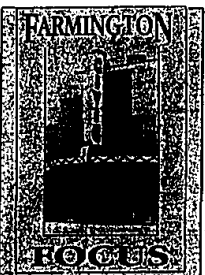




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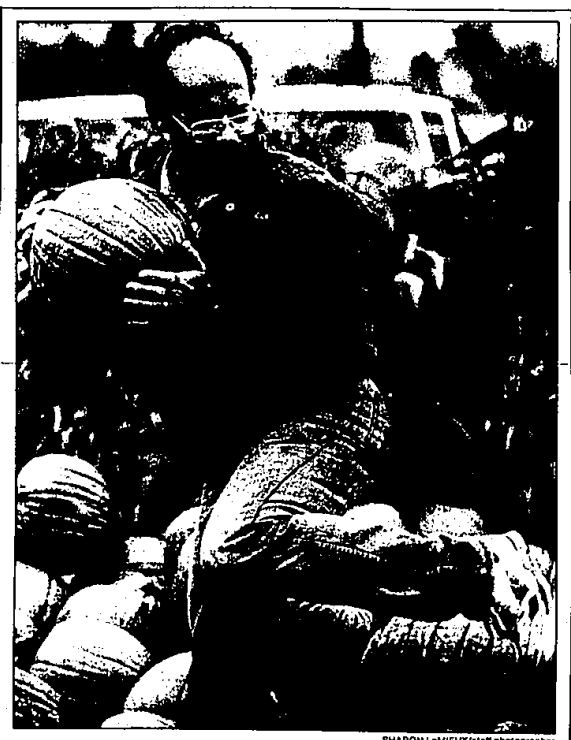
When the Farmington Hills City Council met last night, it was a special occasion. The council was holding a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of the site of the former Farmington Hills High School. The council members were joined by a large number of citizens who had gathered to express their views on the proposed rezoning. The council members listened to the citizens' comments and then voted on the proposed rezoning. The council members voted to approve the proposed rezoning.

DEER ARE nimble, deer are quick. A deer leaped the daylight out of a motorist's last Friday when he turned over the hood of his car in Farmington Hills. The deer was seen by a motorist who was driving on the road. The deer leaped over the hood of the car and ran into the road. The motorist was able to stop the car in time and the deer was not hurt.

LOCAL FOLKS will probably call it "Diggers" for a long time yet, but the popular Glen Diggers restaurant at 20555 Grand River southeast of downtown Farmington has a new name — Johnny Magnum's.

THE HOUSE — the old Spicer house, now the Visitors' Center, at Farmington Hills Heritage Park — will be open to the public in a special celebration from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3.

MEMORY LANE — From the Nov. 1, 1991, Farmington Observer: "The Farmington High School Homecoming Queen, was driven around the football field in a Chrysler convertible during halftime ceremonies. Others on the homecoming court were Arlene Aho, Nancy Harley, Carol Aho and Louise Wysock. Bentley and Farmington battled to a 6-6 tie in the homecoming game."



Picking pumpkins

Steve Roth of Farmington Hills steps out of the pumpkin patch Saturday at Oak Farms Fruit and Vegetable Market in the Uptown Plaza. Roth's visit coincided with the second annual Uptown Kids Carnival. For more about weekend activities there and downtown, see Page 13A.

ALCOHOL ABUSE AND THE FAMILY

Editor's note: This article presents the views of a Farmington-area family which has been impacted by alcohol. Their names have been changed to protect their privacy.

By Casey Hane and Joanne Maliszewski staff writers

Alcohol has wedged itself into one Farmington-area family, dividing them and crushing their family spirit.

Councilwoman ends love affair with city

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Red roses and a kiss.

"Arrivederci... until we see each other again," Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi told outgoing councilwoman Jean Fox Monday — her last night on the Farmington Hills City Council.

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'OVER 100 CALLS'

L. Mazzy was delighted with the HELP WANTED classified ad placed. Received over 100 calls from time ad appeared in Monday's paper until Tuesday afternoon.

One call does it all WAYNE COUNTY 591-0900

Council sends postal criticism to the president

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Delivering the mail through rain, sleet or gloom of night doesn't characterize the U.S. Postal Service anymore — particularly in the Farmington area — as far as a majority of the Farmington Hills City Council is concerned.

"We have no authority to tell them what to do," Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said.

But that didn't deter the city council from sending a resolution to federal officials, including President George Bush. The resolution requests restoration of Saturday hours before Monday holidays and an open telephone line until the last mail carrier has completed delivery each day.

... the United States Postal Service has made cuts in services that have adversely affected the residents of Farmington Hills," according to the resolution.

The resolution is clear to show that while cuts — such as Saturday closings, slower first-class mail delivery, elimination of senior citizen express services — have been made, the postal service has hiked rates 16 percent (29-cent stamps) with plans for more increases.

MARK BATE, officer-in-charge of the Farmington Hills and Farmington post offices — in the absence of longtime postmaster Ken Harris who has come under fire and is on disability leave — was not at Monday's meeting when the resolution was adopted.

But Vagnozzi read a statement from Bate:

"Many of the resolutions considered would place an undue hardship on the Postal Service's ability to meet our operating goals or for that matter any organization's ability to operate. I question how a separate local governmental agency can prepare resolutions, where if adopted, could determine how an organization within the local city is asked to operate."

Bate asked the council to discuss their concerns. "I believe this is necessary so that you can gain a better understanding of postal operations, regulations and policies as they pertain to your resolutions."

Three council members — Nancy Bates, Terry Sever and Larry Lichtman — said they preferred to meet with Bate to resolve concerns. But the remaining four — Ben Marks, Vagnozzi, Jon Grant and Jean Fox — supported the resolution.

"I think there's a real problem with service," Bates said. "As a courtesy, I'd like to listen to what he (Bate) has got to say."

THE RESOLUTION, Lichtman said, "will create undue animosity and will get no solutions." Sever offered a similar opinion. "I'm concerned about all the discussion and all the talk. I'm not sure if he (Bate) is right or citizens are right."

Marks said he believed the resolution — a variation of one also adopted by Birmingham, which asked for investigation into the postal service — was as necessary as sitting down and talking with Bate. "This is no different than any other bureaucratic entity in the United States government."

Two residents also gave their thoughts on the post office. Richard Frankel expressed concern for residents, particularly those who get Social Security checks, who are unable to get the checks on time.

Later high school years, prompting his mother to kick him out of the family home. He lived with four friends' families, bouncing from one to another and rebelling against his own family and its problems.

"Now I like to have a beer or two after work but I don't get wasted like I did in high school," he said.

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