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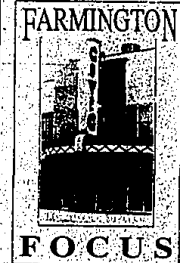
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**CHRISTMAS** is a combi- and if you don't believe it, just check out the Farmington Historical Museum on Grand River in the coming days.

As the season approaches, plans are well under way to deck the halls of the museum — once the home of former Gov. Fred M. Warner — with greens, fruits and other natural items to give it a holiday setting in the late 1800s.

This year, the Farmington Beautification Committee will place a large lighted tree in the museum's gazebo.

Indoors, another tree will be adorned with the handwork of the Farmington Chapter of Embroiderers Guild of America. The Quakerstown Quilters, which has a regular display case at the museum, will decorate the Children's Room for Christmas.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, Chris Wheeland, a hammer dulcimer artist, will perform from 2-4 p.m. On the following Sunday, Dec. 9, the Carillon Choir from the First United Methodist Church will entertain visitors with the ringing of the bells.

The museum staff is looking for a musician or small musical group to play on Sunday, Dec. 16.

As part of a special program sponsored by the downtown Farmington merchants, the museum will be open 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Transportation will be provided from the shopping district to the museum at 3805 Grand River Avenue.

The museum is open 1-5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, and Wednesdays, Dec. 11, 18 and 19. Arrangements may be made for groups to tour the museum at other times.

Interested persons should call the museum at 478-7475 during normal hours, or Dick Carrel at 478-6157 at other times.

As in past years, the museum will be closed during January and February, although visits by groups may be arranged during that time.

**WELL, IT'S** just a suggestion... but resident Vernon Klepinski thinks he has the answer to the ethics questions facing the Farmington Hills City Council these days.

"Maybe a whole new council," said Klepinski during Monday's stormy council meeting.

The council was considering tightening an existing ethics ordinance which keeps public officials from accepting gifts or voting on issues in which they have a personal interest.

Klepinski's comment was made deep into the long meeting and there were few spectators left to laugh at — or maybe cheer — it.

**MEMORY LANE** — From the Nov. 23, 1990, Farmington Enterprise:

James Donnelly of Collingham Street was the first Farmington-area hunter to bag a deer during the 1950 season. He used a bow and arrow to shoot the nine-point buck near Howell.

A 1951 Buick Roadmaster with Dynaflo Drive was advertised at \$4,719 at Bruster Buick Sales on Grand River.

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## Hills mayor vote a question mark

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

May we have the envelope, please. At 7:30 tonight, the Farmington Hills City Council will elect a new mayor and mayor pro tem for 1991, an event that is rumored to be as filled with discord as the last few months at the council table have been.

In line for the council's top honorary post, mayor pro tem Aldo Vagnozzi says he doesn't believe he's got a chance. All but twice, the city council has followed tradition and elected the mayor pro tem as mayor. And hints abound that it won't be Vagnozzi this time around.

"Being mayor is not the end of the world. Being mayor is no big deal," Vagnozzi said, acknowledging the likely results of tonight's election.

### Odds seem stacked against Vagnozzi

Five of the seven council members have waged public and private verbal battles with Mayor Jean Fox and Vagnozzi for most of the year.

The tension reached the boiling point Nov. 19 following announcement of a consent judgment between the city and Boys Republic detention center on Nine Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.

THE MAJORITY of the city council accused and Fox and Vagnozzi acknowledged that they

contradicted a resolution — prohibiting discussion about the then-pending lawsuit — adopted in executive session and contacted representatives in the governor's office and Gov. James Blanchard himself to resolve the conflict between the city and the social service agency.

The city charter dictates that the mayor's role is ceremonial and honorary. The mayor also leads the city council meetings.

Though by tradition Vagnozzi would be in line for the mayor's post, rumors abound that the majority of the council does not want another year similar to the one they have experienced under Fox as mayor and Vagnozzi as mayor pro tem. Most issues confronting the council in 1990 have

*If the city council does not elect Vagnozzi as mayor, the vote will represent a break with tradition. Vagnozzi is the longest serving member who has not yet served as mayor. He also was the top vote-getter in the 1989 city council election.*

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Ina and Paul Kadish of Farmington Hills hope photomurals like those in the background at Detroit's Harper Hospital will be Healing Art for patients.

SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

## Ailing hospital art fund needs a shot in the arm

By Susan Buck staff writer

Harper Hospital's Healing Art Fund is ailing. It's \$6,000 short of a \$16,000 goal, said Ina Kadish, a Farmington Hills resident and gestalt therapist, who started the fund last summer.

"We're looking for some angels," she said. Kadish's husband, Paul, was recently a patient in the hospital's bone marrow transplant unit. A victim of non-Hodgkins lymphoma, a form of cancer, Paul Kadish is fighting to avoid becoming another statistic.

So far, he's winning.

Even before Paul was admitted to the Detroit hospital, his wife set about transforming the bare walls of the bone marrow unit into a showcase of Healing Art.

As owner of Quartus Photo Design Systems in Livonia, a company that perks up offices and hospitals, Ina Kadish attempts to relieve patient tension and boredom and provide enjoyment.

The company provides photos ranging from back-lighted ceiling or wall panels to framed images.

KADISH'S COMPANY has provided photomurals for Detroit's Grace Hospital, St. Joseph

Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

At Harper Hospital, Ina Kadish recommended that 20-by-40-inch photos be rotated weekly in the 20 patient rooms to give patients a variety of scenes to enjoy during the four to six weeks they are in isolation.

In addition, 14 wall groupings of murals hang along the halls.

"Patients get around," said Paul Kadish. "One of the requirements for all those patients is to walk around those hallways 10 times a day for

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## Decibels high in noise battle

### Tickets put on hold — critic

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Farmington Road resident Donald Stolberg believes something stinks somewhere between the Farmington Hills City Hall and the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills.

Stolberg is particularly angry about a July 24 complaint he and two other neighbors made about a loud party during a period when some city and center officials believe police officers were instructed not to issue tickets to the center.

"In our opinion, such misconduct constitutes ticket fixing," Stolberg said about the disposition of tickets against the center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads.

The apparent instructions were — some believe — implied in a three-year police order, issued April 17, a day after approval of an agreement between the 4th District Court and the Community Center over its noise problems.

The order was later canceled Oct. 30, following a city council executive session, about a month after the Farmington Hills Planning Commission gave approval for the center to

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## School board to set tax proposals Dec. 4

By Susan Buck staff writer

Farmington school trustees are considering language for two ballot proposals in a Feb. 5 millage election.

"Designing an election" is what

Superintendent Michael Flanagan called it during the Nov. 20 school board meeting after he presented a list of proposed cuts to programs and projects that were studied before considering a tax hike.

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## Treetop capers

A squirrel with a baby food jar stuck over its head was the object of a chase in (and above) a backyard of a house on Rockwell Street in Farmington Hills last week.

Representatives of the Michigan Humano Society, the fire department and resident Neale Hubschneider (back to camera, above) were involved in an unsuccessful attempt to catch and help the animal. For more photos and a story, see page 3A.

SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer