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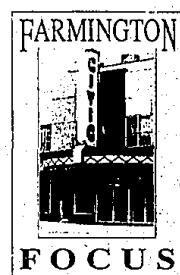
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**YOUR VOTE** really does count... and if you don't believe it, just turn on your TV set and switch to cable Channel 12 every Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this month and next.

The Farmington Hills Committee to Increase Voter Participation presents "My Vote Counts," a series focusing on voting for local residents, at the following times: 6 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Thursdays and 7 p.m. most Fridays.

Some topics for the January shows will be: a national election study, with Heather Hewett, field study manager of the National Election Study Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan; and political action committees, with Joann Soronen, executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Featured on February's shows will be: Julie A. Paigial, Farmington Hills Republican Party director, and Mike Breshgold, Democratic Party director for the city. They will speak on the effects of voter turnout on local representation.

Comments are encouraged on the programs. Call Dave Zeitmeyer of the Department of Special Services for the city of Farmington Hills, at 473-9581.

**NEIGHBORHOOD** watching... Farmington Hills residents interested in the Neighborhood Watch crime prevention program should attend an orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the City Hall, 31555 11 Mile, corner of Orchard Lake Road.

For more information about Neighborhood Watch, call 473-9640 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**REMEMBER**... the Farmington Hills Police Department provides anonymous reports on the analysis of drugs brought in by residents who suspect someone in their family of using or selling controlled substances.

Substances brought to the police station will be given confidential numbers. A telephone phone number and contact person will also be provided. The resident can call back in 10 days to receive the test results - after revealing the confidential number.

Counseling and referral will also be available, while the resident's anonymity will be maintained.

For more information, call the Crime Prevention Section of the Farmington Hills Police at 473-9640, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**MEMORY LANE**... From the Jan. 25, 1951, Farmington Enterprise:

Item in the Around the Block column: "Say, little people... just a word with you. Kindly watch what you're doing when you play in the streets this time of year."

"We have seen a lot of you playing in that nice white frosting that paves our streets, and that just isn't good practice. Maybe your folks don't care where all your little deductions spend your time, but remember that cars can't step quite so fast in winter as they can in August."

"Now undoubtedly your parents would like to keep you around until after income tax time, so take our advice and keep out of the streets, will you?"

## Drive aims to replace closed Kroger

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

A grassroots campaign is under way to urge the Kroger Co. to allow another grocery retailer to lease space at a former Kroger store at Grand River and Halsted.

This, despite reports the company may have already leased the space to a non-grocery company.

The Farmington store and another, at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in neighboring Farmington Hills, were closed in November after the company bought the Great Scott!

**'I don't want to blame Kroger entirely. But the closing will take its toll.'**

— Richard Herstein

chain and opened a 43,000-square-foot superstore two miles away at 12 Mile and Halsted.

Petitioners believe Kroger is prohibiting other groceries from renting either space. They're petitioning to change that.

Company officials would not confirm or deny reports circulating among residents this week that they had already leased the space at the Farmington store. They released a written, one-sentence statement Tuesday saying: "Anytime there is a store closing, unless it falls on the lease ending date, Kroger has a legal

obligation to pay the lease while we search for a tenant."

A spokesman said the company would not comment further on the situation, or about whether Kroger would allow another grocer to sublet the space.

"There's actually no one person who has to sign it (the petition) drive by the hour. Everyone I've talked to is kind of helping," Farmington City Councilwoman JoAnne McShane said about the petition effort. "And it isn't just the seniors - ever one feels affected."

McShane recently spoke out

against the company's action at a city council meeting, prompting fellow council members to authorize a letter to Kroger carrying similar sentiments on behalf of the city.

THE EFFORT will culminate with her hand-delivering the signatures to Kroger headquarters in Livonia sometime in February. She sent petitions to 30 interested persons, who she suggested should copy and circulate them.

Although some residents believe

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Calling himself a displaced Palestinian refugee, Yusif Barakat (left) of Royal Oak speaks with Milton Viorst following talk at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills Monday.

## Writer: Misunderstandings led to war

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Milton Viorst says he is not a pacifist, but is nonetheless "profoundly opposed" to the current war being fought in the Persian Gulf.

The entire Palestinian-Israeli issue must be addressed if conflict in the Middle East is ever to come to an end, he told area residents in Farmington Hills Monday.

"Iraq invading Kuwait was an act

**'The more deeply we get imbedded in this, the more deeply our feet get stuck.'**

— Milton Viorst

of gross injustice, but waging a war is also unjust," said Viorst, Middle East correspondent for New York Magazine who also writes for the New York Times Magazine, the Washington Post and the Wall Street

Journal among others.

"It's a war nobody wanted, and it's a war nobody can win."

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## Schultz enjoying freedom again

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

The cellblocks and bars of prison have been replaced with the more comfortable amenities of home for David Schultz.

The 26-year-old Farmington Hills man, and former Bloomfield Hills Middle School teacher, was paroled from prison Jan. 15 after serving four years for a cocaine possession conviction relating to a 1986 incident in Farmington.

His case, termed a landmark legal decision with regard to mandatory drug sentences, reached the Michigan Supreme Court before being returned to the Oakland County Circuit Court, where his sentence was substantially reduced last fall.

"It feels absolutely great," Schultz said Tuesday, after being home for a week. "It's something you can't imagine just being away from this setting for so long - it felt like I was just visiting somebody."

Schultz's attorney, William Wolcott of Birmingham, said last week's sentence of the Scott Correctional Facility in Plymouth was an emotional case as Schultz left and had been with his family. "He was turned to the Oakland County Circuit Court, where his sentence was substantially reduced last fall."

SCHULTZ WILL serve two years probation during which time he is required to do community service

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## Architects to check out plan to expand library

By Joanne Mallezewski  
staff writer

Bob Plummer and other Farmington Community Library officials are waiting for two new opinions on whether the 38,000-square-foot Farmington Hills branch should be expanded on site.

"We would like to have the opinions back before the parks and recreation master plan is

finalized," said Plummer, library board president.

One of the opinions is expected to come from an architect recommended by Farmington Hills city councilman Ben Marks. The other is one chosen by library trustees. Both opinions will be free of charge.

"Ben offered for the architect to take another look. The library board said, 'Fine, but let's get two opinions.' We're still waiting for the

two architects to give an opinion," Plummer said.

Marks said he thought a review of the site might be beneficial to taxpayers. "I'm not against them enlarging the library," Marks said. "I don't think the enough study of expanding on site."

That includes considering expansion of vacant land immediately adjacent to the 12 Mile branch.

MARKS SAID he believes if the library can be expanded in its original location, trustees will be able to lower costs and ask voters for less money when they go to the polls in the future.

Though trustees have studied expanding on site and using the adjacent vacant land,

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## A walk in the woods

Farmington Hills resident Roy Lindhardt shows a lean-to made by people who may have been playing war games with splatter guns on the city-owned Pelz-Moot property. Lindhardt and others pointed out animal tracks as well as various flowers and trees, including wild Michigan roses, goldenrod and witch hazel. For a story and more photos, see Page 3A.

