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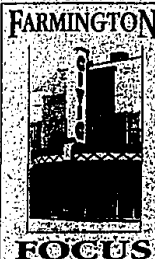
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IT'S A BOTTEN story and, hopefully, not too many people are laughing. But the joke going around town these days is that they're searching for "Red October" — the Russian submarine in the Tom Clancy novel — at the Mulwood apartment complex in Farmington Hills.

The joke, of course, refers to the flood that hit Mulwood and several other locations in the Farmington area Aug. 19. It's a good bet the joke is not amusing to those who are trying to put their lives back together after the flood.

WHAT WILL Judge Fred Harris, Farmington Hills' Police Chief Bill Dwyer and Farmington Public Safety Director Frank Laboff be doing on Thursday, Sept. 13? Why they'll be on the San Marino Golf Course as honorary caddies at the 1991 Great Optimist Golf Outing.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club has joined with the Farmington Public Schools to raise money for substance abuse programs that would aid "high-risk" students.

Jerry Wasen, Optimist president, said he hoped that \$2,500 would be raised through the tournament.

The golf outing will be a three-person, nine-hole Texas Scramble with a 1 p.m. tee time. Cost is \$50 per golfer (\$150 per team) and includes golf, one cart per team, a hot dog lunch, a buffet dinner, refreshments on the course and prizes.

Corporations or individuals can sponsor a hole for a tax-deductible donation of \$100. For more information, call Wasen at 474-6400 during business hours.

CHILDREN CAN be a challenge, most parents would say. Now Farmington Youth Assistance is sponsoring a 10-week course based on Dr. Rudolph Dreikurs' book, "Children: The Challenge."

The class begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Ten Mile School in Farmington. The fee — \$20 for one or both parents — includes books and supplemental materials.

The parent study groups consist of 15-18 people who meet for two-hour sessions. The emphasis is on parents helping parents. The volunteer leaders are parents who have completed the parenting classes and have found the techniques effective in their own homes.

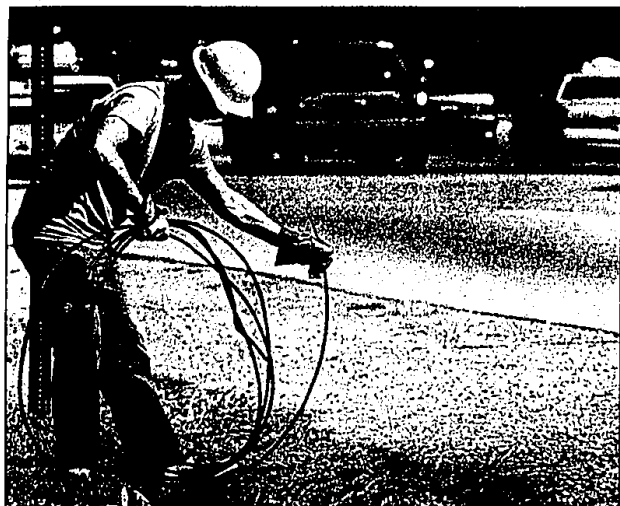
To register or to for more information, call 489-3434.

MEMORY LANE — From the Aug. 30, 1991, Farmington Enterprise:

• About 35 merchants crowded the Farmington City Council chambers to protest a plan to prohibit parking on the north side of Grand River throughout the city.

• Norm Raupp and Don Byrne were named co-captains of the 1991 Farmington High School football team, which was to open its season at Plymouth.

• About 550 students were expected to attend Farmington High during the 1991-92 school year, said G.V. Harrison, principal. Clarenceville High School has an enrollment of 320, according to Principal Max Miller.



CHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Wired out

Detroit Edison line crewman Ernie Nolan rolls up an electrical line that fell on the southbound lane of Orchard Lake Road, south of 11 Mile, Friday morning. The line, which fell in front of Farmington Hills City Hall, stopped traffic but was cleared up in about 15 minutes, according to city officials.

Lightning in a thunderstorm a week ago is believed to have hit a connector, which in turn caused the line to fall following some type of vibration Friday. A 40,000-volt line apparently hit a 13,000-volt line. The line sparked and smoked, but no one was injured.

Parents blast schools' bus route changes

By Casey Hane
staff writer

Cuts to the Farmington school transportation program — promised early this year after a February millage failure — are upsetting parents who are concerned with their children's safety.

Some are saying the district is risking their children's lives to push through a future millage.

Program cuts will leave all secondary pupils in the public school district waiting at stops on main road and elementary students walking further to their stops beginning this week.

School starts for Farmington students with a half day Tuesday and a full day on Wednesday.

"Somebody is going to be hurt or killed," said parent Jerry Piasoski who has a child in middle school. "You're putting kids into rush hour traffic in the dark — that's really smart."

Piasoski called the move by the district a political situation because of last February's millage failure.

"I still think they're playing politics and trying to get a new millage passed," he said.

BEVERLY HAUSMAN, transportation director for the Farmington district, said the cuts were made to

trim \$1 million from the transportation budget as proposed by school officials earlier in the year.

Changes include:

• The number of bus drivers was reduced by 12 during the past year, one bus mechanic position was eliminated, and the number of buses is being reduced by 12. Also, a bus replacement program has been halted to save about \$300,000 she said.

• Bus stops for all middle school and high school students have been moved to main roads, some walking up to a mile to catch the bus. Secondary students living within one and one half miles of their school will be walking.

• Elementary bus stops have been changed so most students have to walk farther to bus stops. Some will walk up to half a mile to school.

"All of the routes and stops have been re-evaluated based on the cuts," Hausman said. "Everybody's been affected in some way."

She said she did not have specific numbers of how students were impacted at each level.

PARENTS BECAME upset last week upon receiving computerized routing cards which, this year, told parents where student bus stops would be or if their child would be walking.

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Headlee calls recycling fee 'disguised tax'

2 towns OK exemptions

By Joanne Maliszewski
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staff writers

The author of the 1978 Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment said through a spokesman last week that the fee for a new recycling program in Farmington and Farmington Hills is really a "disguised tax."

"I personally think the program is a good one. I'm happy to participate," said Patrick Anderson, assistant vice president for government affairs for Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills,



whose chairman is Richard Headlee. "However, the way the fee is set up, they force everybody to pay it. Where I come from, that's a tax."

Anderson said he spoke for Headlee, who is concerned about the mandatory fee and questioned whether it was constitutional.

City officials said they disagree with that premise, although they are talking with Alexander Hamilton representatives about it.

"We're discussing it. We understand his objection, but I don't know if we agree with it," said Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman. "Talks are ongoing."

FARMINGTON HILLS City Manager William Costick said he thought the questions Anderson raised "were interesting."

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Residents of both Farmington and Farmington Hills will be allowed to apply for exemption from the cities' mandatory recycling program for residences.

Fee exemptions will be allowed for those with a financial hardship — although they will still separate

and recycle their refuse — and those with either a permanent or temporary disability can apply for exemption from participating in the program.

The exemptions will be considered by a review board on an annual basis.

On Aug. 19, the Farmington Hills City Council voted the ordinance

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Man ruled competent for trial in shooting

But examiner still studies effect of injury, medicine

By Joanne Maliszewski
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A Detroit man accused of fatally shooting two men in what was believed to be a drug-related incident at a house on Inkster Road May 31 has been determined competent to face felony charges. But it's not yet been determined whether he was criminally responsible at the time of the shootings.

Based on results of an evaluation conducted at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti, 47th District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer declared Edward P. Hopkins, 25, mentally competent at a hearing Aug. 19 to face two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of felony firearms.

Hopkins is charged in connection with the shooting deaths of Leterrie Lee Carter, 19, and Ricardo Preston, 17, both of Detroit, at 20735 Inkster, Farmington Hills.

But the staff member at the forensic center who evaluated Hopkins' competency is still waiting to review medical records from Botsford General Hospital to determine if Hopkins can be held criminally responsible, said Hopkins' court-appointed

attorney Tom McGinnis of Birmingham.

"They found him competent to stand trial but hesitated to rule on criminal responsibility," McGinnis said.

HOPKINS HAD been released from Botsford with a head injury two hours before the shooting. He also was on Demerol and Tylenol with codeine, McGinnis said. "It's a question of his state of mind," he added.

Hopkins remains in the Oakland County Jail without bond. He stood mute to the charges at his Farmington Hills jail cell arraignment June 1, the day after the shootings. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. If convicted of first-degree murder, Hopkins faces life in prison.

Another hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 19 in 47th District Court. At that time, forensic center officials are expected to provide an evaluation of criminal responsibility. According to 47th District Court staff, a preliminary hearing on the charges is also expected at that time.

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They care 'a lot'

Glenview Street neighbors Mae Clement and Mark Tinney stand at the corners of their back yards, which border the city of Farmington construction storage site. Residents have complained about the dirt, noise and debris at the site. "What was once a peaceful, beautiful lot now has the look of an industrial dump," several residents told the city in a letter. Officials say the lot will be re-seeded when construction is finished. For a story and more photos, please see page AX.