

# Facilities deemed top priority in '91 for Hills

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\$400,000 will be needed to institute curbside recycling. When the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a consortium of communities to which Farmington Hills and Farmington belong, buys land and builds its materials recovery facility (for recycled materials), yet another \$3 million to \$4 million will be needed.

"These are the items that we will seek new revenue for," Costick said.

A DECISION will be in store to establish a fee, and how much, for recycling.

The city council also will be faced with having to consider ordinances mandating curbside recycling and anti-scavenging regulations, which would prevent people from taking items out of recycling bins on the curb before collection trucks come along.

"The major decision will be whether we are going to join Oakland County's solid waste plan or not. And if not, what are we going to do in place of it," Costick said.

Development of existing land in the city is sure to fall under the spotlight as pressure continues to pre-

serve what little land is left in the city, Vagnozzi said.

The city manager's concern is to keep pace with demand for services and the cost of those services when building permits, which provide the city with revenue, are decreasing and property tax reform dominates the public's concern.

With "for lease" signs up at many office buildings along the city's major thoroughfares Costick said he doesn't see developers building anymore for speculation or for lease. He predicted that city officials "may have to take a fresh look at office zoning."

As he begins his one-year tenure as mayor, Vagnozzi said one of his many goals this year is to improve information to residents by better notification of hearings and meetings. "We've had some concerns about this in the past."

Road improvements in the face of declining gas and weight tax revenues will continue to challenge city officials in 1991. Widening of Orchard Lake Road, between 10 Mile and Grand River, as well as the boulevard project on 12 Mile will continue.

Improvements on M-102/Grand River, Northwestern Highway and the controversial Haggerty Road connector also will continue to make headlines.

# Hills roads safer again

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ther. Improved medical attention has also helped (reduce injuries and deaths)," said Bob DeCorte, director of engineering and data services for the Traffic Improvement Association, Bloomfield Hills.

Fatal accidents also decreased countywide in 1990 and through Thursday, Jan. 3. In the reported 105 fatal accidents, 109 people were killed. That's compared to the 121 reported fatal accidents in which 129 people were killed in 1989. Fatalities decreased 7.7 percent in 1990 from 1989, DeCorte said.

Total accidents reported in Oakland County through September 1990 were 31,727 compared to 48,587 in all of 1989. As in Farmington Hills, injuries also decreased in county accidents. In all of 1989, 13,495 injury accidents were reported, compared to 8,838 through September 1990.

"People are getting a lot smarter and they are wearing their safety belts," DeCorte said.

As of May 1990, 49.6 percent of motorists in Michigan wear seat belts, according to a state study.

"It's 'wow' if you're looking at where we were 10 years ago. But we have a long way to go. That's only half," DeCorte said.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT and education have hit their mark. In the past three years, no high school-aged motorists have been arrested for drunk driving in Farmington Hills, Cranston said.

"It's socially unacceptable to drink and drive," DeCorte said. "It's like smoking. It's something you just don't do."

Cranston believes the city's tough alcohol enforcement — approaching 500 arrests a year for drunk driving — is having an effect.

Statewide, one in every six accidents involved alcohol. In Farmington Hills, one in every 22.2 accidents involve alcohol. "We have almost less than four times what the state has," Cranston said.

Increased congestion on city roads has helped reduce the severity of injuries, as has auto makers' 5 mph impact bumpers. "With the volume going up and larger periods of congestion, we're seeing not high-

speed collisions, but low-speed.

"There are two ways to eliminate accidents. Have no vehicles or have a traffic gridlock," Cranston continued.

Interestingly, 1990 witnessed 16 deer accidents, many along 12 Mile. "That's the highest we've seen in that department in quite a while," Cranston said. Parking lot accidents, including hit-and-runs, are also more prevalent, he added.

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# Students have ups, downs in college tests

By Casey Hane  
staff writer

Students in Farmington Public Schools fared better than state average on one voluntary college entrance test, and fell below average on another, according to recently released figures.

Results for Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison high schools on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and a new, enhanced version of the American College Test were released during a December report to the school board on districtwide testing in the Farmington Public Schools.

State and national results were released earlier this fall.

ACT results show Farmington's mean average score for all three schools to be 21.5, nearly one point above state and national scores of 20.6. SAT totals for math and verbal scores were 963 for the three Farmington schools, compared with a state score of 968 and a national score of 960.

BOTH THE ACT and SAT are voluntary, standardized tests given nationally which measure knowledge in the areas of mathematics and English. Colleges use one or both as part of their entrance criteria for student applications.

ACT is reported on a scale of 1 to 36, while the SAT is reported on a scale from 200 to 800 for each category.

Comparing detailed results in the two SAT categories, Farmington students fared better in the math area.

They scored 441 on the verbal section and 522 in math, compared with 454 and 514 at the state and 424 and 476 in national scoring.

North Farmington had the highest number of students taking both tests, and, at all three schools, more students chose to take the ACT.

Of 311 North Farmington juniors, 207 took the SAT and 245 took the ACT. At Harrison with 205 juniors, 53 took the SAT and 166 took the ACT. Of the 233 juniors at Farmington High, 67 took the SAT and 149 the ACT.

Each high school had its strengths:

At Farmington High, the composite ACT scores was 20.1, slightly below averages for the district, state and national. But the SAT scores totaled 999, considerably above average.

At Harrison, students were slightly above state and national averages on the ACT with 20.7, but below average on the SAT with a total of 934.

At North Farmington, students fared well in the ACT with an average score of 22, but were down slightly in the SAT with a total score of 955.

In her report to the school board, district testing coordinator Carolyn Mahalak cautioned that scores for college entrance tests should not be considered for comparison with basic skill tests such as the MEAP test, which measures skill levels of all students.

"It should be remembered that these average reflect only the scores of the juniors and a few seniors who took the test," she said. "It may not be representative of the total student body."

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The erratic nature of arthritis makes it particularly difficult to live with. If you have rheumatoid or osteoarthritis, you know from experience that its flares can be recurrent, prolonged, and unexpected.

Doctors can recount personal experiences of a patient seen on Tuesday who came smiling with all joints moving freely, walked without hesitation and left in good spirits. Yet the same patient had to be seen as an emergency on Wednesday appearing in great distress, with four or more joints swollen, painful to the touch, and fluid filled.

Neither patient nor physician can foresee that such an occurrence is in the making. The chemical reactions that set off inflammation can be brewing silently for weeks. The actual cascade of events resulting in painful joints can occur in hours.

Your possible responses are limited. One, you can, as much as possible, lay out plans with two alternatives: plan A if your joints are well, Plan B if they are ill. Two, even if you have just been in the office, you can call your doctor. Physicians understand the unpredictability of arthritis. Your doctor likely knows from experience what strategy will tide you over during this stormy period.

# Straight teeth talk...

## PATIENT COOPERATION

The key to a successful orthodontic result is teamwork between a cooperative patient, the parents and orthodontist.

The orthodontist will instruct the patient how to brush, how to wear the removable parts of the braces, and how to avoid breakage. The parents will make sure all appointments are kept on time, and will monitor the patient at home. In the center of the team is the patient, sometimes a rebellious pre-teenager who already has enough social problems without adding the stigma of braces.

Yet unless the braces are kept shiny clean, plaque around the gums can cause white decalcification marks on the teeth; unless all appointments are met, treatment time will be extended.

In fact it is impossible to fully correct a protrusion without patient cooperation. The reciprocal forces in the archwire that pull the front teeth inward also tend to pull the back teeth, which may be too far forward to begin with, further forward. The headgear and/or elastics must be worn faithfully to push the back teeth backward into the correct bite and to ensure there is enough space to push the front teeth in all the way.

If the patient is not motivated to cooperate, treatment might best be postponed.

A public service message from your local orthodontist.

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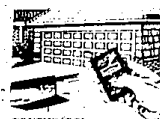
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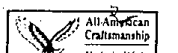
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Unfortunately, many parents and emergency-room personnel often confuse the warning signs of diabetes with the flu. Or, in some cases, urinary tract infection.

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