, referring to efforts to hold down taxes. Like Grant, Bates also is concerned about the city's infrastructure.

Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi said the proposed 8.87 mills tax rate, expected to be set Monday, June 11, when the council adopts the 1990-91 \$27.6 million budget, recognizes taxpayers' concerns.

"We have recognized there have been increased assessments and we have reduced the basic tax rate," Vagnozzi said.

THE PROPOSED budget represents an 8.3 percent increase over the 1989-90 \$26 million budget. The proposed 8.87 mills includes a rolled-back operating tax rate of 8.2 mills plus 0.6-mill for storm drain improvements.

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End of an era

Fire-ravaged building demolished

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Demolition of the burned and gutted Orchard Ridge Plaza last week brought an end and a new beginning for co-owner Lou Bosco.

Demolition of the 22,000-square-foot building, northeast of 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, closed the chapter, at least physically, on one of Farmington Hills' worst fires in years.

But demolition, begun Wednesday by a private contractor, also spells a new beginning.

"At this stage of the game, I like to look at it as a new set of opportunities," said Bosco, an attorney who, along with six other businesses, lost his office in the three-alarm fire just after

7:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4.

"We were lucky. We can't complain. No one was hurt in the fire," Bosco said.

Though he couldn't guess what other tenants' individual losses were in the fire, Bosco estimated total loss of the building at about \$2 million. With the business world still reeling, the plaza's other tenants quickly found new quarters following the fire.

Not so, however, for Bob McDonald, owner of the plaza's landmark Roman Terrace restaurant and McJoe's Bar, formerly McJoe's Tavern on the lower level of the 2½-story building.

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A wrecking ball began the demolition of the landmark Roman Terrace restaurant and the rest of the burned and gutted Orchard Ridge Plaza last week.

Confusion mars Hills liquor law crackdown

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

A matter of opinion.

That's what seems to be putting the Michigan Liquor Control Commission at odds with Farmington Hills' procedures for recommending

ing revocation or nonrenewal of liquor licenses.

"Unfortunately, there's nothing in the law to allow us to do what they want us to do," MLCOC executive services director Dan Sparks said. "I think there's some confusion on it."

But Farmington Hills special counsel Ron

Acho, who drafted the set of procedures for recommending nonrenewal and suspension of licenses with histories of liquor law violations, says there's no confusion.

"It's an ordinance that's been used in other places. All we did was put down the procedures that were to be followed. We will continue with

the procedures," Acho said.

Action against two Farmington Hills liquor licensees, owners of convenience stores which hold off-premise licenses — was coincidental and not the result of recommendations

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He wins awards for films

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Joe Dzenowagis of Farmington Hills lives in two worlds.

By day, he is a family foster care home finder for the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center in Mount Clemens and Pontiac.

After hours he is an award-winning documentary producer who has worked for Channel 28 and is a for-

mer associate producer for Dennis Whaley's Late Night America show on WTWS Channel 54, now off the air.

Earlier this month, Channel 54 aired "Eight Candles For Remembrance," Dzenowagis' hour-long docu-

mentary about the 2nd Air Division in which his father was a navigator.

The 2nd Air Division flew B-24 Liberator Bombers during World War II. Because of its record for bombing accuracy, the division was considered the deadliest air combat division in the European Theater of Operations.

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Man stabbed during argument

A Redford Township man faces felony charges in connection with a stabbing after an argument at a Farmington Hills doughnut shop Wednesday.

The victim, Michael A. Flannery, 36, of Farmington Hills, was treated at Providence Hospital-Novi for a stab wound to the right hand.

He said he suffered a two-inch laceration just at the base of the thumb. "Tendons and nerves were severed."

I've only got partial feeling in the hand. And I can't bend it."

He plans to undergo plastic surgery on the same hand in two to three weeks during a carpal tunnel procedure involving a circular saw Dec. 17.

"I guess I'm out of work for another two months," said Flannery, who returned to work about a month ago after he had healed from the December accident.

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